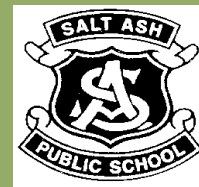


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

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Issue Four - Term 2 – Week Seven

Tuesday 11th June

Term Two is quickly coming to a close and still so much to do at Salt Ash Public School !! The long weekend has come and gone... the year is marching on and we continue to be very engaged and busy at Salt Ash Public. There are only three weeks left in this term... and already activities are being planned for Terms Three and Four!

Just a couple of early notices....

*******Please Note...as we have already had a 'mufti day' this term with our Heart Health Day there will be NO mufti day on the last day of Term... children will be expected to be at school in school uniform**

****Education Week will take place in Week 3 of next term...**

***We will again be engaging a qualified dance teacher next Term. It will cost the students \$ 1 per week (payable in full). This is incredibly economical and meets outcomes for our PE Health and PD Curriculum.**

****Excursions were discussed at our Staff meeting last Week. We will let you know more once details are finalised.**

****Intensive Swimming Term 4. This will again take place towards the end of Term 4 Mr Milne and I completed our practical component and pre-day assignment for Austswim accreditation and now have our online assessment to complete (just like being at school).**

2014-2016 Enrolments...we are currently updating our enrolment information for the next three years...if you have or know of any students who intend to enrol at Salt Ash Public School in the next three years it would be appreciated if families could contact the front office...

Parent Phone Details....If you have a change of home or mobile number can you please contact the School to allow us to update your details...

This week we have our 'Starstruckers' participating in the 21st Starstruck...we have been a part of Starstruck almost since the very beginning...well done to the staff and students for their longevity in their commitment to this event.

Congratulations and a massive thank you to Mrs Young as the Supervising Staff member...it is a time commitment that many students and parents do not understand... we are lucky that Mrs Young was prepared to commit to Starstruck again!

Thank you also to the mums and grandmas who have given their precious time to organise and sew the costumes....

Thank You to parents who have offered to transport the students to and from the NEC. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated...

Congratulations to the students who have made the commitment and have 'stuck' with rehearsals at school in preparation for next week...well done guys...this is when resilience becomes so very important!! Especially late on the last night!!

*Last Wednesday the whole school participated in our Heart Health Day. Students participated in a variety of activities including 'boot camp'. They also took their pulses and learnt about the importance of keeping their heart healthy. Students were also treated to an additional 'Crunch n' Sip' to launch our participation in the Premier's Sporting Challenge....students complete their participation logs at school and record their 'activity' over a ten week period.

Congratulations to Mrs Fisher for organising the day, the staff for organising the activities for each station and to the students for their wonderful level of participation.

*Semester One Reports....the staff are very busy finalising assessments and completing Semester One Reports. Semester One Reports will be distributed NEXT WEEK. Parents are encouraged to contact the office and organise an interview during Week Nine 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.

Woolies stickers....thank you for supporting the students with your Woolies stickers....all stickers gratefully accepted ! This event finished on June 9th. If you have any stickers can you hand them in at school as soon as possible. Many thanks for your support with this activity.

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 with 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....

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....

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....

Requirements for everyday learning...

We 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...**

**Week 7.... Term Two....
Starstruck at the Newcastle
Entertainment Centre.....**

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| Tues 11 th June | Nudie Food Tuesday Newsletter Day... |
| Fri 14 th June | Assembly@8:55 am Kindergarten Item Uniform Day |

Week 8.... Term Two... Activity

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| Mon 17 th June | Semester One Reports distributed |
| Tue 18 th June | Nudie Food Tuesday |
| Frid 21 st June | Assembly @ 8:55 am Year Four Item Uniform Day |

1/2 News....

Over the last two weeks in 1/2 we have been busy learning all about measuring area. Our class has learnt two hand gestures to help remind them the difference between area and perimeter. We all look like chickens flapping our wings each day as we begin our math lessons.

Thank you to the parents who came and supported their child in week 6 for our class

item. The kids were excited to have you here and we hope you enjoyed our short performance.

We are continuing our development of our creative writing skills. There has been a lot of dinosaurs walking around the school and gobbling up teachers in some students writing. Superman even made an appearance in some stories. Great effort 1/2.

Merit Certificates: Jakob May, Mikayla Anderson, Layla Kirkpatrick, Jorja McCredie

Values: Lucian Knight, Nicolas Nicholson, Lily Rizzoli

Sports: Patrick Slade, Riley Creedon

Year Four

This week the students have continued to work on their Narratives.

In Reading groups most groups continue to develop their reading and comprehension skills. In maths, the focus has been Perimeter and Area. We have measured a variety of leaves to gain an understanding of estimating area and ways in which to work out the area of an irregular shape.

During Crunch and Sip we have been reading about the adventures of Blinky Bill. He is a very cheeky and intriguing little Koala who gets into all sorts of predicaments. The students and Mrs Young have really enjoyed this wonderful story that was first printed way, way back in 1939.

