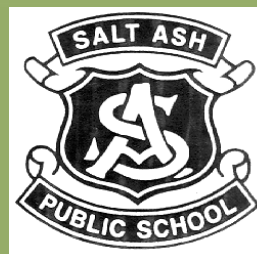


# Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

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Issue Three - Term Four – Week Five

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Week Five Term Four... Wow the first weekend in November is upon us! The last two weeks have again been busy for staff and students at Salt Ash Public School.

K-2 students thoroughly enjoyed their responsible pet visit and Thunder was just such a beautiful visitor to our school. The children did not want Thunder to leave!

Our annual school photos were taken and this year we had a whole school photo. John and his son Bowen were impressed by the behaviour of the students and were impressed by the 'look' of the whole school photo. I also spoke with John about the possibility of moving the date of our photos...the earliest I could get was Term Three at this stage. We have also been placed on a waiting list for any cancellations in Terms One and Two.

We commenced our Kindergarten orientation Program last Wednesday and our 2015 Kindergarten students enjoyed their time at 'big school'. Their buddies were most helpful and enjoyed showing them around and assisting them settle in.

Our Grandparents came and visited and we loved having them at school. We were a bit shy when singing to them on Monday morning. I think the students got stage fright!! Grandparents came and joined in our Literacy sessions and classrooms and participated in a variety of activities...and then they had the chance to enjoy a cuppa with scones, jam and cream...a special thank you to Juliette Bailey and Lee Sharp for their scone making and to the wonderful mums who opened the canteen and served morning tea!

Last Thursday the 2015 Stage Three students met with their CSIRO Scientist Dr Glenn Platt. The children had the opportunity to ask lots of interesting questions about his life and where he is now at the CSIRO working with renewable energy.

We learnt a lot about houses in Australia and how we are NOT very energy efficient as a nation! We also learnt about scuba diving under the ice in Denmark...brrrr and the fact that he has met Princess Mary of Denmark!!!

Mr Shearman was very busy last Tuesday cleaning our COLA. It is now ready for our artist Lex to return and renew our COLA floor art as well as add a few new pieces...we are all very much looking forward to having our COLA floor renewed and revamped...hopefully in time for the Car Boot Sale.

The staff received training in relation to anaphylaxis... we update our skills and knowledge every twelve months to ensure we have all the latest information. We learnt that we can no longer remove ticks at school. If your child/children have a tick the parents are to be contacted.

Miss Nash attended training in relation to Anti - Racism and cultural perspectives.

The majority of our teaching staff also attended training last Tuesday afternoon in relation to the teaching of comprehension. It was good to meet staff from other schools across the Hunter and Central Coast region.

National Nude Food Day to be held in November...I have placed a Parent Information Sheet and a list of Nude Food Recipes on the Website. The staff has been busy planning what we are going to do. More information to follow.

Please note the Important Changes on the Term Calendar or download the AMENDED version from the website...the dates that have been changed are in relation to Intensive Swimming and 2015 Student Leadership Speeches and Voting.

I am also continuing to add events to the Calendar on the School Website that you can see on the right hand side.

**\*\*Reminder the Car Boot Sale and Mini Fete will take place on **SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup>****

**December.**

Parents ...Please Note.....Any notes that are distributed at school (including the Newsletter) are available on the School Website.... This should be the first place to go instead of P and C Facebook Page. Any notes handed out are kept in trays or with individual class teachers for children who have been absent to collect when they return to school. The amended Term Four Calendar has been added to the Website....if you just google Salt Ash Public School it will take you to our Website!!

The School has introduced Skoolbo for students to use at home. They will shortly receive their password.

**REMINDER -** We have had a spate of students leaving the school with other parents or traveling on a bus without letting the office or the staff know. We ask, out of courtesy and respect, that parents either:

- Inform the School in writing that their child is leaving the school with another parent or by an alternate means of transport;
- Contact the Office and inform the school or at the very least let the classroom teacher know.

**Severe Allergies...**we have students enrolled at Salt Ash Public School with severe allergies, in particular latex and products containing latex. These include silicone wrist bands and loom bands.

We also have students with a peanut allergy. Our aim is to eliminate, as much as possible, any products containing latex or peanuts from the school environment.

I ask for your assistance in relation to any products containing latex or peanuts... they are not brought onto school grounds.

#### Reminders for Parents

- The car park at the back of the school is for STAFF only and should NOT be used by parents for student safety reasons.
- Requesting Teacher Interviews:

Parents wishing to organise an interview with a member of staff are asked to complete a Teacher Interview Request Form. These are available at the front office and from our Website.

#### Appointments

Parents are reminded that if they have any issues or concerns please contact the school as soon as possible to discuss them. In the first instance please make a time for a phone or face to face interview with the staff member you wish to talk with. Do not come to school, especially just prior to the school day commencing, expecting to see a member of staff **without a PRIOR appointment.**

Parents are **AGAIN** reminded that our school uniform is **BLACK SHOES**. The School Uniform policy has been uploaded to the School Website.

**Nudie Food Tuesday** - parents and students are reminded that we are encouraging **ALL** students to bring their 'nude' food to school each and every Tuesday.

#### 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 Amber or Red Alert should the behaviour or the circumstances warrant.

Dangerous or aggressive or disrespectful and non-compliant behaviour can move straight to Amber or Red if deemed appropriate by the staff in the classroom or on playground duty.

