Welcome…We trust that all families enjoyed the Easter break and your plans were not ‘washed away’ by the very inclement weather.

We have as usual a very busy Term 2 at Salt Ash Public School.

We welcome Mrs Fisher 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.

Academically Year Three and Five students will participate in Naplan in May.

All students will be assessed and placed on a literacy continuum.

Next week all students will complete literacy and Numeracy assessments. This will allow for teachers to continue to develop comprehensive teaching and learning programs for their students.

Stage Three students have the opportunity to participate in Law Week activities and will be published in the Newcastle Herald.

Staff at Salt Ash Public School spent yesterday developing their skills and knowledge with the ‘Live Life Live Well’ Program. We are preparing to implement changes with our sporting and Physical Education Programs and we will relaunch our Crunch and Sip Program.

Staff also spent time familiarising themselves with our new whole school Education program called ‘Sentral.’ This program will see changes to our reporting and assessing methods and the way in which we asses and record student achievement in Literacy and Numeracy.

On the sporting front we have a very busy start to the term with students participating in Netball and Soccer PSSA Knockouts. Zone Cross Country will take place this Friday (weather permitting) and we are busy preparing for our own School Athletics Carnival to be held in Week Nine of this term.

The whole school will also be participating in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge. Mr Milne is creating a blog for the challenge. Children are encouraged to use the blog to tell us about the physical activities they complete after school.

As a whole school we will also be focussing on developing the Fundamental Movement Skills that students need to participate successfully in games. Our focus for this Term will be on with a focus on developing Athletics Skills for our Carnival. Phew…..

Parents

If parents have questions or concerns in relation to any aspect of your child/children’s education at Salt Ash Public School please contact the school and make a time to see your child’s classroom teacher. Parents have always been encouraged to contact the school to discuss the progress of their child/children. Parents also have the opportunity this term to participate in parent/teacher interview when Semester Reports are distributed before the end of this Term

Scripture

Parents who do not wish their child/children to participate in our non-denominational scripture class held each Friday just need to notify the school in writing.

**Important Information….**

**The Staff Car Park will no longer be open to parents for picking up and dropping off of students or for parking. Children and parents can enter the back area of the school via the small gate.**

**Notes Home…**

**We continue to have an issue with notes which have been sent home. Notes are either lost or misplaced. Replacement for ‘misplaced’ notes will now cost 20c.**

Cross Country

Thanks to Mr Milne for organising the Cross Country and of course many thanks to our parent helpers who assisted with the running of the event.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Cross Country and demonstrated our core values….especially resilience. Congratulations to our Age Champions.

**Jun Girl** Sierra Nowlan

**Jun Boy** Oscar Duff

**11 yrs. Girl** Emily Kenny

**11 yrs. Boy** Matthew Tyszyk

**Sen. Girl** Leah Nowlan

**Sen. Boy** Jayb Smith

We also wish the students who are representing the school at the Zone Carnival this week all the very best. Thank you in advance to the parents who will assist with transport to the Zone Carnival.

Anzac Day Service….

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend and supported our annual school ANZAC Service held today at school.

Congratulations also to our School Leaders who did such a wonderful job running our ANZAC Ceremony.

Special thanks to Mr Milne for organising the visual presentation and to Mrs Fletcher for her hard work with our singers.

Yet again we must thank Evelyn Sansom for her much valued contribution to our service by creating our wonderful wreaths for the day.

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 tomorrow and then march to the Tilligerry RSL to participate in the service. The service commences at 10:00 am tomorrow at the Tilligerry RSL.

Bus Behaviour

Thank you to the students of Salt Ash Public School who continue to demonstrate our core values whilst travelling on the school bus to and from school. Unfortunately we have a small number of students who do not demonstrate respect for our school. Students are reminded that their parents have agreed to a Code of Conduct developed by the Roads and Traffic Authority. Students are also reminded that continued breaches of the Code of Conduct may result in the suspension of their bus pass.

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.

**Uniform Orders**

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

Week 1 Term 2

Tues 24th April School ANZAC Service @ Midday

Wed 25th April ANZAC March @ 9:40

Frid 27th April Zone Cross Country @ Raymond Terrace

NO ASSEMBLY !!

Week 2 Term 2

Mon 30th April Crunch and Sip Relaunch

Tues 1st May Uniform Ordering from 9:00am

Wed 2nd May P and C Meeting @

7:00 pm

Friday 4th May Assembly @ 9:00 am

**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/](http://www.apps4kids.net/)
* [www.smartappsforkids.com/](http://www.smartappsforkids.com/)
* [www.bestappsforkids.org/](http://www.bestappsforkids.org/)
* [www.abc.net.au/abcforkids/sites/playschool/about/apps/](http://www.abc.net.au/abcforkids/sites/playschool/about/apps/)
* [www.inkids.com.au/](http://www.inkids.com.au/)
* [www.australianmuseum.net.au/BlogPost/Web-2U/How-to-Choose-iPhone-Apps-for-Kids](http://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](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications).

**Have your child’s birthday party at the Toboggan Hill Park during May/June and the birthday child will ride for free.**

**\*\*\*\*Book Club payment can be made by credit card. Simply ring 1800557908 (24 hour service) or go online to** [**www.scholastic.com.au/payment**](http://www.scholastic.com.au/payment)**. You will be given a receipt number which can then be transferred to the coupon at the bottom of the order form.**