

# Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

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Issue Three - Term 2 – Week Five

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Variety abounds at Salt Ash Public School... We continue to experience a wide variety of activities both sporting and academic across our school.

\*Year Three and Five students have participated in Naplan.

\*Some of our Year Six students took the chance to participate in the Aim High Program and visited the University of Newcastle and were so very eager to talk of their experience when they returned to school.

\*Emily and Erin represented Salt Ash Public School at the recent Leadership Conference held in Newcastle....they had a great time and were fine ambassadors for our School.

\*Last Friday many students braved the weather and participated in the Walk Safely to School Day before enjoying a lovely breakfast courtesy of the P and C. Students, parents and staff enjoyed their early morning treat...many thanks to the breakfast fairies' who did such a wonderful job. Your commitment to the students is very much appreciated.

\*Starstruck...is getting closer! Rehearsals are now taking place and students and parents are getting organised with transport and costumes....

\*Today Mr Milne and I spent the day completing our Austswim accreditation as part of our compliance with DEC Policy.

\*Parents please be aware....our 'Healthy Heart Fun Day' ....has NOT be cancelled as advertised !!! It was postponed due to the forecast inclement weather and the absence of staff members. A note was distributed to students re our postponement. It will take place NEXT Week. Students are asked to make a \$ 2 donation to the Heart Foundation and to wear something red. They will need to wear

appropriate clothing and shoes to be able to actively participate in the activities planned!

\*Semester One Reports...the staff are very busy finalising assessments and completing Semester One Reports. Once the reports are distributed parents are encouraged to contact the office and organise an interview to discuss their child/children's report/reports with their teacher/teachers. This is a great opportunity to talk with teachers and to continue to foster the home school relationship.

**Requirements for everyday learning...**

We simply 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...**

Woolies stickers...thank you for supporting the students with your Woolies stickers...all stickers gratefully accepted !

Coles Vouchers...the school used our Coles 'points' to purchase a variety of sporting equipment for the students. Our purchases included representative shirts and singlets for our students...the 'rep' clothing took the majority of our given allocation of points. If you would like a full run down on our purchases please contact the office and they will be able to assist you.

## REMINDER

The school gates will be closed until 8:00am. The time for students who do not travel on the bus to arrive at school is 8:25 when formal supervision commences....

Parents...important information reprinted for your convenience....it is a legal requirement for ALL parents to inform the school IN WRITING if you wish your child/children to leave the school with another person 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.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

If you would like to talk to your child's teacher or to the Principal PLEASE contact the school to organise a mutually convenient time....

### Aussie Five fair Rules....

Parents and students need also 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 to staff prior to school commencing.

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

\*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 5.... Term Two....Activity

Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Nudie Food Tuesday Newsletter Day... Austswim training... Mr Milne and Miss J Starstruck Rehearsal
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Assembly@8:55 am Starstruck Rehearsal

### Week 6.... Term Two... Activity

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	P and C Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Nudie Food Tuesday
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Postponed Heart Health Fun Day
Frid 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Assembly @ 8:55 am Year 1/2 Item

### Kindergarten News

Kindergarten has continued their love of 'Olivia' books this week. We have been reading them again and again. They are enjoying the humour and have even been writing sentences about Olivia. They have been practising writing lots of sentences for homework and Miss Nash is really excited to hear the sentences that have been written this week all about 'Trees'. Kindergarten has learnt some new sounds like 'ou' and 'kxs'. Next week they will write their own 'Olivia' story. Thank you to the parents that are helping out with home reading... the students are really developing their fluency and confidence.

### Year 1/2 News

What an awesome start to the term we've had! Year 1/2 has had a busy few weeks. We have learnt all about various two dimensional shapes, including the rhombus, trapezium and hexagon. We've also learnt the difference between regular and irregular shapes. Week 6, the 7<sup>th</sup> of June is our assembly item. We are just beginning to work and practise our performance and hope to amaze you with our talents. Our performance is related to our PD/H/PE unit which is learning about ourselves. I would like to invite parents/guardians to come and watch their child in the morning during assembly. We hope to see you there.

Our science unit is getting very interesting. We investigated the forces that make a ball bounce when it is dropped from a height. We learnt that gravity pulls the ball to the ground and then pushes the ball back up into the air. Thank goodness we are not on the Moon otherwise Miss Carter would never have gotten the ball back!

