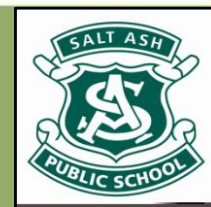


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter



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Issue Two - Term 3 - Weeks 3 and 4

Tuesday , 31 July 2012

Olympic Fever has hit Salt Ash Public School

We are all excited by the thought of the Olympics and classes have caught the 'bug' learning about the Olympics and London itself. We are prepared and organised for our Olympic Day this Friday. Children will participate in ten 'English' oriented sports representing 10 Olympic Countries. Children have received a note in relation to our Olympic Day. Parents are most welcome to attend and have 'lunch on the green' and watch the children participating in equestrian events, golf, cricket, and rowing just to name a few. After our 'Opening Ceremony' children will compete for their respective countries in 5 events. We will then have a lunch break. After lunch the children will continue with another 5 events. Recess will include a fruit break and then the students will complete our Olympic Day with participation in the Marathon. Participating in the Marathon will allow students to complete their P and C Fundraising activity. We will complete our Olympic Day with the Medal Ceremonies for the respective events. The emphasis on the day is for all students to have fun!!! A big thank you to Mrs Young and Miss Moss for organising our Olympic Day!!

After the Olympics in week 4 we have the Zone Athletics and then in Week 5 K-2 are off to Sydney for their excursion.

Week Six will be filled with Books, Books and more books as we celebrate Book Week. Classes will participate in a variety of activities based on the 'Books of the Year' and we will then have our very own Book Week Parade on

Friday of Week Six. Students are encouraged to dress up in their favourite book character. After our morning assembly we will have our Book Parade....

We have a busy and exciting few weeks to look forward to....

Book Week will see Salt Ash Public School also run our annual Book Fair. Students are given the opportunity to visit the Library and purchase a book from the Fair. The books are supplied by McDonalds Books at Maitland and our very dear friend Mr Partridge is a great friend of Salt Ash Public School. Mr Partridge always manages to choose a selection of books and fun stuff to please adults and children alike!!!

Book readers are in for a treat!!

Home Reading....we would like to encourage ALL students at Salt Ash Public School to participate in home reading throughout the week....we have a great number of students who do not complete their home readers on a regular basis.

Nightly reading for 10 minutes can make a massive difference to a child's reading ability. It develops fluency and exposure to new words as well as developing comprehension skills. Nightly reading also helps to instil a life-long love of reading whether it be on a computer or on an e-reader. If you would like any tips or hints for home reading please ask your child's teachers.

Canberra Excursion...the time is fast approaching when we will be off to Canberra. Parents have this term to finalise their payments. Children and parents will be asked to complete an excursion Code of Conduct and notes will be given out regarding requirements and spending money. I am also in the process of

organising a meeting towards the end of term to discuss any concerns about the excursion. At this stage Mr Milne, Mrs Young and I will be accompanying the students.

We have also organised one parent who needs to attend due to a medical issue. I am not expecting to need parents to accompany us on the excursion as we have enough supervision with 4 adults. Should this change in the near future parents will have the chance to have their name 'drawn from the hat' as we do and have done!

Premier's Spelling Challenge....

3-6 students will have the opportunity later this Term to participate in the Premier's Spelling Challenge. All students who compete have the chance to then represent Salt Ash Public at the Regional Finals. Mr Milne is currently organising this activity.

Planning for 2013-2015

The school is currently in the process of looking at anticipated enrolments for the next 3 years. This allows for planning across the school. If you are aware of any children intending to enrol at Salt Ash Public School in the next three years can I ask that you invite them to contact the school.

We have a register for intending enrolments and we simply take their name and details. If you also are aware of any students intending to enrol at our school in Kindergarten next year can you ask parents to contact the school. We are in the process of organising our Kindergarten Orientation Program for next Term

Speech Therapy

We have commenced our Speech Therapy Program. This week the screening process will be completed and the Speech Therapist will commence Team Teaching in the K-2 classrooms. Students who need additional assistance will also be withdrawn from their classes for specialised assistance. The Speech

Therapist has also indicated that she will contact parents if there is a specific speech issue that needs to be addressed. Time has been set aside throughout this program to allow for parent meetings with the Speech Therapist. The staff are also participating in additional Training and Development every Monday afternoon in relation to language and speech.

If you have any concerns in relation to this program please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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..... Office staff will no longer be able to fill uniform orders.

Week 3, Term 3

Mon	30 th July	Education Week
Wed	1 st Aug	Milo Cricket Yrs 5/6
Fri	3 rd Aug	Assembly @ 9am OLYMPICS DAY... food and fun for all!! Book Club due

Week 4, Term 3

Tues	7 th Aug	Zone Athletics Field Events Uniforms
Fri	10 th Aug	Zone Athletics Track Events Assembly K/1 Item Dancing

Notes Home...

We continue to have an issue with notes which have been sent home being either lost or misplaced. 'Misplaced' notes will now cost 20c to be replaced.

P and C Information....

Uniforms....The new cargo style shorts will shortly be available at the cost of \$16 per pair. The old style shorts will be sold at \$10 per pair as a run out.

Father's Day

Donations are now required for our Father's Day Stall to be held on the 30th and 31st August. Items suitable for dads can be left at the office for collection by the wrapping fairies who do such a wonderful job!!!

