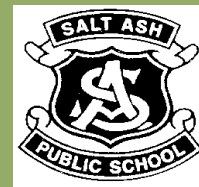


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

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Issue Three - Term 3 – Week Five

Tuesday 13th August

Week Five has arrived and we have been extremely busy already this term...congratulations to students, staff and parents for their resilience and their commitment to all our in school and travelling commitments. Congratulations to our Zone and Girl's Football Teams who represented the school so very well.

New Computers.... The school had budgeted for new computers to replace the very old and very slow computers in the computer area between Kindergarten and 2/3. Mr Milne was very busy last Monday installing the new computers and connecting them to our new network. The staff and students are very happy with their new computers. Mr Milne will be spending every Monday for the rest of this Term working on developing our technology and fixing any ICT issues that arise...

We have our Mega Month approaching...Weeks Six, Seven, Eight and Nine will see

****Book Week activities in the classrooms and at Assembly**

****Literacy and Numeracy groups across the school**

****Book Week Parade including the presentation of our Education Week Awards.**

****Stage Two Excursion to NBN**

****Father's Day Breakfast**

****Whole School Excursion to Sydney**

Please note..there will **not be**

any dance classes on **Friday of Week 7** as Sam has some prior commitments. However she will 'make up' the time on the last day of Term where students will have 2 dance lessons and then perform at our special end of Term afternoon assembly.

Education Week Award Winners

Congratulations to Erin Bell, Emily Kenny, Kath Nowlan, Miss Vicki and Mrs Fletcher who were awarded Education Week Awards at Hunter River High School last Tuesday Afternoon. I was fortunate enough to be able to introduce the student's awards and was a very proud Principal to read out the names of our School Leaders... they also did a great job helping to run the Award Ceremony as well.

Miss J

Jeans for Genes Fundraising... Well done to all involved... we wore our jeans to school and raised \$134 well done to all involved!!

Reminder...we need your notes for the Sydney Excursion....parents can make part payments but we need your notes!!!

Black Shoes....are the official colour for Salt Ash Public School. We have a multitude of colours being worn by the students. Salt Ash Public School has always taken pride in its uniform. Please ensure that your child/children wear/wears the correct coloured shoes to school.

Canteen Co-ordinator... Mrs Melissa Gordon has taken on the role of Canteen Co-ordinator and would love your assistance, especially with maintaining the canteen and having it operate 2 days per week. If you are able to assist can you contact Melissa on 0421335185. Your assistance will be gratefully appreciated by Melissa and the students!

Our annual Book Week Parade will take place in Week Seven of this Term. The students are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character and join in our Parade. Our Book Week Parade replaces our Assembly in Week Seven.

Important updates for newsletter....from Mr Milne

The Premiers Sporting Challenge is in its final fortnight. Keep up the good work staying active during this time and beyond!

Week 8 will see Stage 2 & Stage 3 students participate in the School Spelling Bee and four students will be chosen as representatives for the regional final.

The lists were emailed earlier in the term; if any student cannot access these please see Mr Milne as soon as possible.

Information will be sent out this week inviting the fathers of all students to a Father's Day Breakfast on Thursday August 29th. Stage 3 students will be assisting with the organisation of the event in class. Please reply as soon as possible to the invite to assist with catering.

Father's Day Stall Dates 26th and 27th August. PLEASE note that the Father's Day Stall Days are MONDAY and TUESDAY

Requirements for school....eg. pens, pencils and glue sticks etc. can be purchased at the office. I have also filled the Friday Dilly Basket with these necessities.... Can you please ensure that your child/children have these basics ready to learn each and every day.

****Premier's Spelling Bee... Salt Ash Public School students will again be participating in the Premier's Spelling Bee....the lists are available on line... Mr Milne has all the details...**

Newsletters.... Many families are apparently not receiving the Newsletter from their child/children or they are being left in the bottoms of children's bags. We will continue to encourage students to give the Newsletters to their parents and also encourage parents to check bags and the school website for the Newsletter. We also ask that all parents return permission notes for activities as soon as possible...we cannot determine if you want your child to participate in school activities if

we do not have the necessary note returned to school as soon as possible.

