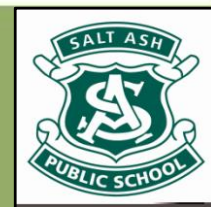


# Salt Ash Public School Newsletter



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Issue 2 - Term 2 - Week 3

Tuesday, 8 May 2012

Salt Ash School working and playing hard !!  
The first two Weeks of School have simply flown... ANZAC Service, Zone Cross Country, Literacy and Numeracy Assessments, Netball Knockout, relaunching Crunch n' Sip... new fitness and Sports programs WOW !!

The next two weeks are just as busy with Starstruck Rehearsals, Young Leaders Conference, participation in the Soccer Knockout and Naplan for our Years Three and Five students.

Congratulations to the students who have represented the school and thank you to the students who will represent the school in the following two weeks for demonstrating our core values !!!

## Crunch n Sip

We are again encouraging ALL students to participate in our daily Crunch n' Sip program that has been running at our school for a number of Years. Last Week the students were treated to a wide variety of fruit and Veg platters....students were encouraged to sample different fruits and vegs...we are endeavouring to encourage students to bring their 'crunch' and just as importantly their 'sip' to school each and every day. We are also going to trial having our Crunch n' Sip at 10:00. We have many students who catch buses early in the morning and will benefit from having their fruit/vegs and water at that time.

## Newsletter

Due to a raft of issues with the email distribution list and family access to the correct programs to open and read the Newsletter... it will now be distributed in paper form. Parents will still be able to access the Newsletter form the Website should they wish. We apologise for

any inconvenience that has occurred with the Newsletter via email.

## Young Leaders

Next Wednesday the School Leaders have the opportunity to join with School Leaders across the Hunter when they will participate in the 'Young Leaders Conference' at Newcastle Panthers. We look forward to hearing about the Conference at our Assembly next Friday.

## School Time....

The school teaching day commences at 8:55 am with our morning Assembly. There is an issue of late arrivals that is having an impact on the teaching and learning programs at our school. Constant late arrivals to morning Assembly, Friday Assembly and to the individual classrooms is disruptive to the classroom and to the individual child/children. Each class is being subjected to interruptions on a daily basis. We understand that on occasions there are valid reasons for arriving late to school and as a school we do not have an issue with that. Constant disruptions to school and class routines however are a reason for concern. We simply ask that parents abide by the times for class and assembly... this will lead to a settled learning day for all students. Parents are also reminded that IF they are late to school they are to fill out and collect a late note for their child/children before they take them to their classroom/classrooms or the students will be marked absent.

## 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.

**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.**

**Uniform Orders**

Uniform orders can be made every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3 Term 2**

Tues	8 <sup>th</sup> May	
Wed	9 <sup>th</sup> May	Young Leaders Conference
		Starstruck Rehearsal
Thurs	10 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Stall
		Soccer Knockout

**Week 4 Term 2**

Tue	15 <sup>th</sup> May	Naplan Years 3 and 5 Uniform Ordering @9 :00am.
Wed	16 <sup>th</sup> May	Naplan Years 3 and 5
Thurs	17 <sup>th</sup> May	Naplan Years 3 and 5
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk Safely to School Breakfast followed by Assembly

**\*\*\*\*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.**

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

**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.**

**News from K/1**

What an awesome start to the term!!!

Lots and lots of learning and remembering after those Easter Holidays!!

We have been revising our sounds and the focus this week has been on ch, sh and th. Next week we will be doing more diagraphs. We have covered all the single sounds and it has been very exciting to see kindergarten reading those words they can sound out. Don't forget to keep reading those words that have been sent home in home reading folders every night and reading a home reader.

A little bit every night helps that reading muscle in our brain to grow big and strong. Much the same way our muscles grow when we train every day. Once a week isn't the best way to train.

**Year 1** have been reading a lot of home readers and most of the students in Year 1 are changing their home readers every day. Keep up the great work!!!!

Keep reading those Premiers Reading Challenge library books. We have some students very close to finishing. In maths this week we have been counting by fives and learning about adding tens and ones. We have been learning how to tell the time and about the days of the week and months. This week we made a graph of our birthdays.

Awards

Salties - Kelsi Bielefeld, Tahlia Wright-Bean

Merit - Ally Davison, Heath Trimmingham

Values - Gabby Rooney, Bianca Gardiner

### **Year 1/2 Report**

Homework recommenced last week. Thank you to those parents who have been diligent with the Homework packs by making sure that all activities are returned safely in the pack to school on Fridays, so that they can be handed out to another child on the following Monday. Even if your child has not attempted all or any of the activities the pack still needs to be returned to school on the Friday, along with their Spelling Homework for the week.

Year 1 has been working hard this week learning how to do take away sums.

Year 2 has also been working very well with doubling tens numbers.

Maybe mums and dads could give them some to do at home to show how clever they are.

We now have some children in Year 1 who have learnt all their sight words for Homework!

It would be great if the other children could put more effort into learning their words too.

If you have misplaced your child's words then let me know and I will give them some more to learn. Learning these words really helps them with their reading!

Awards:

Happygrams: Montana Latham, Jack Mahomet, Emily Cupitt, Jorja McCredie.

Merit: Zane Grant

Values: Bianca Peacock

Saltie: Bailey Toll

### **2/3 Report**

In the first 2 weeks of term 2, 2/3 have been very welcoming and have helped Mrs Fisher settle into Salt Ash Public school. Mrs Fisher and the students have been getting to know each other and have been working very hard in literacy, starting reading groups and working on expositions. 2/3 have been writing expositions on various topics including "We should introduce another public holiday". The students came up with some great ideas including "We would have more time to spend with the family and we would be able to sleep in". The students are working towards writing expositions independently.

In maths our focus in year 2 has been writing and representing 2 and 3 digit numbers and in year 3 writing and representing 3 and 4 digit numbers.

We have also been doing assessments in maths and spelling.

In creative arts we have been experimenting with different painting techniques to best portray the ocean. We used paint brushes, sponges, paint from a spray bottle and bubbles.

Awards

Jarred Matthew

Noah Hannah

William West-Kennett

### **Stage 3**

Pre-assessment has been completed in Stage 3 and students are hoping for a big effort in Term 2, similar to Term 1.

The year 5 children are writing convincing expositions and can readily identify the structure and components of a persuasive text. Across Stage 3, students are consolidating and employing solid skills in mathematics.

Netball and soccer KO teams have been applying themselves, juggling their enthusiasm for these activities with a diligent effort in class.