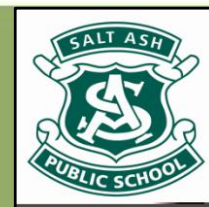


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter



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Issue 4 - Term 2 - Week 7 and Eight

Monday, 4 June 2012

The End of Term is fast approaching....we have had a very busy Term and the next few weeks appear to be just as busy. Starstruck is just around the corner.....it is an amazing feat with over 3500 students from across the Hunter Central Coast coming together to entertain the crowds !! Good luck to our Starstruckers... it is an amazing experience and congratulations to Mrs Young for her 'first' Starstruck experience !!!

The students in 3/4 are to be congratulated on their planning and their ingenuity with their 'playgrounds' They are simply amazing and it takes quite a while to look and then re look to discover more of their creations....they are currently on display on the 3/4 classroom. We also have 'on the boil' the Woolworths stickers and the Coles Receipts for Sport in Schools commences next Tuesday.

Mrs Sheppard has also asked that you bring in any receipts from the Salamander Shopping Centre for the 'Run around Australia' Campaign. Phew !!!

I have been on the case of the bus again !! I have sent another email to Student School Transport and have now involved our School Education Director. Please continue to voice your concerns with the Bus Company !! I will continue to pursue the issue....

I have discovered a grrreat website for parents that I previewed at the P and C Meeting last week... great for parents with ideas for Homework and some very helpful Literacy and Numeracy ideas...

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home>

A special thank you to the back hoe and sand 'fairies' who created our Long Jump Pit over the weekend. Thanks to the Kenny and Nowlan families for their wonderful job !! Much appreciated by all !!!!

Plans for Term 3

We are busy making plans for next Term. We will celebrate all things English with our Olympic Celebrations....planned for August 3rd. The staff will be very busy on the Staff Development Day. We will be looking at the new Literacy Continuum and placing our students on the continuum. We will also be looking at the new National Curriculum and up-skilling with our Anaphylaxis Training....a very busy day for all school staff !!!

Reports are busily being prepared for all students with Interview in the last week of this Term. 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.

Our K-6 Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Wednesday of Week 9. All students are expected to attend and participate in this activity.

Money for the bus should be on the way to school. Please clearly label your child's/children's envelope with their name class and event.

Thank you for your support this Term with all our activities...much appreciated !!!

Gerrie

Parents Please note re Canberra Excursion Don't forget to keep sending in your money to pay off Canberra excursion. It is our experience that is much easier to pay it week by week than find the balance at the last moment !!!!!!!

Bus Behaviour...I am receiving continual complaints re behaviour on the bus by students. I have had reports of students Jumping on students, running up and down the bus, screaming and using offensive language. I spoke at length about this issue at our Assembly last week.

Parents are again reminded that to receive a bus pass they are agreeing that their child/children will abide with the Code of Conduct. Children are expected to remain seated at all times, refrain from inappropriate behaviour and offensive language. We ask that parents work with the school to reinforce appropriate behaviour on the bus. If your child/children are subjected to inappropriate behaviour we ask you to contact the bus company and lodge a complaint. Repeat offenders can and will be suspended from the bus.

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 7 Term 2

Tues	5 th June	Newsletter Day
Frid	8 th June	Assembly@ 9:00am 3/4 Item

Week 8 Term 2 Starstruck Week

Mon	12 th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tues	13 th June	Uniform Ordering from 9:00am
Fri	15 st June	Assembly @ 9:00 am.. 2/3 Item

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.

Year 1/2 Report

This week we have been trialling different ways to learn our Spelling words. We have been writing our words on links to form a chain (Kade was the champion), using magnetic letters to form our words, arranging them in alphabetical order and even spelling them out like cheerleaders do! This was much better than the boring old Look Say Cover Write Check. This week, and until the end of term, we have a visiting teacher in our room. Her name is Ms Heath. We hope Ms Heath enjoys her time in our classroom.

Awards: Merit: Stephanie Fallou-Killick, Aali Gordon, Johnathan Hurney.

Salties: Bianca Peacock, Danny Harges.

Values: Jack Toll.

Happygram: Jarcara Bindon-Bates.

2/3 News

In weeks 5 and 6 Year 2/3 have been learning about narratives. They have read a variety of books and have been discussing how narratives are written. In spelling, the class have started typing their words up on the computer. Some students have improved their typing skills and are able to write their spelling words and also type complete sentences.

In creative arts this week the class painted "Our favourite thing." Students painted some wonderful pictures, including soccer fields, monster trucks and playing in the fresh air. During fitness, students have been focusing on balance. They have been balancing on 'wobble boards' and also playing 'balance tag.' They have thoroughly enjoyed these activities. Students finally completed their Science and Technology assessment task, where they were required to design a new classroom layout or school playground. There were some wonderful creations.

Week 5

Merit Awards: Mason Davis,
Values Consideration: Connor Bell
Saltie Confidence: Evelyn Hutchinson

Week 6

Merit Awards: Samuel Brown, Connor Bell
Values Respect: Jemma Browne
Saltie Getting Along: Hayley Keers

3/4 News

Mrs Young is so impressed with the amazing model playgrounds the students have made. The research, thought, time, hard work and effort that the students have put into their playgrounds are fantastic. Mrs Young will set up a display so parents and students will be able to view and enjoy the model playgrounds from early this week.

In Maths, we have been learning about different strategies, such as the halve and double, the double double and the double, double, double to help with multiplication equations. It has been very tricky and challenging, however we are beginning to master these techniques.

Stage 3

Students have been preparing for their 'in-class' public speaking challenge, where they will incorporate their powers of persuasion on a topic they are interested in. A large portion of students have indicated they will be addressing the topic 'Primary school students do not get enough free time!' which should foster some interesting arguments. Working hard in other KLA's as well as becoming more adept at problem solving with less instructions and/or hints provided by the teacher.

Merit Awards: Dylan Nixon; Will Watters
Salty/Value: Tanner Smith; Adam Grant
Sports: Isabell Plunkett; Daniel Sloss

The Canteen will no longer be serving chicken crackles but will still have chicken nuggets available.

IMPORTANT NEWS !!!!

We are currently experiencing an outbreak/ infestation of the dreaded headlice.....please be vigilant with daily checking and if necessary treating of the nasty little critters. It is also advisable that our girls with long hair have their hair tied back or plaited !!