

Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

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Issue Four - Term 1 - Weeks Nine and Ten

Tuesday March 26th

The Term is almost at an end and we have a busy three weeks ahead of us before we finish up for the first time. This week we have our School Cross country and then we get ready for the Easter break with our Easter Hat Parade. Students who are eligible, will represent Salt Ash Public School after Easter, at the Zone Cross Country. Our Senior Girls will have their first match in the PSSA Netball Knockout and students will be assessed in aspects of Literacy and Numeracy. Students also have Music Assessments to present in Stages One and Two and Stage Three have Rainforest Projects to complete and present.

Thank you to the parents who completed the paper and online surveys for the Annual School Report . Your input is very much valued and information from the survey will assist in the overall organisation of the school.

The staff have also commenced additional training in Numeracy. We have joined approximately 200 other teachers across the state participating in on line training... this will continue for the rest of the term and into Term Two.

Classes will also be busy preparing for our annual ANZAC Day Service. I would like to thank the students and staff for their great presentations in relation to Harmony Day and anti-bullying activities.

Thank you also to parents, students and staff for a great night at our recent disco....fun was had by all !! Congratulations to the P and C and volunteers for a very successful disco.

Congratulations to Emily Kenny who was chosen recently to represent Port Stephens in the PSSA Regional Carnival. Well done Emily!!

Finally thank you so very much to the families and friends of the students of Salt Ash Public School who so generously supported the YMCA Dive In Help Out... YOUR sponsorship raised \$ 700 !!! The sponsorship will add to the funds raised by the YMCA to support students with disabilities in the Hunter Learn to Swim....
Kerrie Jamieson

Parents... please be aware we have head lice in the school. We ask that ALL parents check your child/children's hair and treat if required. We also ask that girls wear their hair either plaited or tied back to assist in the prevention of further outbreaks.

Lost property building up in classrooms....please encourage your child/children to check classrooms for their belongings!!!

Easter Hat Parade **THIS THURSDAY** commencing at 1:15 pmis a fun and NON competitive way to ease into the Easter break. Students are encouraged to parade around the COLA wearing their Easter 'Hat' There are NO PRIZES... everyone is simply encouraged to have fun and participate.

Cross Country and Fun Run...all students K-6 will participate in the School Fun Run Fundraiser to be held in conjunction with our School Cross Country. K-2 students will 'fun run' whilst the rest of the school participates in the Cross Country. Children will need to wear appropriate shoes to allow them to participate in this running activity.

Mr Milne will be co-ordinating this event and as usual needs assistance with 'Check Point Charlies'. Our Cross Country will commence at 9am on Wednesday this week.

Colouring-in- Competition Winners. Last Friday students who participated in the Food Works Colouring in Competition received their prizes. Congratulations to Kaelan Maloney, Jarcara Bindon- Bates and Alyssa Hurney

Parents...important information reprinted for your convenience....it is a legal requirement for ALL parents to inform the school IN WRITING if your child/children leave the school with another parent or relative. If they are not going home on the bus or with you as per usual a WRITTEN note is to be given in at the office...not to the class teacher or the staff on bus duty.

Thank you to those parents who support our school commencement time at 8:55 and ensure a smooth and timely start to each teaching day. Late arrivals are disruptive to the learning of the students and their peers. It also does not allow children to be settled into the morning routine

Last week we received a visit from Home School Liaison Officer who is closely monitoring our rolls re late arrivals.

Parent Teacher Interviews

If you would like to talk to your child's teacher PLEASE do not expect them to be available immediately prior to school commencing or immediately after school finishes WITHOUT an organised interview time. All staff are busy, especially of a morning, preparing for the school day.

Aussie Five fair Rules....

All classes and even some families have fully adopted our Aussie Five fair Rules Children are now very aware of the system and what is acceptable behaviour in the classroom and the playground. They are also aware of the consequences for not 'sticking to the rules'

Well done and thank you to **all** the students who **do** display all the Aussie Five Fair Rules each and every day in our Classrooms and our Playground.

Traffic Light reminders....

*Green....warning

*AmberTime 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 with appropriate time out given at school.

