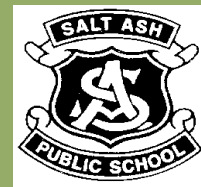


# Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

Respect Consideration Co-operation  
Quality Education in a unique, caring environment



Issue One - Term One – Week Two

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Welcome to the 2014 School Year. We would especially like to welcome our newest students who had their first full day at 'big school' yesterday. By all accounts they had a grrreat time and are ready for more !

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank parents who have been busy purchasing our book packs and then covering their child/children's book....we apologise for any contact rage felt by parents !

There are a few routines to learn for our new enrolments and some reminders for other parents and students;

- All students are encouraged to participate in our daily Crunch and Sip. Students are encouraged to bring fruit and/or vegetables for a ten minute morning break....we also encourage the use of water bottles at school. We also ask if the weather is forecast to be particularly hot that parents supply additional water for their child/children.
- Nudie Tuesdays....all students are encouraged to bring 'nude' food to school on Tuesdays....our aim is to have rubbish free Tuesdays at Salt Ash Public. Good for kids and good for the environment. A win/ win situation.
- Parents are reminded that students who DO NOT catch the bus to school SHOULD NOT be at school any earlier than 8:25 am. The school gates will remain closed until after 8:00 am....
- Parents are also asked to inform the school if students are to leave with another parent or with a friend/relative. We also asked to be informed if students who usually travel on the bus are going home with another person.

On the agenda in the next few weeks

Our annual swimming carnival will take place at Raymond Terrace next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Mr Milne has been busy organising the note and asking for assistance with travel and to assist in the running of the Carnival. Students were given their notes yesterday and need to be returned by THIS FRIDAY. If you have any questions re the carnival check with the office and Mr Milne.

Parent Evening....this will take place on

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.**

We encourage all parents to attend to talk with classroom teachers and to learn about routines and expectations in our classrooms. The parent session will take place from 5pm-6pm.

Library Lovers Picnic Day....

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Mrs Higginbottom has included information about this activity in her library notes at the end of this Newsletter.

The Term Calendar was attached to the note distributed last week....if you did not receive a copy PLEASE see the office.

Harmony Day Activities...

This Term all students at Salt Ash Public will participate in lessons to develop their awareness and understanding of Harmony....they will also participate in activities developing their understanding of bullying and how best to deal with any issues should they arise.

Dive in Help Out

Aussie Bush Camp for students in Years 3-6. This 3 day camp will take place in Term 3. I will let parents know the cost as soon as the Aussie Bush Camp informs me. It will allow parents the opportunity to make regular payments throughout the year for the camp

I will be absent from school on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February as I need to have another procedure on my troublesome shoulder.

**Dive In Help Out...**...last year was our first opportunity to participate in this great local community fundraiser. We participated because.... Everyone deserves the right to learn to swim. All funds raised in the YMCA Swimathon 2014 go back into local communities to provide those most at risk of drowning including, indigenous, newly arrived, people doing it tough, and people with a disability, the opportunity to receive vital swimming and water safety skills. Students from Years 5 and 6 swam at the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre and were sponsored by family and friends. This Fundraiser will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. A note in relation to this activity

**Wearin' o the Green.** As an aspect of our Harmony Day activities we will celebrate St Patricks Day. Students are encourage to come dressed to school wearing something green....we will have a day of St Patrick's Day activities and students are encourage to make and bring some green food to share !!

**New Messaging System for Salt Ash Public School.** I am in the process of organising and learning the new system for informing parents of upcoming events and reminding parents about activities at school via parents mobiles. Once I know how to 'drive the bus' parents will receive messages re events.

I also believe we will be able to upload the Newsletter via this system if parents have compatible phones.

It is all very daunting at this stage but I assume I will get the hang of it eventually !!

**It is very important that we are updated when parents change their mobile numbers....to ensure that parents have access to given information.**

### 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 Two ....

Tue	5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Newsletter Day
Friday		Assembly@ 8:55am

### Week Three

Mon	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Swimming Carnival
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Information Session 5:00pm-6:00pm
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Assembly @ 8:55 am... followed by Library Lovers Picnic

## News from the Library....

### Book Club

A reminder that Issue One of Book Club is due back at school by

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Book Club aims to provide quality books at reasonable prices. If you wish to order please include order form with name and class in an envelope with payment and leave at the office. Our school benefits from your Book Club order in the form of bonus points that we use to purchase items for our school Library.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Every year our school participates in this exciting Challenge. You are challenged to read a required number of books before August 22<sup>nd</sup>. For Years 3-6 this is 20, of which 15 must come from the PRC list and for K-2 it is 30 which can be shared reading. We support your child to meet the Challenge by encouraging regular borrowing, choices used in independent reading groups and shared reading of PRC titles. We keep the records here at school so if your child is reading books from home or the public library write the title and author and send in to be recorded on their sheet.

For full details of rules and booklist see

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

A reminder that students need a sturdy library bag to protect their books from home to school. Students without a bag will still borrow but not be allowed to take the books home.

### Library Lover's Day.....**You're invited!**

Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> is Library Lover's Day and we will be celebrating with a reading picnic immediately after morning assembly. Students are invited to bring along their parent, grandparent, carer or sibling to share their favourite book or books. The books can be your choice or student's choice. Bring a picnic rug and morning tea. Tea and coffee will be available for \$2

Hope to see you there!

Mrs Ruth Higginbottom  
Teacher Librarian