Salt Ash Students Shine !!

The students staff and parents of Salt Ash Public School are to be congratulated on their commitment to Salt Ash Public School. Staff and students have worked hard to complete activities to present to their parents during our open day activities. Kindergarten and Year

One students demonstrated how they develop their Literacy and Numeracy skills and the students in Years 2-6 demonstrated their ability to create and present an Information Report using a variety of media. Parents were impressed with the skills and talents of our students when using our Interactive Technology. Thank You to the parents and grandparents who were able to attend our open day and support their child/children/grandchildren….we very much appreciate your commitment to Salt Ash Public School.

Parents, staff and students are also to be congratulated on their efforts with our Book Parade….we have some very talented costume creators in our midst. Well done to all that participated and thank you to the large crowd that supported the students.

We would also very much like to thank the families that have supported our ‘Adopt a Book’ and our recent Book Fair. The End of Term is fast approaching !!

I am already looking to Term 4 !!

Intensive Swimming, Kindergarten Orientation, Active After School Sport and preparing for Presentation Activities just to name a few !!

Term Three ends on FRIDAY 23rd of September. Term Four commences for students on MONDAY 10th October.

Naplan Reports for Students in Years Three and Five will be distributed this Week. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child/childrens’ report/s please contact the school and make an appointment to see your child’s teacher.

Active After School Sport for Term Four will be Cricket on Mondays and YMCA Fitness on Wednesdays…check the Term Calendar for commencement dates!!

**Reminder …Active After School Sport Finishes this week !!**

**School Directory.**

**Parents and Grandparents and Friends of Salt Ash Public School have a wealth of hidden talent!**

**My idea is to create a ‘Directory’ for parents to use. This Directory would have the names and businesses and talents of our families. It would be attached to a magnet to attach to your fridge. The aim is to promote our School ‘Family’ businesses.**

**If you would like to participate in this Directory please complete the attached EOI and return to school BEFORE the end of term. Once we create the directory it will be easy to add names etc each term.**

**CANTEEN ORDERS........**

**Children ordering from the Canteen can purchase a lunch order bag for 10c. Children need to purchase their lunch order bag and not rely on the office to organise their lunch order.**

**LOST PROPERTY....**

**We STILL have soooo much lost property in the First Aid Room which will be disposed of at the end of term if not ‘rescued.’ Please come and check that there is nothing belonging to your child lurking in the yellow basket !!!!.**

**Please also make sure that your child/children’s clothing is labelled with THEIR name.**

Sports in Schools....

This Term Program has formed a part of our PE and Sport program for the last few years. Staff, students and parents have spoken of the success of the program. We are again offering this program in Term 4. It will commence in Week One and will run each Wednesday afternoon, in school hours, for the whole Term. In previous years we have allowed students to pay on a day to day basis. This has resulted in confusion for all involved. This year students are asked to pay the $ 40 as a lump sum or in instalments and payments are to be finalised by 16th September. Please find a Permission Note attached to the Newsletter.

Thank you to the families that donated goods for the Father’s Day Stall and a massive thanks to the mums and grandmas who worked to organise,wrap the pressies and man the stall over the two days. We made a massive $ 473 profit for the school.

To be ‘organised’ and ready to learn and make the most of every day at school students need to come to school equipped to learn. All classes are experiencing lost time as many students are not organised with the essentials…pens, pencils, GLUE STICKS and scissors. Many students also arrive at school with blunt pencils and time is lost sharpening pencils ready for use. Please assist us by ensuring that your child/children are ready to learn. It makes for a more productive and less disrupted learning timeline.

Week 9… Term 3

Mon Sept 12th Active After School Sport…Soccer

Tues Sept 13th Uniforms @ 9:00am

Thurs Sept 15th Active After School

Sport…Rugby League

Friday Sept 16th Assembly @ 9:00am

Week 10…. Term 3

Friday Sept 23rd Assembly @ 9:00am

Term 3 ends

Term 4 Commences

MONDAY 10th October for all students

Don’t forget to bring your Woolies and Coles Vouchers to the office !!!!!

Thanks for all your support so far !!!

**Year One Report**

What a busy couple of weeks we have had in Year One as we have tried to get everything finished and ready for our Week 8 extravaganza. Our book display on "Maudie and Bear" is in the library. We hope you have all been in to have a look. Thanks to all those parents who came to visit our classroom last Wednesday. We hope you had fun joining in our Literacy and Maths groups. We certainly enjoyed having you there! Make sure you come and visit us again some time. We now have a new student in our class - Jayley Coote. Jayley comes to us from Belair School and we welcome her to Year One. Sadly, though we have now lost Imogen as her family has moved on to Coffs Harbour where they have recently purchased a house. We wish them all the best for the future! Don't forget our excursion on Monday of Week 10. If you have not paid yet, we you to do so by this Wednesday at the latest so final arrangements can be made. If your child will not be attending the excursion then please let me know ASAP.

