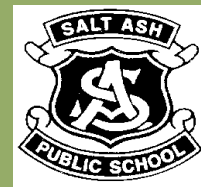


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

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Issue Four - Term 4 – Week Seven

Tuesday 19 th November

Welcome to the last half of Term Four for 2013.....the year has simply flown by ! Plans are in place for the end of year activities and planning is well underway for the 2014 School Year.

Classes for next year....at this stage due to the numbers in each year we will form the following classes....

Kindergarten

Year One/Two

Year Two/Three

Year Four/Five

Year Five/Six.

We will not have formal numbers for each class until we return next year. Our Kindergarten enrolments are not yet quite finalised and we have new students moving into the area next year who have enrolled at Salt Ash Public.

It is so pleasing to inform the school community that our school numbers have grown and we have one of the biggest enrolments that we have had for many years !

Due to this increase in numbers Salt Ash Public School will have an Assistant Principal Position in 2014. This position will be filled in Term One. There will be a Relieving Assistant Principal until the position is filled.

Kindergarten Orientation... our new Kindergarten enrolments enjoyed their second day at 'big school'. They are developing friendships with their buddies and getting to learn more about our school. Next week is their final day and they will have lots to do and will have the opportunity to play after lunch with their buddies. Miss Nash has thoroughly enjoyed getting to know her new students...although she found playing 'Indians and Tee-pees' with so many children (big and little) an interesting adventure !! Many thanks to Miss Nash for all her hard work with our Orientation Program.

Year Six Orientation... We are busy organising our new enrolments for next year and the High School are busy organising theirs! (the cycle of School Life) Our Year Six Students will participate in their Orientation Day on Wednesday 4th December.

New Handbook....We are in the process of redeveloping our Information Book. It will now be much more extensive and informative. Hopefully it will be finalised before the end of the year and it will be added to the School Website.....

Flashing Lights for Salt Ash Avenue.

I recently received a letter from Transport Roads and Maritime Services.

The letter states... that in June 2013 there was an increase in funding for the School Zone Flashing Lights Program to accelerate the delivery of flashing lights to all schools in NSW. This program will commence in early 2014 and will be rolled out progressively across the State. All schools that do not currently have flashing lights will receive a set of zone flashing lights by the end of December

2015. We will receive our flashing lights by the end of 2015!!

Requirements and Book Packs....we are in the process of organising student book packs and determining the costs for each Year. Next year for Students in years 2-6 we have organised a subscription to the School Magazine as part of their book pack. The children will receive 10 Magazines in all (February to November). The School magazine complements our Reading Program, is based on the New Curriculum, and is another alternative to engage students in Reading. We will have the booklist cost organised by next week at the latest. That will give parents the opportunity to purchase before the end of the term or prepare for next Year !

Riley Beaven....Well Done... you are a Star !!
On behalf of the students, staff, parents and the community we would like to congratulate Riley on his wonderful effort at the State Final of the Premier's Spelling Challenge. Riley was successful in reaching Round 8 in the Final... there were only 11 rounds in total. We are all very proud of you!

Connor Bell... another star!! Connor was on NBN News last week in a segment based on children dealing with long term illness...

Special Olympics Torchbearer!! Star number Three!!

A Big Congratulations to Miss Aali Gordon who has been chosen to be a torchbearer for the Special Olympics. The opening Ceremony will take place on Thursday 28th November. Aali will have a wonderful policeman escorting her. We are all very excited for Miss Aali and are very proud of her.

Students will participate in Intensive Swimming, which is only a week away, for two weeks. Mr Milne and I will accompany the students as well as either Mrs Fletcher or Miss Vicki.

Children who are participating in the Intensive Swimming come out of class early to get changed and have something to eat before leaving the school each day at approximately 10:45 am and returning by approximately 12:15. Students will require swimmers and towels (two are good... just in case the weather is a bit chilly!) They also require sunscreen and a rashie if parents prefer.

Students need to be responsible for their own belongings... can parents please ensure all clothing/towels/rashies are clearly labelled with names. Students get changed at the pool before returning to school so it is preferable that they do not wear swimmers under their school clothes in the morning as underwear can be forgotten and left at the pool after their lessons.

Northbridge Band Visit...the students thoroughly enjoyed the visit from Northbridge Public School Band last Week. They and the staff were entertained with a variety of songs and we were treated to some interesting Gangnam style dancing...two that come to mind are Scott Aurish and Mrs Young who joined in very enthusiastically !! The sausage sizzle was enjoyed by those who love sausages...and new information was exchanged by the two schools.