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 know our Aussie Five Fair Rules and what is acceptable behaviour in the classroom and the playground. They are also aware of the consequences for not 'sticking to the rules' 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 Five.... Term 3

Tues 13 th	Aug	Nudie Food Tuesday
		Newsletter Day...
Fri 16th	Aug	Assembly @ 8:55am
		2/3 Item

Week Six Term 3... Mega Weeks Begin!!

Tue 20 th	Aug	Nudie Food Tuesday
Fri 23 rd	Aug	Assembly @ 8:55 am
		1/2 Item

News from the Classrooms....

Year Four students have jumped into Literacy with the new text type -Texts that Inform. All students have written a number of Procedures from 'How to make French toast to 'How to care for an Alpaca.' Reading group activities are well underway and students are enjoying the Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation activities.

Science and Technology is proving to be a very interesting and fun topic for Term 3. I know ALL students are looking forward to the planned excursion to NBN Television Studios in week 8. A reminder that Information Reports are due in week 9, so with plenty of time to research, design and develop I am looking forward to the high quality of work in the presentations.

Awards

Merit: Zoe Nash, Evelyn Hutchinson, Connor Bell, Brooke Nicholson, Indus Woodward
Salties/Values: Haylee Cupitt, Hayley Keers
Sports: Megan Bowden, Samuel Browne, Brooke Nicholson

Year 1/2 Report

Spelling results are really improving as we see lots of children getting all their spelling words correct in our weekly tests. Thanks to those parents who make sure that words are learnt each week for homework. Remember there are ways other than the standard look, say, cover, write and check for your child to learn their words. We are working on how to write Information Reports in Literacy and this week we learnt lots of interesting facts about whales. Ask your child to tell you something they have learnt. They may surprise you with their metalanguage. Yesterday your child should have given you a note about news topics for the rest of the term. These are based on oral information reports. Please help your child to prepare a very **short** talk on their news day each week for the rest of the term. It is great when we can work together in your child's education!

Awards:

Merit: Mitchell Cox, Ally Davison, Riley Creedon, Patrick Slade
Salties: Patrick Slade, Elsie Niki
Happygrams: Jakob May, Gabby Rooney Sports: Johnathan Hurney, Will Liston-Smith

2/3 News... During week 3 and 4 year 2/3 have been busily working hard in class. In literacy we have started new books in reading groups and have been busily reading them and completing comprehension tasks. We have also been doing some wonderfully creative narratives that are in the process of being published.

In maths we have finished off our unit on numbers and completed our assessment task for patterns and algebra. We have also been playing a lot of maths games to make maths more interesting and enjoyable.

In Creative Arts we have been creating robots. They are taking a while but the results should be wonderful.

In Science and Technology we have been learning about how a camera works and have written explanations about what we have learnt. The class used a lens from a modern camera and made a 'camera obscura' to watch where the light projects. It was amazing to see how cameras have changed from the 'olden days' to the fancy digital cameras we have today!

Finally a huge thank you to Mr Milne for setting up the brand new computers in the room between Kindy and the 2/3 room. The students have already commented that they are much faster than the old ones.

Library Happenings... Premier's Reading Challenge With only **two** weeks to go it is great to see so many students reaching the end and meeting the Challenge. **All books read must be entered online by August 23rd.**

Congratulations to the following students who have met the Challenge and read the required number of books... Indus Woodward, Hayley Keers, Emily Colville, Courtney Maloney, Emily Kenny, William Gilbert, Alyssa Hurney, Nathan Booth, Nathan Tyszyk and Brooke Nicholson.

Stage Three... Our class has been extremely busy with so many activities and tasks to complete. The class will soon embark on their Gutsy Challenge to raise money for Gastro Intestinal Cancer research. This event will coincide with Fruit & Veg month. Lookout for future updates.

Merit: Amber-lee Sloss, Alyssa Hurney, Emily Kenny, Emily Colville

Sport: Lita West, Belle Niki

Salties: Matthew Tyszyk, Jade Radford