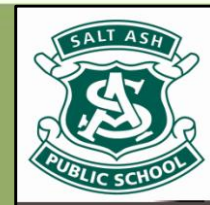


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter



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End of Term

The end of Term is just around the corner and the Easter Holidays are almost upon us !

This Term has simply flown and has been filled with a wide variety of activities. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Easter. Thank you for the support given this term with all our endeavours...it is very much appreciated!

Vacancy created by Mrs Robinson's Retirement. I have just been advised that the vacancy created by Mrs Robinson's Retirement earlier this term has been filled by staffing. We welcome Mrs Fischer to Salt Ash Public School from the commencement of next term. She will work Monday-Wednesday on 2/3 and Miss Moss will continue on the class for Thursdays and Fridays. I would like to sincerely thank Miss Moss for the wonderful job she has done at very short notice this term. We will not lose Miss Moss as she will be around the school in a variety of roles throughout the year.

X Country Helpers

Our School Cross Country will take place this Friday after Assembly. This event is for all students in Years 3-6 and those students in Year Two who turn 8 this year. It is a school activity and all students are expected to participate. As our course takes us out of the school grounds we would appreciate your assistance at the various checkpoints on the run. If you can assist please let Mr Milne know before Friday. Good Luck to all competitors.

Harmony Day Activities

Harmony Day was celebrated at Salt Ash Public School last Thursday afternoon with a variety of interesting sporting events including Japanese Crab Walking and Equestrian Events !!! Fun was had by all and it increased the students' awareness of the importance of 'Harmony'

Crazy Hair Day....thank you to the students and staff who happily participated in our recent Crazy Hair Day to raise money for research into Leukaemia. Our efforts saw \$90.50 donated on the day....Well Done to all involved and thanks to Mrs Young for organising the fund raising activity.

Easter Hat Parade

Claiming the Date...**THURSDAY 5th APRIL**
Salt Ash Public School Easter Hat Parade for all students followed by the drawing of the P and C Easter Raffle....there will also be a chance to purchase quality orchid plants kindly donated to the School by Mr Merv Dickson.

Active After School Sport....

Thank you to the parents who supported students with our surfing sessions this term. Due to the very low numbers attending activities at school over the last 12 months it has been decided to withdraw from the program next term.

We needed to have at least 25 students per session to qualify for funding for the program. Thank you to those students and parents who have supported this program throughout the last 5 years.

Term 2 Anzac Day Service...

Our Annual Anzac Day Service will take place the FIRST Day that students return for Term 2.

Our Anzac Service takes place in the Cola and we have visitors from RAAF Base Williamtown, Legacy and the RSL. Our Service commences at Midday and all parents are invited to attend. Our School Leaders have their first opportunity to lead an important activity at our school...

Students need to be in their full school uniform for our ANZAC Service.

Students are also invited to march and represent Salt Ash Public School at the Annual Tilligerry Peninsula ANZAC March. The children can assemble from 9:40 am near the gates to the Avenue of the Allies and then march to the Tilligerry RSL to participate in the service.

Access the Newsletter from the school Web Site...please share with your friends !!!

If you are having difficulty accessing the Newsletter via email, it is always available on the school Website in PDF Form.

Safety Reminders for all parents and students. Salt Ash Public School has had safety policies in place for many years in relation to the wearing of jewellery to school and how students should wear their shirts. It is school policy that the only jewellery that should be worn to school are 'stud' earrings and watches. All other jewellery is discouraged and students are asked to remove their jewellery for safe keeping and safety reasons. Shirts are to be tucked in out of respect for the school rules and again for safety.... especially in the playground.

Uniform purchases 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....As the school year progresses the demands on office staff increase and unfortunately they will no longer be able to help with uniform orders.

Earth Hour 2012

Add a bit of ambiance to your evening and help reduce carbon emissions for just one hour when you become part of the worldwide environmental event that is Earth Hour. This year it takes place on Saturday 31 March from 8.30-9.30pm. More info: www.earthhour.org

Daylight saving ending.....

Remember to put your clocks back an hour when daylight saving ends in NSW at 3am Sunday 1 April.

Week 10 Term 1

Tues	27 th March	Uniforms @ 9:30
Thurs	29 th March	Cross Country run through
Frid	30 th March	Assembly @ 9:00am School Cross Country @ 9:30 am

Week 11 Term 1

Thurs	5 th April	Term One concludes Easter Hat Parade @ 1:30 pm P and C Ester Raffle
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Apps for learning

Young children love Smartphones. Rather than just playing Angry Birds, why not download some educational apps that are fun too? You can find them at many different sites including:

- www.apps4kids.net/
- www.smartappsforkids.com/
- www.bestappsforkids.org/
- www.abc.net.au/abcforkids/sites/playschool/about/apps/
- www.inkids.com.au/
- www.australianmuseum.net.au/BlogPost/Web-2U/How-to-Choose-iPhone-Apps-for-Kids

Don't forget to download the terrific free app available at School A to Z for smartphones and tablet devices at:

www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications.

Parking in the Staff Car Park.

The STAFF Car park is in need of renovation!!! We ask that for your own insurance purposes, the safety of students and to allow for repairs to take place parents **no longer use the staff car park to pick up and drop off their students.**

2/3 News

Over the past two weeks class 2/3 have been reading many books for the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. They have also been learning about 'expositions' and have constructed their first piece of writing on the topic of Crunch & Sip in schools. During Maths, all students have been learning different subtraction strategies and have also been experimenting with 2D shapes and 3D objects. They have also analysed different shapes, identifying 'lines of symmetry.' During Harmony Week, students participated in a number of activities of which focused on families,

homes, schools and markets across the world. They engaged in serious class discussion on the topic of diversity, and now understand the importance of accepting differences.

Week 8

Merit Awards: Samuel Mahomet, Liam Roberts
ValuesBella Rooney
Saltie.....Mason Davis

Week 9

Merit Awards: Arnika McCredie, Sharni Toll
ValuesJade House
Saltie.... Grace Hyde

Week 8-9 Cook: 33 Sturt: 89 Shortland: 42
Oxley: 16

Stage 3

Students have been working conscientiously in class and although talkative are showing a good understanding of the concepts they are exploring. Its necessary to make even more effort though and produce quality written examples that can be presented. Good progress has been made by all in reading as the students attempt to recite their readers with enthusiasm and inflection. Our ability to think mathematically is improving as witnessed by the students ability to identify and work with Fibonacci's sequence. Good luck to our Zone Team reps of Brayden Matthew, Will Watters and Joshua Franks, who will trial for Hunter Soccer and Rugby League teams this week.

Also, good luck to Leah Nowlan for the following week when she swims at the State Carnival!