**Welcome to the last edition of our Newsletter for this Term….this term has certainly flown. Easter is now just around the corner. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents who have supported the students and the staff throughout the Term with assistance in the classrooms, assistance with transport to various sporting endeavours and their support through participation in the Canteen and with P and C initiatives. Together we make a great team….working to improving outcomes for the students at Salt Ash Public School.**

**This was again evident with our annual School Cross Country. The weather was perfect for the participants and there were very tired and excited children who lined up for the BBQ afterwards. Place getters were as follows**

**8yrs Boys**

**1st-Patrick Slade, 2nd-Lucian Knight and 3rd-Riley Creedon.**

**8Yrs Girls**

**1st-Kelsi Bielefeld, 2nd-Kayla Hockey and 3rd-Elsie Nikki.**

**9Yrs Boys**

**1st-Nicolas Nicholson, 2nd-Mitchell Cox and 3rd-Jack Gilbert.**

**9 Yrs Girls**

**1st-Courtney Swain, 2nd-Terresa Plumridge and 3rd-Lily Rizzoli.**

**10Yrs Boys**

**1st-William West-Kennett, 2nd-Kaelan Maloney and 3rd-Cooper West.**

**10 Yrs Girls**

**1st- Jemma Browne, 2nd-Jarcara Bindon-Bates and 3rd-Arnika McCredie.**

**11Yrs Boys**

**1st-Samuel Browne, 2nd-Jack Kenny and 3rd-Connor Bell.**

**11 yrs Girls**

**1st-Hayli Clarke, 2nd-Grace Hyde and 3rd-Zoe Nash**

**12Yrs Boys**

**1st-Oscar Duff, 2nd-Nick Fallou-Killick and 3rd-Jared Robinson.**

**12 Yrs Girls**

**1st-Sierra Nowlan, 2nd-Nakia Vidler and 3rd-Courtney Maloney.**

**Congratulations to the age winners who received their ribbons on Friday after the Cross Country. Congratulations also to our individual age champions who received their trophies yesterday.**

**Junior Champions (8, 9 and 10yrs):**

**William West-Kennett and Jemma Browne.**

**11 Yrs Samuel Browne and Hayli Clarke.**

**12 Yrs Oscar Duff and Sierra Nowlan.**

**Thanks to Mr Milne for organising the event, to the staff who assisted with pre training and assisted in the smooth running of our Cross Country.**

**A big thank you, to our parents who acted as ‘check point Charlies’ and cheered on the students.**

**Thanks also to the ‘Office Elves’ for a great job with the BBQ.**

**The Zone Cross Country is scheduled for TOMORROW at Raymond Terrace. Notes and information have been distributed in relation to this.**

**Last week I finally received my training with text messaging to parents…whilst I am still on my ‘L’ Plates I was most excited to send my messages last week !**

**Next Term we will look to develop a School Facebook Page….exciting times ahead !**

**In relation to the text messaging….we require UPDATED mobile numbers for you to receive the text messages. If you don’t update us with your current mobile numbers we cannot send you messages and you will not receive important information. This system will replace the need for so many notes home.**

**This week promises to be very busy…so what is new?????**

**Today K-2 students were very busy working with Bunnings staff to create our vegetable gardens. They had a lot of fun and thoroughly enjoyed diggin’ and plantin’ and workin’ in the gardens. Many thanks to Mr Shearman and the Salamander Bunnings staff for generously giving their time and also for the donation of vegetables for our gardens…**

**Aaron Blabey Excursion….This Thursday**

**Students in Years One, Two and Three will travel to Newcastle on Thursday to hear from the Author Aaron Blabley. The students have been busy devouring his books and are very much looking forward to their excursion.**

**Students are reminded that they need**

* **Lunch**
* **Full School Uniform (including black shoes)**
* **Hat**
* **A drink**

**They will be having their Crunch and Sip BEFORE they leave.**

**Thanks to Mrs Hinchey for organising this Excursion. We look forward to hearing all about it on their return. We hope they don’t bring the Dreadful Fluff back with them !!!**

**Easter Hat Parade…..Last Day of Term.**

**Students are encouraged to design and decorate a hat to parade on the last day of Term. Our Easter Hat Parade will commence at 1:30 on Friday.**

**Easter Raffle Donations are being accepted at the Office for our Easter Raffle.**

**ANZAC March….All students are encouraged to represent Salt Ash Public School at the Annual Tilligerry Peninsula ANZAC March. Students are invited to dress in FULL School Uniform to march in the parade. Students are requested to be at the gates to Tanilba Bay at 9:30 (or just before) to line up ready to march to the RSL Club to then participate in the Service.**

**School ANZAC Service…..our annual School ANZAC Service will take place on Thursday 1st May at school in the COLA. We have representatives from the Tilligerry RSL and Legacy as well as a representative from RAAF Base Williamtown.**

**The senior students will perform and K-3 students will be reciting Poetry. It is a very important day in our School Calendar and parents are most welcome to attend.**

**Please find attached to today’s Newsletter ANOTHER Note sent by the NSW Department of Education and Communities to replace the note sent home with the last Newsletter.**

