

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Well Done & Thank you Salt Ash Public School.

Firstly thank you to students, staff and parents for being so welcoming and helpful to me this week as I learn the ropes here.

I would like to mention a couple of things I have noticed since arriving. Firstly, the confidence and “getting along” skills of the students is excellent. I have been so impressed by the way the children greet people. When saying hello to me and others during the day, they look you in the eye and use your name with a smile when saying good morning or afternoon; often stopping to have a real conversation. This is lovely. Secondly it is refreshing to see how well the senior students get along and play together with the junior students. I have seen Year 6 students stop what they are doing in the playground so some of our youngest children could show off their new skipping tricks. These seniors then told the little ones how good they were. These are only a couple of examples but are beautiful to watch. Well done.

This will be the last newsletter for the year so will be full of reminders and messages please bear with us.

Upcoming Events

- P & C Car Boot Sale and Mini Fete will take place on 6th December
- School reports will be distributed on Wednesday 10th December
- Year 6 farewell Wednesday 10th December
- Future School Leaders are busy preparing their speeches for Friday 12th December
- Presentation Evening Monday 15th December commencing at 6:00pm

Reminders

- Hats and sunscreen: With the UV index in the extreme range over the next couple of months it is important students are sun safe. Please remind or assist your children with sun screen. Hats are an essential item for

students if they wish to play in uncovered areas here at school.

- Lunch order bags: To assist our canteen volunteers when writing out lunch orders please include the price of items you are ordering and then a total. Prices can be found on the canteen menu list on our website.
- Lost Property: At the end of each year all schools tend to end up with mountains of lost property often including jumpers, hats and drink bottles. Please actively remind your children to look for and bring their things home or drop in and check yourself. At the start of the New Year please label everything.
- Afternoon school departure: If your child has a change of routine for departing school at the end of the day please inform the school office or classroom teacher in writing preferably.
- Attendance: If your child is away from school for any reason please supply their classroom teacher with a note of explanation within 2 days of return to school. The last day of school for students is Wednesday 17th December.
- School resumes: Students first day back at school in 2015 is Wednesday 28th January

I hope everyone has a happy and safe festive season. I congratulate and thank the 2014 Year 6 students and school leaders and wish them all the best as they move into high school. To the students in Kinder to Year 5 have a great holiday. Relax and come back fresh in 2015 for a great year.

Regards

Andrew Price
Relieving Principal.

Nudie Food Tuesday - parents and students are reminded that we encourage 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 Nine - Term Four

Mon Dec 1	Intensive Swimming continues this week
Wed Dec 3	HS Orientation Pizza Day
Fri Dec 5	Assembly at 8.55am
Sat Dec 6	P&C car boot sale and mini fete

Week Ten - Term Four

Wed Dec 10	Year 6 Farewell at Lambton Pool
Fri Dec 12	Assembly at 8.55am – future school leaders will make their speeches

P & C NEWS

DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR PRESENTATION NIGHT RAFFLE.

Xmas raffle tickets will be sent home today. Raffle will be drawn on Presentation Night.

The P&C A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday 4th February at 6pm in the School Library.

CLASS REPORTS

Year 1/2

This week Year 1 welcomed Miss Huish into their class. Miss Huish will take the class until the end of the year while Mrs Hinchey is on leave.

Year 2/3

The next 2 weeks will be a bit of a mixed up week with over half the class attending intensive swimming. The students are coming back from swimming very excited with the new skills they are learning. The remaining students have been completing various spelling activities and Christmas activities.

We have continued with our unit on subtraction and hope to finish it off by next week.

The students also thoroughly enjoyed the Carlingford High School of performing arts visit. They amazed us with their talents in band and choir.

Thankyou to all those parents who have contributed glass jars or items to go into them - it is greatly appreciated. **If you have anything that could go in the glass jars for example - lollies, paper clips, craft things, crayons or anything small that would fit in the jars please bring them in.**

Awards

Merit awards: Lily Rizzoli, Kelsi Bielefeld, Mikayla Anderson & Ocea Liston-Smith

Sports awards: Seth Morrissey & Lucian Knight

Saltie awards: Montana Latham, Elsie Niki, Mathew Bury & Tahlia Wright-Bean

Danielle Fisher and Karina Riddel
Year 2/3 Teachers

Year 4

This week students have been working on their letter writing with half the students having already published and sent their letters away. Spelling and literacy tasks are continuing along with handwriting, grammar and punctuation.

