**Welcome to the third addition of the Salt Ash Public School Newsletter for the year. We have had a busy start to the term and have quite a few activities organised for the rest of the term.**

**Thank you to the parents who have assisted us in any way over the last five weeks….your assistance is greatly appreciated!**

**The last two weeks have been full of activities….Kindergarten have been busy learning new sounds and using these sounds to make words….they are adjusting to the rigours of ‘big school’ and learning that school involves lots of work !!**

**Our other classes have settled and are working towards end of Term assessments.**

**Our ‘Starstruckers’ completed their audition and now wait to see if they have been successful in being able to be a part of Starstruck 2014. Thanks to Mrs Young and Mrs Nowlan and well done to our dancers.**

**Our Junior Singers have been busy learning songs based on the theme of ‘Harmony’ and the Senior singers have started preparing for our ANZAC Day Service.**

**Students have also been involved in preparation for interschool sports (Cricket and Netball) and our Zone swimmers are to be congratulated on their performances at the recently held Carnival.**

**A special congratulations to Sierra Nowlan who was Senior Girls Zone Champion and will represent at Regional level…Go You Sierra !**

**Our School Swimming Champs received their trophies at our Friday Assembly, just prior to them leaving for the Zone Carnival. