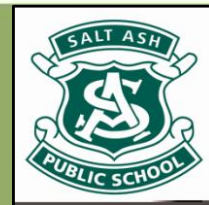


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter



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Issue Two - Term 4 - Weeks Three and Four

Tuesday, 23rd October 2012

It has been a busy start to the term for students and staff at Salt Ash Public School. Students have been busy with assessments in preparation for Semester Two Reports. Staff have been busy working on placing students on the Literacy Continuum and analysing our Smart Data. Miss Nash has been preparing for Kindergarten orientation and the 3-6 Excursion has had its final 'tweaking'....ready for next week. All staff are also busy preparing for Presentation Evening. Each class will present an item and the Salt Ash Social Singers are hoping to present a song using sign language...

Our Intensive Swimming Scheme notes have been distributed....we understand the cost of this year's swimming has caused concern for some of our parents. It caused concern here at school as well....a check at the pool over the weekend confirmed that general admission for children is indeed \$ 3.80 HOWEVER !!!! the cost for school activities

is \$ 2.40 per day....this means the cost

for swimming will now be **\$ 66** for the 10 days !! Confusion all around....any parents that have already paid for the swimming will be contacted by Mrs Sheppard to organise a refund. Our sincere apologies for the confusion and concern raised.

I would also like to thank the P and C who committed monies last Wednesday night to the development of our 5/6 Laptop program. It is wonderful to know that \$ 7-10 000 has been committed and will be used early next year to complete the overall setup and installation. Mr Milne has been busy commissioning our new 8 new laptops to compliment the 6 he currently has access to in the classroom.

I have contacted our Regional technology advisor and have organised for him to visit the school this Friday to determine our cabling and Wi-Fi needs.

New storage Cabinets to house and secure the laptops have been ordered. Each student in 5/6 next year will be given a USB to keep their work on and we are looking at new furniture as well....a very big job indeed....

School Photos....Next Friday Students need to be dressed in their full school uniform....it would be appreciated if parents could ensure that student's uniforms are clean and in good condition. It would also be appreciated if possible that students wear black shoes and white socks....

New Mobile No....please note our new school mobile phone number is attached to the Newsletter. It can be used by parents to contact staff when we are on excursions etc. We have laminated it for you....it can be placed in your wallets for your convenience.

Tilligerry Art Show....Salt Ash Public School
Students will have 12 art entries in each Stage for display at the Tilligerry Art Festival to be held on the Weekend of the 11th November....

United Nations Day

Salt Ash Public School will observe United Nations Day tomorrow with the flying of the United Nations Flag that was kindly donated by the Tilligerry RSL Sports Club, Lemon Tree Passage Bowling Club and Tanilba bay Golf Club. We have very recently become a member of the United Nations and will serve for the next two years. As a member of the United Nations we have civilians, medical personnel, navy, army and air force carrying out our commitment to the UN, be it friendly or hostile at great personal risk in various countries throughout the world.

Responsible Pet Education Program....we will again be visited by this program that proved very popular last year. Our K-2 students will be instructed about responsible pet ownership and hopefully we will have Dolly visit us again.

Library Pillows

Thank you to the wonderful mums who volunteered with the pillows for the Library....I haven't forgot about your offer or your wonderful sewing capabilities....I am trying to source pillows of a suitable size for the library and am finding it a challenge !! If anyone can point me in the right direction I would be more than grateful !!

Year 1/2 Report

In Maths this week Year 1 have been doing lots of work on Tens and Ones and most children are really clever at using the hundreds chart to add 2 digit numbers. Year 2 have been doing work on Hundreds, Tens and Ones. They learnt a new game called Delivery Dan. The child with the highest number in their delivery van at the end of the game is the winner. In Literacy the children are learning how to write a procedure.

Yesterday they wrote about how to grow a plant in a pot. You should see the plant we are growing in our room! We think it is going to flower any day now.

We are not sure what it is. Pop calls it some fancy name that we can't pronounce, but we are pretty sure that it will have a red flower. Thanks to Emily for bringing this bulb in for us to grow.

Awards Merit: Elsie Niki, Stephanie Fallou-Killick, Zane Grant.

Sport: Jack Mahomet

Values: Jack Toll, Danny Hardes.

Happygram: Jorja McCredie

News from 3/4....

It has been an extremely busy two weeks in our classroom. Firstly congratulations to our three class captains for this term Riley Beaven, Felicity Kerr and Nakia Vidler. Students are continuing to work on their Narrative writing with a big emphasis on editing and publishing their own work. A note was sent home last week explaining about the speech preparation, writing and presentation the students are undertaking this term. The children attending camp next week are started to get very excited as it will be the first time to Canberra for some of us. Fingers are crossed for fine warm weather.

Award winners for weeks 1 and 2

Merit Awards: Riley Beaven, Nakia Vidler, Felicity Kerr, Courtney Maloney, Jack Grant
Salties and Values Awards: Haylee Cupitt, Adam Beckett, Cassi Nixon, Tahlia Harris
Sports Awards: Alyssa Hurney

Mrs Young

2/3 News....

What a wonderful beginning to Term 4. Over the last two weeks Class 2/3 have shared some exciting stories about the school holidays and have come back ready to learn.

During Maths, 2/3 have been busily completing pre assessments. Year 3 have been learning about compass points and following directions, whilst Year 2 have been investigating the properties of 2D shapes and 3D objects.

Students have also been exploring different multiplication and division strategies.

The Year 2 topic for science and technology this term is 'Let's Communicate.' Students have already carried out an experiment, exploring their *five senses*. Make sure to ask them about the lemon! Over the coming weeks students will investigate how we communicate through music and non-verbal interactions.

This term Year 3 are learning about 'Space.' Students have watched a series of short clips and have devised a learning focus for the term. They will be learning about the Solar System, including the Planets, Sun, Moon and Stars. They will also be reading about Space Exploration.

Merit Awards: Samuel Browne, Jarred Matthew, William West-Kennett, Connor Bell
Salties: Courtney Swain
Values: Jade House, Sharni Toll

Stage 3

Stage 3 have thrown themselves into their studies the past fortnight and are working independently on most tasks. The pain of early term assessment has been survived and the students seem eager to have a good go at their final term of 2012. Canberra is less than a week away, as are a number of other extra-curricular activities. The class are writing explanations with more confidence and looking forward to studying 'texts that entertain' in the weeks ahead. I have an idea some poetry recital may satisfy your in-class 'talking and listening' task this term!

Merits: Bradley Arnold-Crooks; Dylan Nixon; Jayb Smith; Ebony Stewart; Ebony Griffin
Values: Declan Wright-Bean; Ebonie Vogtmann; Erin Bell; Tanner Smith
Sport: Reuben Toneguzzi; Jade Radford; Adam Grant; Georgia Cromarty

Kindergarten Orientation

Our Orientation Program commences tomorrow night with our Parent Information Session to be held in the Kindergarten Classroom from 5:50 pm.

All parents of our Kindergarten 2013 students are invited to attend.

Our Orientation program will take place on **WEDNESDAYS** in Week Five, Six and Seven. Students intending to enrol should have received their enrolment packs.

If you have NOT completed the necessary forms to enrol your child in Kindergarten PLEASE visit the school and collect the necessary forms. We do not want students intending to enrol to miss our Orientation Days.

Letters and Invitations have been sent to our new students and their families.

If you are aware of ANY families who intend to enrol at Salt Ash Public School in 2013 we ask that you encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible !

Toys at Schools

We have had some 'issues' with toys at school. We ask that especially in the K-2 classrooms that expensive toys do not come to school... students, especially our K-2 students, are bringing their toys to lunch and playing rather than eating. It will cause less concern if toys could remain at home. We ask for your support with this issue.

Healthy Eating and helping the environment !!
 With the warmer weather approaching we encourage all students to again participate in our daily Crunch n' Sip Program....healthy fruit and vegetable snacks and plenty of water !!!
 Today we trialled our first NUDIE FOOD TUESDAY.....students were encouraged to bring along their NUDE food...we will judge our success and make it a regular part of our school's commitment to healthy eating and doing our bit for the environment.

Aqua at the Tilly Pool Tuesday @ 6pm
Thursday @6 pm
Friday 9:30 am and Saturday @ 8:15 am
Casual Cost \$ 11
Senior \$ 9.40
Pool Member \$ 6.70

Reminder Reminder Reminder....
Student Banking is available at Salt Ash Public School. Students can bank their money each week.....

Parent Teacher Interviews....Reminder
 The school has had interview protocols in place for a considerable time. This includes contacting the school and organising a suitable time and PLACE to conduct an interview with teachers. If you have a concern please ensure that you follow correct procedure.

Uniform orders can be made every 2nd Tuesday at 9am for your convenience.
(Please check the Term Calendar for dates)....If you require uniforms please leave your order with money at the office and Mrs Latham will fill the order.
Please note..... Office staff can no longer fill uniform orders.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week 3 Term 4

Wed	24 th Oct	United Nations Day Kindergarten Orientation Parent Information Evening @ 5:50 pm
Friday	26 th Oct	NO ASSEMBLY... SCHOOL PHOTOS

Week 4 Term 4

Mon-Wed	29 th -31 st Oct....	3-6 Excursion
Tue	30 th Oct	Uniforms @ 9:00am
Friday	2 nd Nov	Assembly @ 9:00 am

P and C Information....

Uniforms....The new cargo style shorts are now available at the cost of \$16 per pair. The old style shorts will be sold at \$10 per pair as a run out.

Raymond Terrace Markets are held on the third Saturday of every month until 2pm at Riverside Park Hunter Street:

20th OctoberYouth Adventures
 17th November ...Jacaranda Celebration
 15th DecemberTwilight Markets and Carols by the river.

If you are interested in having a stall at the markets please ring Jenny on 0412721723.