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

**For Sale....Bright and Breezy
Library bags at the Front Office
(hand made by Mrs Grant)
\$ 5....all monies from the sale of
these Library bags will be donated
to the Library for more library
resources**

**Pre loved Library Chairs....great for
play at home... \$ 5 each....money
from the sale of these will also be
donated to the Library**

Requirements for School....

**We also ask that students come to
school each and every day ready to
learn....this includes the
basics....PENCILS, COLOURED PENCILS
GLUE STICKS, PENS ERASERS, RULERS
and SCISSORS...**

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week 9 Term 1

Tues	26th Mar	Newsletter Day and Nudie Food Tuesday
Wed	27th Mar	School Cross Country and P and C Fun Run
Thurs	28th Mar	Easter Hat Parade
Fri	29th Mar	Good Friday

Week 10 Term One

Frid	5th April	Zone Cross Country NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK
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Parents are also reminded that we have our Crunch and Sip operating at Salt Ash Public School...students are encouraged to bring water and 'crunch' food to school each and every day.

**Reminder Reminder Reminder....
Student Banking is available at Salt
Ash Public School. Students can
bank their money each week.
Please contact the office for
application forms for your child.**

Class Happenings

Year Four

We have had an extremely busy, creative and fun couple of weeks. The students celebrated both Anti-Bullying Day in week 7 and Harmony Day in week 8. We have had an opportunity to discover the differences between our lifestyle and that of people living in Italy. We have read about, written about, watched short video clips about and even tasted the wonderful food of Italy.

Last week 28 students from years 3 and 4 were involved in a 5-A-Side Soccer Gala Day held at Raymond Terrace. It was a fantastic day and the students were a little 'awestruck' when three of the Newcastle Jets players came along to have a kick around and sign autographs. Thanks to all who helped make the day a success! I am also pleased to announce our Star Struck Dance Troupe have been successful in their audition to join in Star Struck 2013, so there is a lot of hard work ahead.

Awards recipients are:

Merit: Cassidee Sharp, Jack Kenny, Indus Woodward, Samuel Browne

Salties and Values: Haylee Cupitt, Nakia Vidler, Nathan Booth, Hayley Keers

Sports: Justin Cox, Sam Mahomet, Connor Bell

Class 2/3 have had a very productive couple of weeks. They have been completing various talking and listening tasks, such as presenting information to their peers, following explicit instruction and learning new vocabulary. They have been busy writing many interesting recounts and have now started their new text type on expositions.

Students have now completed their author study on Ian Falconer and have thoroughly enjoyed reading about Olivia and her crazy imagination and endless antics. Thanks to Olivia the Pig, students now know that Venice is found in the country Italy; a gondola is a small boat with pointy ends found in the canals of Venice; and that gelato is a very smooth textured ice-cream. All students would now like to live in a palazzo and have an exquisite chandelier hanging from their ceilings!

During math, students have completed a series of assessments on length and are enjoying their new unit on area. They are also exploring many addition and subtraction strategies.

In creative arts, students have been playing various percussion instruments, including the maracas, triangle and tambourine. They have also composed their own song, which according to Miss Moss was not very soothing to the ears, BUT a lot of fun!

Music assignments are now due Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of weeks 9 and 10. They will be presented to Mrs. Fisher during news time.

A note from Miss Moss...

I would like to thank parents and guardians for their support over the past 12 months. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching the students of Salt Ash Public School and I wish them all the best for the future. I will miss the children greatly! :)

Merit Awards: Jayley Coote, Kaelan Maloney, Bella Rooney, William West-Kennett
Salties and Values: Kelsi Bielfeld, Montana Latham, Mason Davis, Cooper West

Stage 3

A massive fortnight with Anti-Bullying Action Week and Harmony Day celebrations on top of our regular lessons. The students are sharing some great ideas and are enthusiastic about learning new skills. Many Stage 3 and Stage 2 students have been training hard for this week's X-Country, with a few setting specific goals to represent at Zone and beyond. Good luck to all students for Wednesday!

Merit: Mikayla Rogers, Matthew Tyszyk, Jack Grant, Sierra Nowlan

Salty/Value: Nicholas Fallou-Killick, Erin Bell, Mitchell Holliday

Sport: Belle Niki, Mitchell Holliday, Alyssa Hurney, Felicity Kerr