Awards

Merit: Scott Aurisch, Zane Grant, Bella Rooney, Levi Livingstone.  Salties: Bianca Peacock, Jade House.

Values: Imogen Grebert, Ben Smart.     Sport: Jemma Browne, Mason Davis, Arnika McCredie, Cooper West.

House Points: Sturt 156   Cook 107   Shortland 152   Oxley 124

**Year 2**

Wow, wow, wow what a great end to week 8. The Parade last Friday morning was amazing. Everyone looked wonderful.

Year 2 were buzzing after !!!!

Thank You to all the parents who visited our room on Wednesday the class presented their projects for the parents and they did an awesome job. We had heaps and heaps of fun after lunch playing maths games. I am sure there'll be some students and parents playing these at home from now on. It is amazing how many games you can make up to play with dice, dominoes and a pack of playing cards. Over the next few weeks the class will be learning some more games so keep at them to teach you the new ones they are learning.

 Our excursion to Thompson Bakery and Speers Point Park is fast approaching and we will be preparing for this, next week with a variety of activities.

I have been asked for some extra holiday maths work to keep minds working over the holiday. If you would like some for your child please let me know in writing next week.

Awards: Merit- Nakia Vidler, Evelyn Hutchinson:

Sport- Grace Hyde, Zoe Nash:

Values- Nathan Tyzsyk, Caleb McGregor

**News from Stage Two**

Where has the term gone? Week 9 already.  Students have been very busy working on their Information Reports based on a Native Australian Animal. They should all be very proud of their hard work and efforts. We have learnt a lot of interesting facts about a variety of animals, from the Saltwater Crocodile, Wedged Tail Eagle and Thorny Devil right through to the Black Swan. All students presented their reports to the class and the small number of parents that attended our open day, which took a lot of courage.  Our end of term assessment time is upon us, so over the next two weeks we will be continuing to work very hard.

Award winners for weeks 7 & 8

Merit: Felicity Kerr, Mikayla Rogers, Charlie Snodgrass

Salties/Values: Matthew Tyszyk, Felicity Kerr, Lily Hufnagl, Sierra Nowlan

Sport: Riley Beaven

**2011 NAPLAN student reports - important information about writing results**

The 2011 NAPLAN student reports will be sent to parents in the week beginning 12 September 2011.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority, which oversees the delivery and reporting of the NAPLAN tests, introduced a persuasive writing task in 2011, replacing the narrative writing task which was tested from 2008 to 2010.

Because students perform differently on the two types of writing tasks the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority has introduced a new and additional reporting scale for writing. This means that it will not be possible to compare the writing performance of students who completed the narrative task in 2009 with their performance in the persuasive task in 2011.

You will still be able to measure your child’s growth in Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading and Numeracy from 2009 to 2011, by comparing their 2009 NAPLAN student report with the 2011 NAPLAN student report.

For further information on understanding the NAPLAN student reports please go to [www.nap.edu.au/Test+Results/Student+reports/index.html](https://staffowa.det.nsw.edu.au/owa/redir.aspx?C=dd81707aadaa4cdf87bf4d129e08c220&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.nap.edu.au%2fTest%2bResults%2fStudent%2breports%2findex.html).

Just a hint of the wonderful costumes paraded at our Book Week Parade.











We will be starting “Sport in Schools” on Wednesday 12th October (week 1 Term 4). This program ran very successfully last year at school and is an excellent learning experience. All children will be participating in skill topics such as balance, Co-ordination, hitting & striking, throwing, catching, cognitive learning, fitness and conditioning training : including components of fitness eg. Strength , power, speed, endurance, flexibility and agility. Social skill development including co-operative learning and team building initiatives.

The program will run for 10 weeks at a cost of $40.00 per student.

Please send permission note and full payment back to school by Friday 16th September if you want your child to participate. If it is easier to pay in installments the full amount must be paid by the 16th September.

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I give permission for my child (Name) ...........................................Class....... to attend “Sport in Schools”.

Enclosed is full payment. Signature ......................................

I would be interested in my business being included in our schools Business Directory.

Family Name ………............... My child’s name and class……………………………………

Business Name …………………………………………………………………….