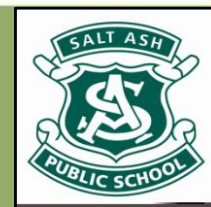


# Salt Ash Public School Newsletter



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## Olympics Day Triumph !

Congratulations to all involved with our recent Olympic Day Fun...the spirit and participation demonstrated by the students, the wonderful variety of food prepared by the P and C and the support given by families who attended.

A great job done by Miss Moss and Mrs Young for organising the day, to the staff for their spirit with costumes and to the students and parents for making it such a great day ! Roll on Rio in 2016

Congratulations also to the Year Six students for raising \$ 140 with their raffle (donated by the Nowlan family) and for their yummy scones, jam and cream on the day. Lucky winners of the raffle drawn last Friday at Assembly were Montana Latham and Libby Vogtmann.

## Zone Athletics.

We would like to wish our Zone Representatives all the very best for their track and field events in the coming weeks.

**IMPORTANT NOTE...Due to the condition of the fields at the Terrace the field events scheduled for today were postponed.**

Many thanks to the parents for their support with transport and cheering and to Mr Milne for organising the troops.

## K-2 Excursion

We have some very excited K-2 students who are going to be at school very early on Thursday for their excursion to Sydney...not many more sleeps to go ! Thanks to Mrs Hinchey for organising this excursion!

## Safety Issues

We have had concerns raised by parents about students crossing Salt Ash Avenue to be picked up in waiting cars. We ask for the safety of our students near the buses and on Salt Ash Avenue that you PLEASE come into the school grounds and collect your children.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

**The school has had interview protocols in place for a considerable time. This includes contacting the school and organising a suitable time and PLACE to conduct an interview with teachers. If you have a concern please ensure that you follow correct procedure.**

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Sue Adams who was recently nominated for an Education Week Award. Mrs Adams has spent the last 23 years as a volunteer in our School. On behalf of all students, staff and parents we would like to congratulate Sue for her award and for her commitment to the students of Salt Ash Public School and to Education NSW. **THANK YOU !**

**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.

At this stage Mr Milne, Mrs Young and I will be accompanying the students.

### **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.

**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..... Office staff can no longer fill uniform orders.**

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

#### **Week 5, Term 3**

Mon	13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	National Science Week
Tue	14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Zone Athletics Field Events
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Assembly @ 9am Item Yrs 1/2 Zone Athletics Track Events Dancing

Mon	20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Book Week
Tue	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Uniform Shop
Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	P&C Meeting 7pm
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Assembly at 9am Book Week Parade Dancing

### **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 DESPERATELY required for our Father's Day Stall to be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August. We have only had one donation so far !**

**Items suitable for dads can be left at the office for collection by the wrapping fairies who do such a wonderful job!!!**

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

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Children in Year 1/2 are getting very excited about their excursion this week. We hope the weather will be kind. Don't forget to be at the school by 7:30am to catch the bus. Don't be late or you might get left behind! The last 2 weeks we have been very busy talking and learning lots about the Olympic Games. This week Year One have been doing measuring in Maths and Year Two are getting really clever at times sums. We hope to learn lots on our excursion so that we can write a recount about what we do.

#### **Awards**

Merit: Aali Gordon Values: Jarcara Bindon-Bates

Sport: Jayley Coote

Happygrams; Jorja McCredie, Lucinda Kenway, Matthew Lackenby, Stephanie Fallou-Killick

### **Week 6, Term 3**

### News from 3/4

The Olympics have been high on the agenda the last couple of weeks and have been incorporated into most of the Key Learning Areas. We have looked at the differences between the modern and the ancient Olympics, designed our own Mascots and are continuing to work on the Athlete Information Reports. In Reading Groups the students are reading chapter books and completing comprehension worksheets about Earthquakes, Satellites transmitting 'live' programs, Home Technology and Super Computer Pizzas.

In Mathematics Year 3 are continuing to learn a variety of multiplication strategies involving 'turnaround facts.' Year 4 is using place value to multiply tenths and hundredths. This week for our Living Things unit we have learnt about the physical properties and actions of the Princess and Drone Ants

### Premier's Reading Challenge

**Congratulations to the following students who have met the Challenge and read the required number of books.**

**Mikayla Anderson, Bradley Arnold-Crooks, Riley Beaven, Kelsi Bielefeld, Oscar Duff, Layla Kirpatrick, Lucian Knight, Mitchell Lackenby, Jayb Smith, Ocea Liston-Smith, William Liston-Smith, Jakob May, Olivia Pickles, Gabby Rooney, Patrick Slade, Jedd Toll, Matthew Tyszyk, Kye Warner and Tahlia Wright-Bean.** This brings the total number to 47 which is less than half of the school. As mentioned in previous newsletters Salt Ash has a proud history of over 95% completing the Challenge with 100% last year. Students yet to meet the Challenge are encouraged to borrow extra books. Please ensure overdue books are returned promptly.  
**Mrs Higginbottom.**

### National Reading Hour

As an activity for National Year of Reading (NYR) there will be a National Reading Hour on Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup>. The Reading Hour is nominally 6pm to 7pm on 25 August, but events will be happening all day, to avoid or coincide

with important sporting fixtures and venue opening hours, and to accommodate the different time zones. The hour can also be done during the week as sharing a book with your child for 10 minutes a day, an hour a week is the aim for The Reading Hour on the 25 August 2012. We know it's not always possible for parents to share a book at bedtime with their children, but if you can manage 10 minutes most nights, your child will have the best chance of becoming a good reader, with all the social and educational benefits that brings.

Want to win some brand new books and support The Reading Hour at the same time? This amazing National Year of Reading ([www.love2read.org.au](http://www.love2read.org.au)) initiative kicks off on Saturday 25 August 2012, between the hours of 6pm and 7pm.

Ask your parents to LIKE the NYR facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/KidsBookReview> - then post a photo on the wall of yourself, your friends, your colleagues, your kids, your class - reading a book.

Your photo could be chosen to appear on the Kids Book Review website - and go in the running to win ...

For more information visit [www.love2read.org.au](http://www.love2read.org.au) where you will find out about other NYR events.

### Book Week is coming! Champions Read!

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August we will be holding a Book Week Parade.

Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite champion book character in the theme for Book Week which is Champions Read. We will also be holding a Book Fair before the end of the Term

### **A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health**

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents.

### **Please provide this information in writing to the Principal.**

This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide to the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