All students 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 System Green....warning

- Amber ....Time out in the Classroom or in a buddy 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 Four

Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Newsletter Day Nudie Food Day
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Kinder Orientation 9:30-11
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Assembly @ 8:55 am Year Four Item

### Week Six .....Term Four

Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Nudie Food Day Uniforms @ 9:00am
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Kinder Orientation 9:30-11
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School Assembly @ 8:55 am....2/3 Item

### Community News and Information

#### Tilligerry Lions News.

Markets... the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month at the Kooinda Centre in Tanilba Bay. A variety of market stalls.

Lions BBQ first Saturday of the month at the front of Coles.

#### Tilligerry Men's Shed...near the Tilligerry Pool.

Open: Tuesday-Friday from 8:00 am-12:00

The men's shed is able to complete small timber repairs, make small timber craft items to order and make wooden toys. Donations of unwanted tools

and equipment including timber ALWAYS welcome. For more information contact Kevin Colman. (0407279844)

### From the Nude Food Website.....

#### Sweet Chilli and Chicken Noodle Salad

250 Gram gluten-free vermicelli rice noodles

250 Gram skinless barbecued chicken breast (shredded)

2 lebanese cucumbers (halved, seeded, cut into sticks)

2 carrots (cut into sticks)

250 cherry tomatoes (quartered)

125 Gram beanshoots

1/2 Cup mint

1/2 Cup Coriander

1/2 Cup thai basil leaves

1 large chilli (deseeded, finely diced)

1 Clove Garlic (crushed)

1 Tablespoon brown sugar

1 Tablespoon gluten-free fish sauce

1/4 Cup Lime Juice

### Instructions

1.Place noodles into a large saucepan of boiling water and simmer for 4 minutes, until softened.

2.Drain noodles, refresh in cold water and drain again. Set aside.

3.Meanwhile, make sweet chilli dressing: place all the ingredients into a food processor or blender and purée until smooth and set aside.

4.Place noodles, chicken, cucumbers, carrots, tomatoes, snow pea sprouts and herbs into a large bowl. Add the spicy dressing and toss to combine.

5.Divide between bowls and serve immediately.

Allergy advice.....this recipe is dairy free and gluten free.

### Class News

#### Kindergarten

Wow!! It's Week 5 already. The term is really flying by.

Last week we reviewed the 'ue' and the 'er' sound. In Literacy we have been focused on writing about friendship and about some of our favourite storybooks. Home reading has been extremely popular especially when there are Dojo points on offer for anyone who does complete their weekly home reading. Also Dojo points are awarded to anyone who can read our new sight words up the back of the classroom in the shape of a flower.

In Maths the focus has been on dice games and Miss Nash hopes everyone has been practising at home with their own dice. Kindergarten are having a Second Hand Book Stall at the Fete. Anyone who has some books in good condition that they would like to donate, please bring them to the Kindergarten room.

#### Year One Report

Wow!! It is hard to believe that we are already nearly half way through the term and that the year is almost over. It is really exciting to look back at this time of the year and see how much the children have progressed since the beginning of the year. That is what makes teaching very rewarding! It was also great to see the children on returning from my holiday and see how much some of them had improved, even in that short time. Thanks to Miss Bennett for stepping in while I was away. I can see that she did a tremendous job. The children will be starting yearly assessments this week and homework continues with spelling, maths worksheets and home reading. Home readers will need to be collected very soon to be ready for next year. Sooo..... If your child has not been reading to you for a while you will need to hunt out their home readers and library books to be returned soon.

During Week Four, Year 2/3 thoroughly enjoyed Grandparents Day. We had many grandparents turn up to our class and the students loved having them visit. The students did a questionnaire and asked their grandparents about what school was like when they went to school. The students also wrote a list of 10 reasons why they loved their grandparents. I think the grandparents appreciated hearing all those wonderful reasons why they were loved.

In Literacy the students have been completing work on proper nouns as well as looking at sequencing events in order. We have also continued with reading groups and activities from the school magazine.

The students have been working really hard in Mathematics. We have been continuing with our unit on addition and have looked at the many different strategies you can use to add up numbers. Students in Year 2 have been looking at the split strategy and the jump strategy while Year 3 have been completing addition to 1000 with and without trading. Students have also started a new topic on Volume and Capacity. They have been looking at

different shaped containers which have the same capacity.

Merit awards: Nicolas Nicholson & Kayla Hockey

Sports awards: Montana Latham

Saltie awards: Jack Gilbert & Heath Trimmingham

This week, Year Four has worked super hard in Maths. They have been working on division strategies and have all gained a better understanding. The students realised how important learning our times tables are...so... we have been singing our times tables song every day and will continue to do this until the song becomes a worm in our brain.

In Literacy students have written their own message in a bottle in the unlikelyhood they may be stranded on a deserted island. Reading groups are progressing steadily, handwriting is improving hugely and the students are becoming a lot sharper at identifying mistakes in their grammar and punctuation paragraphs.

Students are continuing to learn about Marine Turtles, and their lifecycle. We have watched some beautiful footage of hundreds of marine turtles arriving at the beach to lay their eggs.

In art, students are producing some amazing sketches of turtles and have realised the artists within.

Merit: Scott Aurisch & Bella Rooney

Salties/ Values: Courtney Swain & Kaelan Maloney

Sport: Jarcara Bindon-Bates