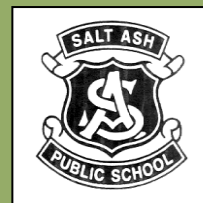


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

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Tuesday March 12th 2013

Time Flies....when you are very busy and there is a lot happening! That is the case at Salt Ash Public School. We are racing towards the Easter Break and then we have a couple of weeks back at school and it is the End of term One.

Our last two weeks have been 'jam packed' with activity.

Parents will be asked to do 'homework' in the next two weeks in relation to the Annual School Report. Parents will be asked questions in relation to the effectiveness of school communication and their knowledge and understanding on our H.S.I.E work at school.

The participating students in 5/6 and their families spent time last Sunday swimming and or cheering on the Salt Ash Swim Team as we completed 21kms in the allocated time...what a WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL effort. So far the Team has been sponsored \$ 640. It would be wonderful to see this amount grow. There is still time left to donate and you can show your support via the link below or you can make a cash donation at school and we will add it to the total.

Supporting us is easy....you can use the link below to sponsor the Salt Ash Swim Team.

http://www.everydayhero.com.au/salt_ash_swim_team

**Donations over \$ 2 are tax deductible
All money donated will be used across the Hunter. Please help us raise much needed funds. Friends and relatives are more than welcome to sponsor us as well.**

Laptop Classroom is very close to being fully operational. We have Wireless connection at school and 10 more laptops have been ordered. The Security Cabinets to house the Laptops are in the classroom and being used to charge our existing laptops... next term will be very exciting.

Many thanks to the parents of Salt Ash Public School for supporting this venture via the P and C.

Salt Ash Public School would also like to thank the Tilligerry Lions Club who recently presented the school with a cheque for \$ 1000 for Readers for the K-2 students. This donation is very much appreciated by students, staff and parents of Salt Ash Public School.

Zone Swimming....Last Monday our representatives went off to the Zone Swimming Carnival which had been postponed due to bad weather. Mr Milne was most impressed by the efforts of our students. Our relay teams acquitted themselves well and Sierra Nowlan and Emily Kenny both qualified for the Regional Carnival. Sierra was named Zone Champ !! Well done !!

Both girls participated in the Regional Carnival at Maitland last Thursday and produced PBs in their respective events !

Miss Leah Nowlan, very recent ex- student of Salt Ash Public, will represent at the Combined High Schools Carnival at Homebush in the near future. She will swim in 5 events after a very successful Regional Carnival !! Grrreat effort to all concerned in the swimming. WOW !!!

Continuing the sporting theme....we are busy preparing for our own Cross Country. Students are even putting in the 'hard yards' with early morning training at school under the guidance of Mr Milne.

Please Note..all students K-6 will participate in the School Fun Run Fundraiser to be held on the Day we have our Cross Country... Wednesday 28th March. K-2 students will participate in an 'in school' activity while competitors complete the Cross Country.

Our Senior Girls travelled to Raymond Terrace last Friday to participate in a PSSA Gala day... developing their Netball skills in preparation for the commencement of the PSSA Netball Knockout.

Students in Years Three and Four are being organised to participate in a Soccer Gala Day to be held on Thursday March 21st. All this and lots of learning taking place in each and every classroom !!

Binless Day Success....

Congratulations to the families of Salt Ash Public School who supported our Binless Day last Wednesday... a mammoth effort and great for the environment. Many of our students and their families are supporting the cause. We will have Fruit Scrap bins in each classroom next week and are getting our worm farm up and running again. Don't forget Nudie Food Tuesday will be part of our Term Calendar EVERY Tuesday from next Term.

PS Don't forget to bring a water bottle to school every day...water is the BEST thing that you can put into your bodies !!

Disco....Fluoro Theme
Thursday 14th March 6-8pm....please see P and C Note sent home last week.

Easter Raffle....Easter is just around the corner... each and every year the school has an Easter Raffle. Each family is asked to donate Easter Goodies that become part of the raffle. Tickets will be sent home to each family very shortly. The Raffle will be drawn on the last Thursday before Easter after our Easter Hat Parade .

Our Easter Hat Parade is a fun and NON competitive way to ease into the Easter Break. Students are encouraged to parade around the COLA wearing a suitable Easter hat.

There are no prizes awarded....everyone is simply encouraged to have fun and participate !!!

Change of Date...please note the change of date for our school Cross Country. It will now be held on the last Wednesday BEFORE Easter.
The Zone Carnival is to be held on the 5th April

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.

School Starting time is 8:55....

Unfortunately children continue to arrive up to 10-15 minutes late on a daily basis and this is disruptive to the learning of the students and their peers. It also does not allow children to be settled into the morning routine. Rolls are now marked via Sentral (electronically) and parents will receive a letter each and every time their child/children arrive late to school.

Continued late arrivals to school will result in the Home School Liaison Officer being contacted to discuss the issue with parents.

