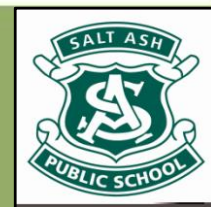


# Salt Ash Public School Newsletter



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Issue 1 - Term 2 - Week 5 & 6

Monday, 21 May 2012

Term 2... We are Midway through Term 2 and Salt Ash Public School has certainly been busy this term in the classrooms and on the sporting field.

Congratulations to the P and C who hosted our very successful 'Walk Safely to School' Breakfast last Friday... it certainly smelt beeeutiful and all involved in devouring their breakfast seemed to do so with great enjoyment. Thanks also to the parents who walked the walkers safely to school. The effort and time given to this activity is certainly much appreciated by the staff and students !! THANK YOU !!!!

Congratulations to the Year 3 and 5 students who worked especially diligently this week completing their NAPLAN Assessments. Many of our students gave of their very best and took the time to carefully check and recheck their answers... well done for demonstrating persistence and resilience.

We have also relaunched our whole school fitness program this Term. As a whole school we are focussing on developing and refining the 12 Fundamental Movement Skills necessary to participate in games. We have looked at sprint run and catch and will then focus on static balance. Each Stage has certain skills to learn and then refine... the students certainly seem to be enjoying our FMS Sessions.

Teachers are very, very busy with final assessments for students to allow them to prepare and complete their first Semester Reports. Parents are then encouraged to participate in an interview with their child/children's teacher/teachers after the reports have been issued.

We ask parents to take the opportunity to have an interview... we have very few parents who take this opportunity to discuss their child/children's progress and to discuss any concerns that parents may have. The school will soon notify parents as to the interview schedule for each class.

## Crunch n Sip

Our relaunch of Crunch n' Sip has been most successful... thanks to parents for supporting the program. Children are enjoying their morning break and there is certainly a lot of crunching in the classrooms. Students are reminded to bring their water bottles as well.

## Starstruck...

Starstruck Rehearsals are well under way and Mrs Young is impressed by the dance troupe. Thanks very much to Mrs Young for taking on the task of 'Starstruck' this year. It is very much appreciated by the school and the parents and students involved in the process.

Young Leaders... On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May the Leaders of Salt Ash Public School were sound ambassadors for our school when they attended the Impact Leaders Conference in Newcastle. There were over 800 students from 84 schools participating on the day. Not only were our leaders fine representatives for our school they were very articulate in their report for the Assembly upon their return. I would like to thank Adam, Dylan, Isabell and Leah for making me a very proud Principal !!

**Mother's Day Stall...**...what another grrreat success !!! \$774.10 was raised by the wonderful efforts of the Mother's Day 'fairies' who organised, wrapped and prepared the fantastic variety of goodies for the Mums of Salt Ash Public School. Thank you to the families who supported the Mother's Day Stall and to the students who spent all their money on their wonderful mums !!!

**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 5 Term 2  
...Law Week

Tues	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Newsletter Day
Thurs	24 <sup>th</sup> May	Starstruck Rehearsal Day
Frid	25 <sup>th</sup> May	Assembly@ 9:00am K/1 Item

### Week 6 Term 2

Tues	29 <sup>th</sup> May	Uniform Ordering from 9:00am
Wed	30 <sup>th</sup> May	P and C Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup> June	Assembly @ 9:00 am.. 1/2 Item

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

**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.**

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

**Scripture**

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

**Starstruck News**

Our dance group has been practicing extremely hard and the routine is coming together really well. Our next major rehearsal is Thursday 24th May, at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre. A note will be going home early next week asking for help with transport. Your support is always greatly appreciated as it helps keep the costs down.

**News from K/1**

How quickly time is flying in K/1. We have been very busy and its is amazing how quickly kindergarten are able to read the new words they have. Thank you to parents who have been busy ticking away every night as the listen to the new tricky words and 10 metre words. Just a reminder that home readers can be changed every night and not just once a week. Library borrowing has been a little confused and if your child has had the book read to them and wish to return it. They can bring it to school and it will be changed within the next day or so. It has been a fun week in maths this week kindergarten have been doing patterns and year 1 have been tallying data ready for graphs. Sounds have been tricky 'oi' and 'ou'. Year 1 have been focused on learning their yellow tricky words and kindergarten their blue tricky words.

**Awards:** Merit - Dakota Auld, William Liston-Smith

Values - Mitchell Lackenby, Patrick Slade, Olivia Pickles, Lucian Knight

Sport - Jedd Toll, Layla Kirkpatrick

**Year 1/2 Report**

Thanks to all those parents who have been vigilant in getting all homework, especially Homework Packs, back to school each Friday. I hope you and your child are enjoying the activities in the pack. It sounds like all Mums had a great Mother's Day. I hope your children were kind to you as **every** day seems to be Children's Day!

Awards

Merit: Jorja McCredie, Liam Xuereb, Kaelan Maloney Values: Zane Grant Salties: Teresa Plumridge

Happygrams: Memphis Auld, Montana Latham, Kade Rainbow, Matthew Lackenby

**2/3 Report**

In weeks 3 and 4 year 2/3 have been working very hard in literacy, completing an assessment on expositions titled "Toys are a waste of money." They have come up with some wonderful arguments, including "Toys are a waste of mum and dad's money" and

"sometimes toys are boring". Students have also been working very hard in reading groups, with each group having computer time and working on their comprehension skills. In maths, Year 2 has been focusing on capacity using informal measurements and recognising and making various patterns. The focus in Year 3 has been reading and interpreting column graphs and looking at various fractions. During Science and Technology students have completed their unit on 'The Built Environment' and are in the process of finishing their final assessment. Year 2 have designed a 'new classroom layout,' whilst Year 3 students are still in the process of designing a 'new school playground.'

**Awards:** Merit Awards: Jade House, Cooper West  
Values Respect: Connor Bell

Saltie Resilience: Bella Rooney

Week 4 :

Merit Awards: Scott Aurisch, Kye Disney

Values Cooperation: Sharni Toll

Saltie Organisation: Grace Hyde

**Classroom News from 3/4**

Well done to the Year 3 students who completed their Naplan testing this week. It is always a bit of a topsy-turvy week for the rest of the class with students moving in and out, so I would like to thank the Year 4 students who co-operated and showed resilience during this time.

Our focus in Literacy has been Exposition writing with the topic being 'Computer Games are a Waste of Time'. This has generated some interesting discussions with students endeavouring to convince me of their opinion. The proof is in the Writing!!!

Maths has been FUN. The students have been participating in surveys, using Tally marks for recording their information and graphing the outcomes.