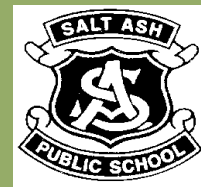


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

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Issue Five - Term 4 – Week Nine

Tuesday 2nd December

Welcome to the last Salt Ash Public School Newsletter for the 2013 School Year. I would like to begin by taking the opportunity to thank the parents who have demonstrated their support for the students and staff throughout 2013. Your support demonstrated through your assistance and your willingness to help when asked is very much appreciated by all at Salt Ash Public School.

On behalf of the school I would also like to wish you all the very best for the upcoming festive season.

We are entering the final 3 weeks of this Term!!

Reports are being finalised and will be distributed next Monday.

Our swimming scheme students are also busy learning all they possibly can and developing their swimming and survival skills. Last Friday, due to the incessant rain, we took the opportunity to participate in our swimming safety lessons which are mandatory with our intensive swimming program.

Our aspiring 2014 School Leaders will give their speeches on FRIDAY 13th Dec at our morning assembly. After our assembly the students and staff will cast their vote and the 4 chosen leaders will be announced on Monday night.

Presentation Evening is also being finalised...it will take place on MONDAY 16th Dec (as previously advertised in the Newsletter and on the Term Calendar)

It will commence at 6:00pm.

Requirements and Book Packs....this has been finalised and the Requirement List has been distributed to each family. 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 total (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. Parents, including our new enrolments now have the opportunity to purchase book packs before the end of the term to prepare for next year !

New Messaging System for Salt Ash Public School. I am in the process of organising and learning a new system for informing parents of upcoming events and reminding parents about activities at school via parents mobiles. Once I know how to 'drive the bus' parents will receive messages re events.

I also believe we will be able to upload the Newsletter via this system if parents have compatible phones.

It is all very daunting at this stage but I assume I will get the hang of it eventually !!

It is very important that we are updated when parents change their mobile numbers....to ensure that parents have access to given information.

Last Day of Term Activities....to end our School Year we will be having a sausage sizzle and games afternoon....similar to the games that the Year Six students ran earlier this year. Students will be allowed to come to school in suitable mufti (including covered in shoes).

New Handbook....I am still 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....

Kerrie Jamieson
Principal

2014 School Year Information

We will be taking new enrolments from (**Tuesday 28 January** which is the first day back for staff.

Students will be returning to school from **Wednesday 29th January** when Years 1 to 6 will commence lessons, followed by Kindergarten students on Monday 3rd February.

****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....

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 Nine ...Last Week of Intensive Swimming

Tue	3 rd Dec	Newsletter Day
Wed	4 th Dec	High School Orientation Day
Friday		Assembly@ 8:55am

Week Ten ...

Mon	9 th Dec	Semester two Reports distributed.
Fri	13 th Dec	School Assembly @ 8:55 am... School Leader Speeches and student voting

Week Eleven ...Last Week of 2013 School Year.

Mon	16 th Dec	Presentation Evening commencing at 6:00pm
Tues	17 th Dec	Year Six Farewell Activity
Wed	18 th Dec	Last Day of Term... Mufti Day and Fun Activities

Stage 3 News

Stage 3 have enjoyed completing Storybird activities using their laptops. They are working feverishly to complete the maths program and have continued to 'show-off' their skills in Science and PDHPE.

Most students are also looking forward to performing a gymnastic sequence this coming Friday to demonstrate their control of balance, tumbling and landing.

Merit: Lily Hufnagl, Emily Kenny

Salty: Courtney Maloney, Jack Grant

Sport: Joel Carolan, Sierra Nowlan

1/2 Report

The Christmas holidays are fast approaching and we have been busy with assessments, finishing off work and some children have been involved in intensive swimming. Since there is only two and a half weeks left of the year there will not be any more Homework packs sent home and we will also need to get all home readers returned ASAP so that they can be organised for next year. Spelling homework will continue this week and then that will also cease to exist. Thanks to all those parents who have been vigilant in helping their children with their homework each week. As I have stressed many times your child's learning is a partnership between school and home.

Awards: Merit: William Liston-Smith, Lily Rizzoli, Elsie Niki, Olivia Pickles Sport: Lucian Knight
Happygram: Mitchell Cox Salties: Jorja McCredie, Hayley Parnell, Ally Davison

Year Four News

The classroom has been very quiet with the swimmers at Swim Scheme, however we have still been very busy. We have continued to have a major focus on Multiplication and Division Strategies in Maths. The students are completing their last units of work for Reading Groups. Our Animal Information Booklet is all but complete and is jam packed with amazing animal facts!!

Award winners for weeks 7 and 8

Merit: Tyne-Isabella Morrissey, Cassidee Sharp, Braydan Bielefeld, Jack Kenny

Salties and Values: Megan Bowden, Zoe Nash, Jaydon Warner, Evvy Hutchinson

Sport: Justin Cox, Brooke Nicholson

Come along and have fun at the

Raymond Terrace

Twilight Markets

Riverside Park, Hunter St.

RAYMOND TERRACE

Starts at 3.30pm and finishes 7.45pm

Regular and new stalls, singing and dancing.

The next market will be in February 2014

Hope to see you there!!!

Merry Christmas from Jenny and Liz.

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....