Many thanks to Mr Milne and Mr Shearman for cooking the BBQ and to the staff for a wonderful job in organising the feeding of multitudes !!!

Presentation Evening....plans are well under way for our Annual Presentation Evening which will be held on Monday 16th December commencing at 6:00pm. More information in the next Newsletter....

A special note from Mrs Fisher who is organising 'The Year that Was' needs assistance with any photos from the Athletics Carnival or the Cross Country....if you could possibly load your photos onto a labelled USB and send them in to school. All assistance would be very much appreciated.

Year Six Gift....earlier this year the school looked into the possibility of installing additional speakers in the COLA for activities at school. The Year Six students will donate money from their Year Six Fundraising efforts to assist in the purchase of these speakers...we would like to thank the year Six Students for their kind donation.

Kerrie Jamieson
Principal

****The P and C would appreciate any donations towards the Christmas Raffle to be left at the office.**

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....

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.

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 Seven

Tue	19 th Nov	Newsletter Day
Thurs	21 st Nov	Kindergarten Orientation last day
Friday	22 nd Nov	Assembly@ 8:55am 1/2 Item

Week Eight ... Intensive Swimming Commences

Friday 29 th Nov	Assembly@8:55am Kindergarten Item
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Kindergarten News... we have been very busy again this week. We have been writing some interesting stories and really trying hard with our handwriting. Kindergarten finished off some beautiful art works this week, our burnt trees and rainbow sky were particularly special. In maths we have continued to work on our flexible addition strategies and our competitions are hotly contested. Kindergarten loved being big Year 1 students on Thursday morning, so exciting! Only 23 days and they will be in Year 1.

Year 1/2 Report

In Literacy Year 1/2 continued with their work on writing descriptions. Last week they wrote a description about Bartholomew Bad Friend (or Bart for short), and also drew a picture of him.

We don't think anyone would like to have a friend like Bartholomew. They also wrote a description of Felix Friendly. He would be a much better friend to have. In our Maths groups Squares and Hexagons have learnt a new game called 'Get Your Mango Box' while the other groups have been practising their doubling strategies. Year 2 are getting pretty clever at adding 2 digit numbers and some Year 1 children think they are really clever at learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Awards: Merit: Jack Mahomet, Heath Trimmingham, Ally Davison, Tahlia Wright-Bean Salties: Joanna Booth, Patrick Slade, Mikayla Anderson, Nicolas Nicholson. Sport: Gabby Rooney Happygram: Heath Trimmingham

2/3 News

We have had a wonderful couple of weeks in 2/3. All the class really enjoyed Northbridge Public School Band coming to visit us.

We have finished information reports and have now moved to procedures. Miss Herbert introduced the topic this week and looked at the procedure ... "How to make bubbles". The students really enjoyed following this procedure and finding out if it worked.

During maths both Year 2 and 3 continued addition with both grades learning different strategies to complete addition questions.

In fundamental movement Miss Herbert taught the students AFL skills and we have learnt how to hand pass as well as kick a football correctly.

**If any parents have any spare containers (ice-cream, butter, egg cartons etc) that they could give to the class for art... it would be greatly appreciated.

Year 4 Report

We have had a very busy and interesting two weeks. I would like to say how impressed I have been with the students continuing to work really hard. They have produced some fantastic Information Reports on Animals as well as put in a huge effort with our Mathematic unit on Subtraction. Students have worked hard to complete some fantastic artworks. Seven students were chosen to represent our class in the Tilly Art Festival. Mr Nuss (our student teacher) completed his time with us and the students enjoyed having him in our classroom, especially the 'Game Show' he introduced for them to participate in.

Award winners for weeks 5 and 6 were:

Merit: Indus Woodward, Jaydon Warner, Kye Disney and Nathan Tyszyk

Salties and Values: Bayly Meech-Kirkpatrick, Braydan Bielefeld, Grace Hyde and Hayley Keers.

Sports: Jarred Matthew and Hayli Clarke.

Well done everyone.

Shoe Laces Shoe Laces Shoe Laces..... we have many, many students who cannot tie their shoelaces... is it possible for children to practise their shoelace tying skills so they do not have trips and falls because of undone laces? Teachers spend a considerable amount of time tying shoes laces....