**Also find attached an Information Brochure outlining the importance of our daily Crunch and Sip Program.**

**Each family has also been given a fridge magnet.**

**The 2/3 Classroom is ‘In Focus’ for this Newsletter and their story is also attached for your enjoyment.**

**Jump Rope for Heart and Healthy Heart Food Day,**

**coming May 21st, 2nd Term.**

**Aussie Bush Camp….instalments can be made for this activity.**

**Please Note…..due to the ‘wear and tear’ on parent’s wallets over the last few weeks we have decided to postpone our Spell-a-thon until early next term.**

**Parents are AGAIN reminded that part of our school uniform is BLACK SHOES. We have had a variety of coloured shoes being worn and BLACK SHOES is the colour to be worn to school. We ask that parents ensure that their child/children wear black shoes to school.**

**\*\*\*General Permission to Publish and Disclose Information. I know you have had a lot of notes recently however this is one of those things that we need to send out and have returned to school…please continue to return these very important notes.**

**Newsletters and Notes…..if your ‘note taker’ is away on Newsletter Day…PLEASE ask your ‘note taker’ to check with their classroom teacher. Each class is given enough copies for each ‘note taker’.**

**The Newsletter is also available on the School Website. Next Term I hope to be able to deliver the Newsletter to parent’s smartphones.**

**Nudie Food Tuesdays….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 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 Ten

Tue 1st April Newsletter Day

Nudie Food Tuesday

K-2 Vege Planting Day

Wed 2nd April Zone Cross Country

Thurs 3rd April Years 1-3 Newcastle Excursion

PSSA Soccer

Friday 4th April Assembly@ 8:55am

Kindergarten Item

Week Eleven…Last Week of Term

Tues 8th April Nudie Food Tuesday

Fri 11th April School Assembly @ 1:30 followed by Easter Hat parade and Eater Raffle Draw

**Year One Report**

**Once again Year One have had a very busy week reading, writing, drawing, colouring, cutting, pasting, adding, measuring and on top of all that they have found time to do their Tooth Defender kits and complete their third mission in training to become a Tooth Defender. They are all very excited about their trip to Newcastle this week to meet Aaron Blabey. Please make sure they have their lunch, a drink and a hat. They will still need Crunch 'n Sip as we do not leave school until 11 o'clock. We will have lunch at the foreshore, where we will also look for living things, before going to Newcastle City Hall to meet Aaron Blabey.**

**Awards**

**Merit: Brady Rizzoli, Ethan Swain, Lilee Warner, Hayden Xuereb.**

**Salties: Annabella Barton, Jay Carr, Chloe Bowden, Kyle Anderson.**

**2/3**

**In the last 2 weeks some of the class have finished their current books in reading groups and have also been writing book reviews. We have also finished our unit on narratives where students wrote on the topic ‘What a mess’ I look forward to marking them to see how much improvement the students have made in writing.**

**In Maths we are continuing to develop our addition skills, learning new strategies to add 2 and 3 digit numbers. We have continued to look at the features of 3D objects and have been identifying some in our classroom.**

**During art we looked at a colour wheel and talked about primary colours and secondary colours. As the weeks progress we will put out colour mixing skills into action.**

**During fitness we have been busily training for the cross country that took place last Friday. The students have been doing laps of the oval, not only gaining fitness but also points for their houses. Well done everyone.**

**Awards:**

**Merit awards: Gabby Rooney, Tahlia Wright-Bean, Olivia Pickles, Health Trimingham.**

**Sports awards: Kelsi Bielefeld, Jakob May.**

**Saltie awards: Lily Rizzoli, Mitchell Cox.**

**Year 4**

In Literacy all students are continuing to work hard on their Narrative writing, using adjectives to enhance their stories. Reading groups are finishing off all comprehension worksheets and beginning to use the Blue Box activity cards. Partnered reading is working well and students are beginning to gain a good routine whilst learning to “listen” to their partners. Handwriting has seen a continuous improvement in a lot of students’ presentation of writing and bookwork.

In M.aths, the focus has been developing our multiplication knowledge through our 4,6,8 and 9 times tables. We have also re-visited a range of subtraction strategies in relation to trading. This concept is proving a little challenging for some, however, students are trying very hard to improve their understanding….

In HSIE we have used a fantastic interactive programme on the smart board to locate all States, Territories and Capital Cities of Australia.

Some students were a little disappointed they could not locate Route 66 on the map ??

**A reminder that all HSIE assignments are due in Monday April 7th.**

Awards:

Merit: Courtney Swain, Mason Davis, Liam Xeureb, Scott Aurisch.

Values: Cooper West, Bianca Peacock.

Sport: Stephanie Fallou-Killick, Kaelan Maloney.

Stage 3 are working well in class. They are producing interesting narratives using characters that are unique. They have looked closely at factors and multiples for two weeks and are using their knowledge of these to complete their maths more efficiently.

Good luck this Friday to Jarred Matthews who will represent Port Stephens Zone in soccer.

Merit: Sierra Nowlan; Cassidee Sharp; Sam Browne; Megan Bowden.

Salties: Nathan Booth; Braydan Bielefeld; Jack Kenny; Courtney Maloney.

Sport: Samuel Browne; Jarred Matthews.

**Please Note…..Term Two Commences for students Tuesday 29th April.**