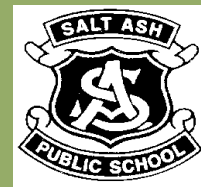


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

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Issue Two - Term 2 – Week Three

Tuesday 14th May

Week 3 is a very busy week at Salt Ash Public School. NAPLAN for Year 3 and Year 5 students commenced today with Language Conventions and Writing. Tomorrow the students will complete the Reading aspect of NAPLAN and Numeracy Testing will take place on Thursday. Students who are absent for any aspect of the NAPLAN Testing will have a chance to 'catch up' on Friday. Yesterday students completed their 'Practice' Testing to familiarise them with the testing format.

Our Year Six Students also have the opportunity this Friday to visit the University of Newcastle as a part of the 'Aim High' Project we are participating in with Hunter River High School. We hope the Year Six Students who are participating enjoy the experience.

Last Week we had students participating in Regional Cross Country held at Broadmeadow. Congratulations to Lily, Sierra, Hayley and Matthew for reaching the Regional State of Cross Country... Well Done !

Congratulations also to our School Leaders Emily and Erin who did such a wonderful job running our annual ANZAC Service last Friday...well done girls...we are all very proud of you! Congratulations also to the students for their participation in our Service and the respect they demonstrated to our visitors. Special thanks to the staff of Salt Ash Public School for their commitment to the students and our guests.

Congratulations to Emily Kenny and Tarnie Vidler who have gained places in the GATS Camp.

Our Girls Netball Team participated in the first round of the PSSA Netball Knockout Competition. They played against Tanilba Bay last Thursday afternoon and were successful winning 14-4

Congratulations to all the girls and to Mr Milne. Thank you to all the parents who assisted with transporting the girls. The next match is to be played as early as this week.

We hope all our mums had a lovely day on Sunday and enjoyed all the lovely 'surprises' purchased at our Mother's Day Stall held last Thursday and Friday. Congratulations to the P and C Members who organised and ran the stall.

Please Note....the Newsletter can now be viewed on the P and C Facebook Page, the School Website and is distributed to the students. Please take the time to carefully read the Newsletter. It contains a lot of information and assists parents to know the activities at school.

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...**

Bus Behaviour... There have been concerns raised re the behaviour of the students of Salt Ash Public School on the afternoon Bus... particularly Bus 116.

The students have been spoken to on the bus before departing the school last week and in the classrooms and reminded of what is acceptable behaviour when they are travelling home from school. Parents are also reminded that when they apply for a bus pass for their child/children they consent to their child/children abiding by the 'Code of Conduct' We ask that you support the school and speak to your child/children as to how they are to behave travelling on the school bus.

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

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....

Picking students up after school... parents please be aware that staff on Bus duty have a duty of care to ensure the safety of the students. Parents need to come to the gate to collect their child/children. The staff will not let children out of the school gates to go to parents. There are buses and moving vehicles and we need to ensure their safety at all times.

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 settle into the morning routine.

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 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.

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*****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 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.....****For Sale.....Hand Made....Bright and Breezy Library bags at the Front Office \$ 5****Week 3..... Term Two.....Activity**

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| Tues 14 th May | Nudie Food Newsletter Day NAPLAN... Language Conventions and Writing |
| Wed 15 th May | NAPLAN... Reading |
| Thurs 16 th May | NAPLAN....Numeracy |
| Fri 17 th May | No Library NAPLAN....Catch Up Day Assembly @ 8:55 am 5/6 Assembly Item LAST DAY FOR BOOKCLUB ORDERS !! |

Week 4.... Term Two... Activity

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| Tue 21 st May | Nudie Food Tuesday |
| Frid 24 th May | Assembly @ 8:55 am Year Four Item |

Premier's Reading Challenge

We are nearly halfway through the Challenge and we have several students finished already! A great effort!

Congratulations to Kye Disney who was the first student to meet the Challenge. The following students have also joined the roll of honour :

Megan Bowden, Hayli Clarke, Jayley Coote
Mason Davis, Stephanie Fallou-Killick,
Charli Forrest, Zane Grant, Sophia Halls
Jade House, Arnika McCredie,
Terresa Plumridge. Bella Rooney, Ben Smart
Nakia Vidler, William West-Kennett.

Names of students who have completed the Challenge will have their name printed in the Roll of Honour at the completion of the Challenge and receive a certificate at the end of the year. If for any reason you do not wish your child's name to be included please contact the school before the end of this term. Those students will still participate in the Challenge and be recognised at school level.

Mrs Ruth HigginbottomTeacher Librarian

2/3 News

What a great start to the term we have had. We have been busy doing pre-tests for spelling and maths as well as continuing to work on expositions.

NAPLAN is next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the test will start as soon as school begins so please make sure your child is at school at the correct time so they are ready to start NAPLAN with all the students.

In Creative Arts we have been looking at warm colours and cool colours as well as looking at the colour wheel, I am looking forward to having some wonderful art work up in the class room soon.

In PDHPE we have been talking about our feelings, why we feel a certain way and the best ways to respond to situations. Hopefully we can all remember how to react calmly to situations that we don't particularly like!

We have begun work on poetry and have listened to many funny and interesting poems. So far written shape poems and will be working on sense poems and haikus shortly.

Merit Awards: Ocea Liston-Smith, Stephanie Fallou-Killick
Salties: Zane Grant
Values: Courtney Swain, William West-Kennett

1/2 News

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received over the last two weeks as I settle into Mrs Hinchey's class. I enjoy teaching at Salt Ash Public School and am looking forward to the weeks ahead.

This week in Year 1/2 we began our science unit on energy called Powering Up. I would like to say a huge thank you to the families who allowed their child to bring in their wind up and powered toys. It gave the class an opportunity to learn where the energy needed to power the toys came from.

This term we have a different reward system called Class Dojo. Each point that is earned goes towards the student's house points at the end of the week. The winning house members within the class will receive a small voucher to be spent at the canteen on Fridays. Students are able to log on at home to see how they are progressing each week. Our week one winners were students from Sturt and this week our winners are members of Shortland.

Congratulations and good luck for the following week.

Award recipients are:

Merit: Tahlia Wright-Bean, Gabby Rooney
Salties and Values: Johnathan Hurney, Joanna Booth.
Sport: Jack Mahomet

Year Four News

Students have settled back into routines very quickly and are all working hard.

Our Literacy text type for this term is Narrative writing. The students have watched, read and discussed the story of Little Red Riding Hood to segment the narrative and continue to learn more about the Orientation, Complication and Resolution of the text.

Spelling and reading groups are well under way, with new books being introduced to each group.

In maths the focus for the week has been fractions and division.

Starstuck costumes are well under way.

A huge thank you to Mrs Nowlan and Mrs Kenny who have given so much of their time to purchase the shoes, socks and pants for each student. By no means an easy task!!

As well as sourcing the materials required to make the shirts and hats. They have spent many hours trying to find the cheapest and best way to keep the costs as low as possible. I simply could not do my job without their valuable help and expertise!!

Award winners:

Merit: Nathan Booth, Kye Disney

Salties: Cassi Nixon, Nathan Tyszyk

Sports: Bayly Meech-Kirkpatrick, Evvy Hutchinson

MARKETS - HEALTH LIFE STYLE EXPO

Saturday May 18th 9am till 2pm at Riverside Park Raymond Terrace.

For more information Jennifer 0412721723

Or Liz 0422144441



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