Merit: Bayly Meech Kirkpatrick, Jaydon Warner, Hayli Clarke, Haylee Cupitt

Salties/Values: Evvy Hutchinson, Braydan Bielefeld, Cassidee Sharp, Nathan Tyszyk

Sport: Brooke Nicholson, Zoe Nash

Star Struck... Last week we travelled to Newcastle on two occasions. The first was to learn our individual dance. The second time was for the first major rehearsal. A lot of patience was required by the students and everyone behaved beautifully and used wonderful manners. Next week is "Showtime" and we are well and truly ready. The costumes that have been made by Mrs Nowlan, Mrs Kenny and Mrs Watham look amazing. Thank you to our parents for driving students, making costumes and really making my job so much easier.

2/3...Week 6

What a great time we have had these past 2 weeks. In literacy we read a great book called "The last viking" and wrote a new ending, we haven't finished yet and I can't wait to read them next week. We also swapped reading groups and started new books.

In maths we finished off our unit on fractions and have begun multiplication.

In science we have been conducting fun experiments to discover how to make paper stronger. We had a great time hypothesising and we discovered that when you make the paper thicker by folding it, it is stronger. All the students had a great day on Wednesday for the Heart funday- 2/3's favourite activities seemed to be the same as Mrs Young and Mrs Fisher's- I think the fruit had something to do with it. The students all participated and had a great time. I am sure the Heart Foundation will appreciate the money we raised.

Merit Awards: Kelsi Bielefeld, Kaelan Malony
Salties: Stephanie Fallou-Killick, Liam Xuereb
Values: Aali Gordon

Stage 3

The class has knuckled down and have been extra busy over the last two weeks. We are combining our more traditional writing and book work with our increased use of technology through the laptop resources we now have. Students have quickly 'brushed-up' on their login and emailing skills, if only they could remember where they saved things! The students have also enjoyed using unfamiliar software to create a professional style poster, as well as learning more intricate/technical skills related to popular software they have used for a while.

We will round out this term with a unit on 'Digital Citizenship'. I encourage parents of all students to ask their children what this means and make sure they are aware of their child's 'on-line life'.

Merit- Lily Hufnagl, Amber-lee Sloss, Tarnie O'Hanlon Vidler, Emily Colville

Salties/Values- Emily Colville, Belle Niki, Erin Bell,

Jack Grant

Sports- Jade Radford, Felicity Kerr, Courtney Maloney, Oscar Duff

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have met the Challenge and read the required number of books.

Nate Peacock, Ethan Swain, Chloe Bowden, Cooper Donnelly, Shayla Foteff, Jarred Matthew, Cassi Nixon, Caleb McGregor, Tahlia Harris, Lilee Warner, Elisha Hyde, Amy Grant, Tom Mahomet, Chloe Bowden, Olivia Pickles, Lily Rizzoli, Mikayla Anderson, Tahlia Wright-Bean, Ally Davison, Jorja McCredie, Lucian Knight, Elsie Nike, Mitchell Cox, Johnathan Hurney, Riley Creedon, Layla Kirkpatrick, Jakob May, Gabby Rooney, Kye Warner, Jack Mahomet, Patrick Slade, Montana Latham, Emily Cupitt and Braydan Bielefeld.

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

Mrs Ruth Higginbottom

Celebrate and reward school volunteers....

Parents and families give so much to their community, from volunteering at the school canteen, to helping out with kid's sports teams, running school fetes and all things in between. This contribution is extraordinary and helps to keep school communities alive and thriving. Often though, these commitments can get in the way of other things and parents find themselves wishing they had an extra pair of hands to help out. The good news is that a new community based initiative called

Timebanking that provides this support is currently being trialled across Newcastle, Hunter Councils, Lake Macquarie and Central Coast regions

Timebanking recognises and rewards volunteers by providing an opportunity for them to exchange services online at www.timebanking.com.au.

Timebanking operates by members earning 'time credits' when they provide a service to

another **Timebank** member, such as volunteering to read in classrooms or helping coach a sport teams. They 'bank' these time credits and then redeem them later on a service they or their family need, such as some gardening, tutoring for their children, or some handy work around the home.

Timebanking provides a simple and easy way to help bind the school community and acknowledge the efforts of volunteers. Register your school now so your volunteers can start earning time credits and be rewarded for their remarkable efforts.

If you wish to learn more about **Timebanking** and the opportunities it provides, please contact Jessica Duinmeyer on 8762 9823 or Jessica.duinmeyer@communities.nsw.gov.au

**Raymond Terrace Market Saturday
15th June**

**Riverside Park Hunter Street
Raymond Terrace.**

**Baby and Toddlers Expo
Prettiest Baby photo competition
at 11.00am**

Teddy Bear's Picnic
for Toddlers and other children starts at
12.00

**New and Preloved toys and clothes for
sale**

Plus the regular stalls

For information call Liz on 0422144441 or
Jennifer on 0412721723

Hunter River High School Invites.....

**Interested Year 6 Parents/Carers and
Students to our
2014 Gifted and Talented Students
(GATS) Class Information Evening.**

Date: Thursday 20 June 2013

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: Hunter River High School Library

*****Notes have been distributed to
Year Six students in relation to this
event...please contact the school if
your child does not have the
information!**