***Important Information about NAPLAN***

***On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct.***

***ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.***

***ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.***

***This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.***

**Welcome back to Term Four of the 2013 School Year at Salt Ash Public School. We trust you enjoyed the holidays and are refreshed and eager for the last 11 weeks! It only seems like yesterday that this year commenced!**

**Miss Jamieson is on leave. It is anticipated she will return to school on Thursday 24th October. In her absence Miss Nash is the Relieving Principal.**

**Please find attached the Term Four Calendar for your convenience. It has all known activities for this term.**

**Parents are reminded that students who DO NOT catch the bus to school SHOULD NOT be at school any earlier than 8:25 am. The school gates will remain closed until after 8:00 am….**

**Term Four Information….**

**School Photos will take place in Week 3. Friday 25th October…Mrs Sheppard will distribute the associated envelopes and information this week.**

**\*\*Kindergarten Orientation. Miss Nash has Kindergarten Orientation finalised and is ready to go ! We will not have our final numbers for next year until after Orientation has taken place.**

**\*\*Intensive Swimming… will take place in Weeks Eight and Nine. This is for all students from**

**Years 2-6. It offers non swimmers the opportunity to develop water safety awareness and for swimmers to further develop their stroke technique.**

**\*\*Mrs Young is organising a fun day in Week Three to coincide with Safe and Happy Day Activities. Mrs Young is sending out details.**

**\*\*Ma’s Delicious Puddings…..order forms for Ma’s delicious Christmas Puddings will be at school later this Term. They are very delicious and they make a wonderful Christmas Gift !!**

**\*\*The P and C Christmas Raffle will soon be on the Agenda as well !!**

**Thanks……to the parents who are working with us to keep your children safe….we simply ask that parents write a note or contact us at school to let us know if you have arranged with another parent to pick your child/children up from school or if your child/children are travelling by the afternoon bus as an alternate to their usual journey home…we appreciate your adherence to Departmental Policies in relation to this issue.**

**Mrs Melissa Gordon has taken on the role of Canteen Co-ordinator and would love your assistance, especially with maintaining the canteen and having it operate 2 days per week. If you are able to assist next term can you contact Melissa on 0421335185.**

**Requirements for school….eg. pens, pencils and glue sticks etc. can be purchased at the office. I have also filled the Friday Dilly Basket with these necessities…. Can you please ensure that your child/children have these basics ready to learn each and every day.**

**Aussie Five Fair Rules….**

**Parents and students also need to be aware that there are some circumstances in the classroom and in the playground where students can be placed IMMEDIATELY on an Amber or Red alert should the behaviour or the circumstances warrant. Dangerous or aggressive behaviour can move straight to Amber or Red if deemed appropriate by the staff in the classroom or on playground duty.**

**Parents wanting to discuss an Amber Alert Notification need to make an appointment via the front office and should NOT expect to discuss the notification with staff prior to school commencing.**

**Children know our Aussie Five Fair Rules and what is acceptable behaviour in the classroom and the playground. They are also aware of the consequences for not ‘sticking to the rules’**

**Traffic Light reminders…..**

**\*Green….warning**

**\*Amber ….Time out in the Classroom….with a note sent home and the behaviour recorded electronically.**

**\*Red …time out of the classroom with a buddy class and a note sent home informing parents of the appropriate time out given at school.**

**\*\*\*\*Parents are also reminded that students remain out of the playground until the behaviour note is returned…..**

Week One ….

Tues 8th Oct Newsletter Distributed/Nudie

Food Tuesday

Fri 11th Oct Assembly @ 8:55 am

Week Two …

Mon 14th Oct P and C Meeting @ 6:00pm

Tue 15th Oct Nudie Food Tuesday

Fri 18th Oct Assembly @ 8:55 am

**Northbridge School Band will be visiting our school on 24th October. The band has 40 members and is doing a tour up the coast and contacted our school because they played here 4 years ago on their last tour and were impressed with the good behaviour of our students.**