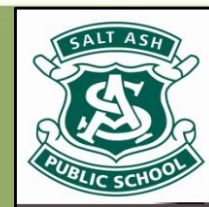


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter



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Issue Five - Term 4 - Weeks Nine and Ten

Tuesday 4th December 2012

2012 draws to a close....the 2012 school year has come and has almost gone. As this is the last Newsletter for this year I would like to take the opportunity to thank students, parents and staff for their commitment to Salt Ash Public School. Thank you to the students who have given of their very best throughout the 2012 school year in the classrooms, in the playground and representing Salt Ash Public School in the wider community.

Thank you also to the many, many parents who have demonstrated their support to the students of Salt Ash Public School through their active participation in all school activities and their positive support in the wider community.

I would also like to thank the staff for their commitment and focus on improving outcomes for all students at Salt Ash Public School.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and safe festive season and a relaxing break throughout January.

The 2013 School Year commences for all students on **WEDNESDAY 30th January** for our students in **Years 1-6. 2013**

Kindergarten enrolments will participate in Best Start Assessments for the first week and will officially commence on **MONDAY 4th February.**

Intensive Swimming....thank you to the students of Salt Ash Public School for being such wonderful representatives of our school during the first week of Intensive Swimming. The Swimming Teachers are most impressed by our students willingness to listen and follow instructions. Well done Kids....

Classes for 2013 at Salt Ash Public School....

Salt Ash Public School will again be fortunate enough to form 5 classes for the 2013 School Year.

With our anticipated enrolments we will have:

Kindergarten

1/2 Class

2/3 Class

Year 4 Class

5/6 Class.

Our 'tricky' numbers in 1/2/3 necessitate forming these composite classes again.

School Leadership Speeches....Students in Year Five who have nominated for School Leadership positions in 2013 will deliver their Leadership speeches on **THURSDAY 13th**

December at 9:00 am. Due to the **small** numbers of students in Year Five this Year we discussed the Salt Ash Public School Leadership last Wednesday at our Staff Meeting. It was decided that for the 2013 School Year we will

have **2** Leaders only. All Year Six students in 2013 will have leadership roles including House Captains and Assembly....

Reports... Our Second Semester Reports are being finalised and will be distributed to students next week.

Laptop classroom visit for Mr Milne....
Next Monday Mr Milne will visit Seaham Public School to talk with staff who have been involved with their laptop classroom....this visit will give Mr Milne some tips and hints for the start of next year. The Wireless Access Points have been installed this week and I have been discussing our best options with Regional technology Staff.

Requirements for School....

Parents will receive their requirements sheets for the 2013 School Year this week (after our Financial 'Rollover'). Please note the changes in costs for K-3 students. With the new National Curriculum coming we are not going to be using Maths Text Books K-3 in 2013. We have also had to increase the levy for hand wash and tissues as it has cost the school a considerable amount of money this year supplying tissues for classrooms.

What a wonderful performance from Carlingford High School of Performing Arts last Tuesday !!! The supervising teachers of the band complimented our school on the exemplary behaviour of our students. Well done to all of you!!!!

Congratulations to the students who have been working with Mrs Nixon. These artworks are on display in the foyer of the Administration building.

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

**Don't..... Forget..... items
URGENTLY required for the P and C
Christmas Raffle. These can be dropped
off at the office !!**

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week 9 Term 4

Wed	5 th Dec	High School Orientation
Friday	7 th Dec	Assembly @ 9:00am

Week 10 and Week 11 Term 4

Tues	11 th Dec	Uniforms @ 9:00am
Thurs	13 th Dec	Leadership Speeches and Voting
Mon	17 th Dec	Annual Presentation Evening commencing @ 6:00pm....
Tues	18 th Dec	Year 6 Farewell
Wed	19 th Dec	2012 School Year Ends

News from 3/4.

Splish Splash Splosh has been on the agenda for most of the students. They have all enjoyed the opportunity to be able to enhance their swimming skills, especially in the hot weather we have been having. Those students who have remained at school have been involved in enhancing their painting skills. We have some beautiful and very detailed Christmas scenes being produced. All the students thoroughly enjoyed the performance by the visiting high school, especially having the opportunity to have a boogy and play a game of soccer. Awards for the fortnight
Merit: Indus Woodward, Lily Hufnagl, Hayli Clarke, Belle Niki
Values/Salties: Nakia Vidler, Braydan Bielefeld, Nick Fallou-Killick
Sport: Haylee Cupitt, Jared Robinson

Newsletter 2/3

What a wonderful two weeks Class 2/3 have had!

Students started swimming scheme last week and have shared many fun stories. Every student has mentioned they are trying very hard and have improved their swimming skills.

In literacy students have been completing their normal literacy program, including reading and spelling groups. They have been typing up their spelling words and sentences on the computers, and have greatly improved their typing skills. Students have also been enjoying their Author Study on Aaron Blabey and have read his latest book, 'The Dreadful Fluff.'

Students thoroughly enjoyed this story and now know the meaning of the word 'imperfect.' As the Author Study on Aaron Blabey is coming to an end, students will have the opportunity to discuss each of the books, whilst identifying the common themes presented in Blabey's stories, including *uniqueness* and *friendship*.

Miss Moss has introduced a new Web 2.0 tool called 'Storymaker.' Most students have had the opportunity to explore the many features of this site and have created some funny and creative stories. If you have access to the internet please encourage your child to use this site, as it is a fantastic tool that builds a number of skills across most key learning areas.

<http://www.carnegieliibrary.org/kids/storymaker/>

In mathematics the focus for Year 2 has been 3D objects and chance, while Year 3 have been exploring multiplication and 3D objects. Both grades have been working very well in all areas of mathematics.

During creative arts students have started a variety of Christmas craft activities, as well as practising their song for the end of year presentation night. If your child will not be attending presentation evening please inform Miss Fisher or Miss Moss.

Merit Awards: Scott Aurisch, Kye Disney,
Arnika McCredie, Caleb McGregor,
Salties: Noah Hannah, Jade House
Values: Bella Rooney

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

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

15th DecemberTwilight Markets and Carols by the river.

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