News from K/1

Wow!! What an awesome start to term 3. We have been so busy and having lots of fun. The Olympic Games are very exciting for everyone and it has been wonderful to see the class really enjoying this topic. I can't wait till next Friday and Salt Ash's very own Olympic Day. In class we have been learning about London and the history of the Olympic Games as well as all the other reading and writing activities that keep us busy. Year 1 started spelling homework and it was wonderful to see everyone trying so hard with their spelling this term. Remember a little work each night makes a really, really BIG difference to how well students learn the words. Our focus in maths has been on counting and on subtraction. With our excursion fast approaching we will be continuing to look at Living Things. Thank you for the great work you are doing with Home Readers. I am seeing lots more being returned on Friday, just a reminder that Home Readers only come in on Friday and go home on Monday.

Awards

Merit - Jakob May, Sport - Patrick Slade, Values - William Liston-Smith, Layla Kirkpatrick.

Year 1/2 Report

This term Year 1/2 has been learning more about living things and we are very excited about our excursion to Sydney. We have also started learning about the Olympics and can't wait for our Olympics Day at school on Friday. In Maths Year One have been learning about doubling and Year Two are learning "lots of" (ie. times) sums. We have started our Literacy groups again and would love to have the help of some parents on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:15 to 11:00 if you can spare some time. New Homework packs went home last week. Thanks to all those students who returned them on Friday ready for this week.

Awards

Merit: Jack Mahomet, Emily Cupitt

Happygrams: Johnathan Hurney, Kaelan

Maloney, Matthew Lackenby, Jack Mahomet.

Salties: Danny Harges, Terresa Plumridge.

Values: Montana Latham

News from 2/3

Students of Class 2/3 have had a busy start to the term, completing various assessments in preparation for the term ahead.

In literacy, the class has continued with their guided reading groups and narrative writing. Students have been writing some fantastic narratives using their wonderful imaginations, recording stories about 'pirates' and 'frog princes'.

Students have also continued on with their spelling groups, with both Year 2 and 3 gaining confidence and getting much quicker with typing and completing their spelling activities.

In regards to Math, students have completed their pre-maths test. This has allowed us to identify the content students already know, which then assists in future planning for the term.

During Science and Technology, Year 2 students have been learning about the different parts and functions of plants, whilst Year 3 have been exploring animal habitats. The 'Living things'

home assignment has been given to students and Miss Moss can't wait to see their wonderful information reports.

Week 1 Awards

Merit: Mason Davis, Arnika McCredie

Values Consideration: Hayley Keers

Saltie Persistence: Cooper West

Week 2 Awards

Merit Awards: Grace Hyde, Jarred Matthew

Values Consideration: Sam Browne

Saltie Organisation: Sharni Toll

News from 3/4

In Literacy the students are combining the Olympics fever with our Information Report writing. In pairs the students are researching one Australian Olympian. There are some familiar names such as Lleyton Hewitt and Steve Hooker along with some athletes I have never heard of such as Eloise Amberger and Cameron Hammond. In Maths Year 3 have been comparing, ordering and sequencing 4 digit numbers. Year 4 have been focusing on common and decimal fractions and percentage.

In Science for our 'Living Things' unit we are studying all about ants. Did you know Queen ants can live up to 30 years?

News from 5/6

Stage 3 has been busy researching and writing information reports. They have impressed with a new found enthusiasm towards homework tasks. Well done to Adam Grant who represented the school at the PSSA Golf Tournament in Forster last week. This week, the whole class will participate in the Milo Cricket Blast organised and conducted by Cricket NSW at Tomaree Sports Complex. We hope to 'bowl the competition' over with our skill and participation.

Awards

Merit Awards: Joshua Franks; Erin Bell; Ebony Griffin; Jade Radford

Salty & Values: Adam Grant; Ebony Stewart; Georgia Cromarty; Tanner Smith

Sports: Daniel Sloss; Leah Nowlan; Jade Radford; Brayden Matthew

Premier's Reading Challenge.....

Salt Ash Public School are high achievers when it comes to completing the Challenge.

It involves students in K-2 reading and/or sharing 30 books while students in Years 3-6 read 20. Last year we had 100% of students complete the Challenge and we expect nothing less this year. With the Challenge concluding at the end of this month we need more effort by some students. Congratulations to the following students who have met the Challenge.

Danny Harges, Charlie Snodgrass, Leah Nowlan, Amber Lee Sloss, Montana Latham, Nick Fallou-Killick, Jorja McCredie, Bianca Gardiner, Ally Davison, Aali Gordon, Jack Mahomet, Nakia Vidler, Hayli Clark, Dylan Nixon, William Watters, Isabell Plunkett, Sierra Nowlan, Cassi Nixon, Ebony Stewart, Georgia Cromarty & Bianca Peacock

Rules and booklists can be accessed on <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/>

If your child is reading books other than our Library books at home please write them down and hand to me to be recorded

Mrs Ruth Higginbottom

Teacher Librarian



This summer we're looking for the next generation of bowlers, batters and catchers. There's lots of ways you can get involved in cricket with your local club, association or indoor centre. Sign up now with your local club or find out more at...

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