Merit certificates: Heath Trimmingham, Patrick Slade, Will Liston-Smith, Ally Davison

Values: Elsie Niki, Ally Davidson, Mitchell Cox, Olivia Pickles

Sports: Lily Rizzoli, Kye Warner

### 2/3 News

Year 2/3 have had a busy couple of weeks, with NAPLAN last week and assessment this week. In literacy this week we have started writing

narratives. We have listened to stories and have discussed various parts of a narrative. We are still exploring poetry and are writing some descriptive poems about many subjects.

In Talking and Listening our topic for the week was 'Pets are a pest.' We had some great arguments for and against this topic.

In maths we have finished our work with number and place value and have started our new topic of fractions.

In PDHPE we have been busily learning some new fundamental movement skills. Last week we finished up vertical jump and this week we started skipping.

In HSIE we continue to learn about materials through experiments.

**Merit Awards:** Mason Davis, Jemma Browne

**Salties:** Bella Rooney, Scott Aursich

**Sport:** Terresa Plumridge

**Our 'Healthy Heart Funday'** was moved from week 4 to Wednesday week 6. **Reminder:** The students are asked for a \$2 donation and to wear red on the day. All money raised will go directly to the Heart Foundation. ALL students need to wear appropriate sports shoes, as they will be participating in a variety of physical activities on the day.

### Year 4 News

Year Four have been working extremely hard over the last 2 weeks. Our Writing Text Type this term is narrative and we have enjoyed looking at a variety of narratives and the way in which they are written. We have learnt that most narratives are written in second person. Students have been story planning and are under way in writing their own exciting and interesting narrative that we will make into a booklet.

In Maths we have really grasped the concept of tenths and hundredths using blocks, number lines and numeral expanders.

Our Art unit this term is concentrating on personalised collage. Students have been asked to bring in photos of themselves and their favourite things.

Merit Awards: Hayley Keers, Justin Cox

Values and Salties: Grace Hyde, Connor Bell

Sports: Jack Kenny

### **Premier's Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to the following students who have met the Challenge and read 30 books.

Shayla Foteff, Amy Grant, Sophie Halls

Bianca Peacock, Nate Peacock

Heath Trimmingham, Lilee Warner

Students should be more than halfway through as we need to have recording done by August 23<sup>rd</sup>. **How many has your child read?**

### **Stage 3**

Stage 3 has enjoyed working with different types of media as they complete their persuasive text units. The students hope to increase the awareness relating to Nude Food Tuesdays and have been working on advertising style campaigns that achieve this. We have been steadily ticking along in mathematics although they will need to be prepared for this week's dreaded topic of fractions. I fear they will not enjoy this nearly **half** as much, but with a **whole** lot of effort, they should **denominate** this topic! Merits- Matthew Tyszyk, Emily Kenny Sports- Nick Fallou-Killick, Belle Niki Values- Matthew Tyszyk

### **P and C Information**

The new uniform is now on display in the office.

Design is based on feedback from uniform surveys. The **SHIRT** is made of the latest fabric innovation; cotton backed polyester, a combination of sports mesh and cotton. This fabric is lightweight, breathable, retains colour, is quick drying and easy to wash. We will get a longer life out of these shirts. Other schools with the same fabric have reported shirts still look good for up to 2 years. This means we will be able to have a second hand uniform store. Shirts will be available in sizes 4-18.

The **SHORTS** are an option for boys and girls. We will still keep the current boys shorts. They are made from lightweight microfibre, are quick drying and breathable. Particularly suited for sports and hot days. Sizes available 4-18.

The **SKORT** is an option for girls. We will still keep the current skort. The skort is also made from lightweight, quick drying, and breathable microfibre. Particularly suited for sports and hot days. Sizes available 4-18

There is no change to winter items.

The new items will be ready by early November. We will not order any more of the current gold shirts. When this stock runs out, that will be it. There are a large number of **size 4** shirts. We are selling the size 4's for \$10.

We will be doing a pre-order of shirts at a discounted price. There will obviously be a transition period where both styles of shirts will be worn at the same time. Details and prices to be advised in term 3.

**We will be discontinuing the V-neck jumpers and spray jackets. These are selling at \$12 for the jumpers and \$20 for the spray jackets. Very limited stock and sizes available. Once they are gone we will not order more.**

**If you need a uniform order please leave with money at the office and your order will be filled and sent home with your child.**

Any questions please speak to a P & C committee member or email:  
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**For Sale... ..Hand Made... ..Bright and Breezy Library bags at the Front Office \$ 5**