**Term Three coming to a close….**

**What a wonderful and very eventful term we have had at Salt Ash Public School. We are half way through our mega month and have our BIG excursion, Gutsy Challenge and Premiers Spelling Challenge to go before the end of Term.**

**The school has been in the spotlight for the last few weeks and it has been a wonderful advertisement for our beautiful School. We have had a visit from the Newcastle Herald and Mr Milne has been a radio star on 2NUR and New FM in relation to the ‘Gutsy Challenge’.**

**Stage Two were ‘stars’ on the Television last Friday night after their visit to NBN studios last Thursday. They are to be congratulated on being such wonderful ambassadors for our school. Mike Rabbit was most impressed!! Thank you to Mrs Young and Miss Turnbull for organising the excursion and accompanying the students. Thank you also to our wonderful parents who transported the students on their excursion.**

**Father’s Day Stall. Congratulations to the P and C and the mums who volunteered to man the Father’s Day Stall. By all accounts it was a most successful fundraiser. We also hope all the dads enjoyed their presents.**

**Father’s Day Breakfast…..it was great to see so many of our dads and grandads visit us last Thursday for our first ever Father’s Day Breakfast. Mr Milne did a wonderful job with his bacon and egg rolls! Thanks to Mr Milne and Mrs Young for coming to school SO very early to ensure the dads and grandads were ready to start their day.**

**Our Book Parade was a huge success….thank you to the parents and students who took the time and the imagination to create their costumes. Well done to the staff for their costumes as well.**

**On behalf of all the students and staff I would like to thank the parents who continue to support the school with all of our activities. Not only do you support the school you actively promote the school in the wider community through your participation and support for Salt Ash Public School….THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**

**Don’t forget there will be an AFTERNOON Assembly on the last day of Term. The students will have two dance lessons and then they will perform for parents at our Afternoon Assembly.**

**Miss Jamieson’s Leave….**

**I will be taking Leave from 18th September (next Wednesday).**

**I am anticipating that I will return to school on Thursday 24th October. In my absence Miss Nash will be the Relieving Principal.**

**As Term 3 draws to a close we look to the final Term of the 2013 School Year….We have lots of activities planned for Term 4 as well! Here is a quick ‘heads up’ for upcoming activities as you will see from our Calendar next Term.**

**\*\*Term 4 commences TUESDAY 8th October for students and staff due to the October Long Weekend.**

**\*\*School Photos will be taken on Friday 25th October. Mrs Sheppard has all the envelopes and will distribute them early next Term**

**\*\*Kindergarten Orientation. Miss Nash is in the process of finalising details for our Orientation program which will take place over three weeks (Weeks Five, Six and Seven). There will be a Parent Information Session on Wednesday 30th October…more details next Term.**

**\*\*Intensive Swimming… will take place in Weeks Eight and Nine. This is for all students from**

**Years 2-6. It offers non swimmers the opportunity to develop water safety awareness and for swimmers to further develop their stroke technique.**

**\*\*Mrs Young is organising a fun day in Week Three to coincide with Safe and Happy Day Activities. Mrs Young will give more details early next term.**

**As this is the last newsletter for this term we would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday.**

**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.**

**Black is the official colour for shoes at 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.**

**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 next term 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 Nine ….Mega Month Continues!! Term 3 Gutsy Challenge Week

Mon 9th Sept Newsletter Distributed

Tues 10th Sept Nudie Food Tuesday

Sydney Excursion

Fri 13th Sept Assembly @ 8:55 am

Week Ten …Last Week of Term

Mon 16th Sept Premier’s Spelling

Challenge Regional Final

Tue 17th Sept Nudie Food Tuesday

Wed 18th Sept. Miss J on Leave

Fri 20th Sept Dance x2

Assembly @ 1:15 with

Dance Performances.

**News from the classrooms…**

**News from 2/3**

During Literacy Week, in week 7, class 2/3 completed some great activities on the book week nominated book “The pros and cons of being a frog”. The students redesigned a new cover for the book, created find a words using words from the book and wrote a book review as well as other various activities. We also looked at the Australian poet Banjo Paterson and his poem Mulga Bill’s Bicycle. We illustrated his work, recorded while we recited the poem and put it all together in a Power Point presentation.

In Week 8 we started information reports. We completed a pre-assessment on birds with the students sharing some very interesting information. We also continued reading groups with each group almost finishing their current books.

In Maths the students completed an assessment on data and have continued with multiplication and division. On Monday the students enjoyed Count Me In Too groups with the rest of the school.

Year 3 had a marvellous time at the NBN studio and would like to thank Miss Young for her work in organising the excursion.

**News from 1/2**

We have been very busy finishing off our "The Very Best of Friends" narratives to publish into a class book. This will then be available for them to read in silent reading time. In Maths the children have been learning new games to help them learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. These tables can also be practised at home. Homework Packs will not be sent home for the rest of the term as I will need them to organise new activities ready for next term. We have had some problems with children not returning their packs on Fridays. These packs need to be returned so that they can be passed onto another child the following week. Even if the pack has not been done, it still needs to be returned. Thanks to those who are vigilant with these packs as a lot of time and effort has been put into making these for your child.

Awards

Merit: Mikayla Anderson, Jorja McCredie, Heath Trimingham, Tahlia Wright-Bean

Sport: Kye Warner, Patrick Slade

Salties: Layla Kirkpatrick, Lucian Knight, Jay Carr Happygrams: Joanna Booth

**News from Stage 3….**

Congratulations to Erin Bell and Riley Beaven who will represent the school at the Regional Final for the Premiers Spelling Final.

Good luck to the students who, for one week, will be eating 4 vegetables & 2 pieces of fruit a day as part of our participation in 'The Gutsy Challenge'. Regardless of the money that is contributed, some important awareness has already been raised amongst the local community and students.

Students have also begun using the technology resource Edmodo. This site allows students to collaborate online as well as view and submit tasks. Benefits are already observable and I envisage further engagement as both the class and I become more familiar with this resource.

Merits: Erin Bell, Emily Colville

Salties: Breanna Nicholson, Tahlia Harris

Sport: Mitchell Holliday, Alyssa Hurney.

**FREE TO GOOD HOME!!!!!!**

**Big Red the rooster can no longer be part of our school and we’re hoping that someone can give him a good home!!! He is very handsome and comes with food!!! Please contact the office.**