In maths students are continuing to work on multiplication and division problems. All powerpoint presentations about beach safety have been completed with the students doing a marvellous job.

Students who are not attending intensive swimming lessons have been allocated a Christmas booklet which incorporates numeracy, literacy and art works.

Students have been practising hard for the presentation night performance.

Today in scripture Year 4 got to make 'rockets'. This has always proven popular with the launching of the rockets on the oval.

Sharon Young
Year 4 Teacher

Year 5/6

Stage 3 has had the usual busy week. In Literacy we are now looking at poetry in different forms and styles. Jack is super excited as he still gets to explore his favourite genre of love and romance. Additionally, we are completing our reading contracts and writing every day.

We have looked at 2D and 3D shapes in Mathematics. Students are attempting to use more technical language

such as polygon, vertice and apex in their discussion, rather than just saying 'that thingy.'

Our HSIE work has been a challenge as we have had to work in groups. This is something we must improve in as a whole class!

Does cartoon violence make kids more aggressive?

Lots of parents question the violence in many of today's cartoons and video games, but many of us grew up watching cartoons where violence was also a key ingredient. What does the research indicate about exposure of our kids to violence? **Find out more:**

www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/does-cartoon-violence-make-kids-more-aggressive

Community News & Information

Tilligerry Lions News

Markets...the 3rd 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)

Junior Ranger Fun Day



9.30am to 11.30am,
Tuesday 20 January 2015

Carnley Avenue reserve
(off Carnley Ave, Kotara)

For enquiries
call 4904 3344 or email
blackbuttadmin@ncc.nsw.gov.au

The theme of our next free environmental fun day is **aquatic action**, with fun craft, interactive games, planting activities and critter displays. **Kid's get a free ice block!**



Compulsory parental supervision at all times.
Children must wear fully enclosed shoes.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Bush Skills Adventure

Wednesday 14 January 2015 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years
Tuesday 20 January 2015 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years

Have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knotting and other bush skills.

Cost: \$20 per child Bookings Essential Ph: 02 4951 6466



Wriggly Wetlanders

Wednesday 14 January 2015 10.00am – 12.30pm For 5 – 8 years
Monday 19th January 2015 10.00am – 12.30pm For 5 – 8 years

Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities.

Cost: \$20 per child Bookings Essential Ph: 02 4951 6466



**Bring the Family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre -
a fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!**
Opened every day
(Closed 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st December 2014, 1st January 2015)

Access
Car/mini-bus parking available onsite. Public Transport :Train - easy 15 minute walk from Sandgate Station. Bus - 107 & 106 buses go past the Wetlands. 10 minute walk from stop at Marton St & Sandgate Rd

Cost
\$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). \$5 general entry

Activities

Watch the Maggie Goose Feeding at 10.30 am & 2.30pm

Try dipnetting from the jetty

Follow the trail and become a "Wetlands Explorer" - go into the weekly draw for a prize.

Playtime at Discovery Playground

Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre

12 noon - Tank Talk (30-45 minutes) - opportunity for children to learn about reptile behaviour and care and actually handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre.

Facilities

Toilets available in Visitor Centre

Cafe - meals, chips, icecreams, drinks

Undercover picnic tables and shelter

Shop - gift shop



Hunter Wetlands Centre Off the roundabout, 1 Wetlands Pl, SHORTLAND NSW 2307
Phone 02 4951 6466 Email hwca@wetlands.org.au Web www.wetlands.org.au

CHRISTMAS

at STOCKTON CENTRE

CAROLS BY TORCHLIGHT

Wednesday 10th December 2014

live music followed by spectacular fireworks display!

bring the family and picnic

fun starts at 6:00pm

SANTA ON THE OVAL

Wednesday 3rd December 2014

come along to see Santa arrive by helicopter!

an experience not to be missed!

fun starts at 10:30am

ALL WELCOME!

Norfolk Drive, Stockton, use the visitors carpark on your left.

Catch 136 from Stkn Ferry Wharf

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