**We are at the start of Week Seven and the Term is quickly racing by. We are into our Mega Month and this week alone is very busy with the P and C running the Father’s Day Stall yesterday and today, our Book Week Parade on Friday, our dads coming for breakfast and Teen Talk yesterday for our Stage Three students….our excursion to Sydney is rapidly approaching. We are all getting very excited about our adventure in the ‘big canoe.’ Stage Two had a quick look at where we leave and where Clark Island is in Sydney Harbour…we also learnt a little about Shark Island and Goat Island as well as the old name for Fort Denison which was ‘Pinchgut’.**

**We would like to wish all our dads and grandfathers a very happy Father’s Day and hope they enjoy our breakfast and all the lovely pressies that we purchased from school.**

**Stage Two also joined in a connected classroom lesson based on the Guide Dog (fund raising dog) in the Antarctic….**

**Weeks Eight and Nine are also very busy with Stage Two visiting NBN and Stage Three Students preparing for the Gutsy Challenge. Stages Two and Three students are also preparing for the Premier’s Spelling Challenge to take place in Week Ten of this Term. Our four representatives will be chosen after our ‘spell off’ next week.**

**Both the Premier’s Sporting Challenge and the Premier’s Reading Challenge have now concluded. Thank you to the students who have completed the Challenges.**

**We are continuing with our Nudie Food Tuesdays….students are encouraged to come to school each and every Tuesday with NUDE FOOD….ie food NOT in wrappers. Students who bring their nude food gain house points for their respective teams…**

**WOW…what a BIG couple of weeks ahead.**

**Miss J**

**Sydney excursion….If you haven’t returned the medical forms, which were sent home with each child, please return to school ASAP so that we can update all medical information before the Sydney excursion. Final payments for the excursion are due this week as I need to confirm numbers with the Canoe and the Royal Botanic Gardens. Thank you to those parents who have returned their notes. PLEASE NOTE….if you have not returned notes and money by the end of this week and have not contacted the school we will assume that your child/children will NOT be participating in the excursion….FINAL NUMBERS will be confirmed THIS FRIDAY.**

**Canteen Concerns…..there have been concerns raised about students being ‘given’ food by their friend’s mums in the canteen…..we ask that for Medical, Work Health and Safety Concerns and Child Protection Issues that children are NOT given food at the canteen unless it is your own child…a notice to this effect will shortly appear in the Canteen and I have spoken to the Canteen Co-ordinator about this issue.**

**Numeracy and Literacy Week Activities….the school has been participating in a variety of Literacy and Numeracy activities across the school over last week and this week. We have commenced maths groups where students were placed in groups suited to their needs. These groups will now continue each Monday and will be known as Count Me In Too groups….ask your child/children about the games and activities they have participated in….jumbo cards are great for the ‘Friends of 10’ game…**

**Thanks……to the parents who are working with us to keep your children safe….we simply ask that parents write a note or contact us at school to let us know if you have arranged with another parent to pick your child/children up from school or if your child/children are travelling by the afternoon bus as an alternate to their usual journey home…we appreciate your adherence to Departmental Policies in relation to this issue.**

**Bus Drop off Zone …Mrs Creedon is in the process of making enquiries about a ‘Drop Off’ Zone for the school and as a result ….rangers may be out and about re parents parking in the bus zone!!!!**

**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 at 1:15.**

**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 ensue that your child/children wear/wears the correct coloured shoes to school.**

**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.**

**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.**

**Aussie Five Fair Rules….**

**Parents and students also need 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 Seven….Mega Month Continues!! Term 3

Tues 27th Aug Nudie Food Tuesday

Newsletter Day…

Thurs 29th Aug Dad’s Breakfast Fun

Fri 30th Aug Assembly @ 8:55am

Book Week Parade

And ‘Education Week’

Awards….

Week Eight ….More Mega Month!!

Term 3…Premier’s Spelling Bee Week

Tue 3rd Sept Nudie Food Tuesday

Wed 4th Sept Indigenous Literacy Day

Thurs 5th Sept Stage two to Visit NBN

Studios

Fri 6th Sept Assembly @ 8:55 am

Kindergarten Item

**2/3 News**

In 2/3 this week we have been writing adventure stories about pirates as well as completing a narrative assessment about “The Incredible Shrinking Kid”.

In reading groups we have been completing various activities including learning to log in to email as well as sending emails. We used our library time looking at non-fiction books to research information about our projects that are due in week 9. We had a great time looking through encyclopaedias to see what we find and have added the most informative ones to our in-class library.

For maths this week we have nearly finished our work on data. As part of numeracy week the students have been enjoying Count Me In Too groups. The students have been going to various classes to complete maths activities with different teachers around the school. We have finished our unit on position and mapping and have begun a new unit on time. We are great at telling o’clock and half-past time, and have started practicing the trickier times of a quarter-to and a quarter-past the hour. Next week the students will complete various activities for Literacy week, including a book study, digital stories and a study on an Australian poet.

In visual arts we have finished our wonderful robots which are on display in the library and front office.

**Merit Awards:** Jemma Browne, Jarcara Bindon Bates

**Salties:** Stephanie Fallou Killick , Jayley Coote

**Values: Sports –** Maddalena Patane

**Kindergarten** has learnt all about the season of spring this week. Spring includes the months September, October and November. We have made some beautiful spring artwork that you may just get to see. We have been working particularly hard on writing sentences and reading fluently. On the computers we have learnt how to log on to both the intranet and studyladder. Miss Nash was amazed to see how much work kindergarten had completed on studyladder. Lots of students have really been enjoying completing homework on studyladder. Home reading is also really popular and everyone is enthusiastically reading lots of new home readers. Kindergarten is going to focus on reading and writing sight words for the next few weeks. 'Sophie Scott Goes South' By Alison Lester is the book that we have focused on for book week.

**Stage 3**

Stage 3 has enjoyed breaking into different groups for Numeracy Week. They have also enjoyed their exploration of their Book Week novel 'Pookie Aleera is not my boyfriend'. The students are experimenting producing their own novel.

Stage 3 has embarked on ‘The Gutsy Challenge’ and are excited about the Newcastle Herald’s visit to report on their involvement. The students hope to raise funds and awareness for research into Gastro Intestinal Cancer. The Gutsy Challenge will coincide with Fruit & Veg Week activities in Week 9.

**Merit**- Lita West, Nick Fallou-Killick, Jared Robinson

**Sport**- Jade Radford, Nick Fallou-Killick, Tarnie O'Hanlon-Vidler

**Salty/Value**- Emily Kenny, Courtney Maloney

Regards  
Craig Milne