NOTE.... 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 in the 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 of not 'sticking to the rules'. It is wonderful to see so many of our students receiving awards for 'Getting Along' at our Assemblies... well done to all the students who are continuing to display all the Aussie Five Fair Rules each and every day in our Classrooms and our Playground. 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 with appropriate time out given at school.**

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

We are continuing to give information to help parents understand this program.

If you have any questions about the Amber Alert notification or our Aussie Five fair Rules, **please do not hesitate to contact the school and organise a meeting time to discuss your questions or to clarify your concerns.**

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 7 Term 1

Tues	12 th March	Newsletter Day
Friday	15 th	Assembly @8:55am... 1/2 Item

Week 8 Term One

Tues	19 th March	Uniforms@ 9:00 am
Thurs	21 st March	3/4 Soccer Day Harmony Day
Frid	22 nd March	Assembly@ 8:55 am Class Presentations for Harmony Day

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.**

School Happenings

Kindergarten

This week Kindergarten have been busy preparing their first little talk for the class, about themselves. We have been putting family photos on show and have come up with lots of great sentences to go with our photos. Miss Nash really liked Annabella's idea. Her family had a computerised under water aquarium photo. Annabella's caption was "Help, help! Pull yourself out". We know lots of sounds and are practising them every day. We have learnt "look", and "come" and are working towards mastering our other sight words. Kindergarten have been working hard on the letters d and g in handwriting this week. In maths we have started to learn a new song and have practised turning s into an 8.

The class has particularly loved the story 'Not Now Bernard'.

**Awards Merit: Kyle Anderson, Cooper Donnelly, Nate Peacock, Jack Lyon;
Values: Shayla Foteff, Tom Mahomet, Annabella Barton, Brady Rizzoli; Sport: Hayden Xuereb, Nicholas Vichie, Lilee Warner, Sophia Halls**

Year 1/2 Report

This term Year 1/2 are studying a Science unit about products and services. This unit is all about "needs" and "wants". Last week, in class, we made some bread and talked about how the bread is actually produced, right from the seed to the table. This week the children have a task to design and make a present for someone. Some of the materials they need may have to be brought from home. Please talk to your child about what they may need.

Thursday will be the "production"

day. No doubt you may receive a surprise present! Perhaps some input from you would be beneficial!

Thanks to those parents who are being vigilant with Spelling Homework and Homework Packs. Don't forget to check everything is back in the packs before returning them to school on Fridays. Hopefully, you and your child get some enjoyment from using these packs.

**Awards Merit: Mikayla Anderson, Lily Rizzoli, William Liston-Smith, Jorja McCredie
Salties: Johnathan Hurney, Jedd Toll
Sport: Lucian Knight**

2/3

During week 5 and 6, 2/3 have been busily writing recounts about their weekend and other topics. They have also been writing literary recounts on different books, such as 'Stellaluna' and 'Martian Rock.' The children have really enjoyed publishing their writing, taking the time to make sure it is their best effort.

Students are thoroughly enjoying their author study on Ian Falconer. They have fallen in love with Olivia the pig and her extraordinary imagination. Students have completed a series of comprehension based activities and now have a number of strategies up their sleeve to comprehend the text.

In talking and listening the class have heard some wonderful recounts about 'My best day ever' and 'My favourite birthday party.'

Please remember to sit with your child for a few minutes before their news day and talk to them about their talking and listening task for the week, as it makes it much easier for your child to talk to the class if they have already discussed it with someone.

During Maths, students have started their new topic on addition and have tried really hard to complete all tasks to the best of their ability. They are continuing their unit on measurement with Miss Moss and have been busily wandering around the classroom measuring many objects.

In Creative Arts, students have been engaging in a variety of drama activities and have also started their music unit with Miss Moss. They have listened to a variety of different genres and look forward to playing a variety of percussion instruments over the coming weeks.

The class would also like to say a HUGE thank you to Mrs Grant, as she has covered the cushions in the classroom. The cushions are beautiful and bright, and the children love them!

Merit Awards: Ocea Liston-Smith, Aali Gordon, Jade House

Salties: Stephanie Fallou-Killick, Zane Grant

Values: Liam Xuereb

Year Four

In Maths the content focus has been the use of mental and informal written strategies for multiplication and division. The students have investigated number patterns with the use of 3 and 4 digit numbers.

In Literacy, the students have completed their exposition on Being Sun Smart, refreshed their memories on the spelling rule of singular and plurals when words end in Y and F. And for grammar we are working on conjunctions.

In art the students have started a piece about autumn, so the vibrant colours of autumn will be the predominant focus.

In sport it has been interesting to participate with the students in our Healthy Lifestyle activities such as Aerobics and circuit training.

FOR SALE....Bright and Breezy Library Bags at the Front Office (hand made by Mrs Grant) \$ 5 each....all monies raised will be donated to the Library for more Books.

Reminder....pre used Libray Chairs....great for play at home \$5 each....all monies raised will be donated to the library for more books.

Stewart House Raffle Envelopes are attached to this Newsletter...please read the fine print !!! if you would like to make a donation !!!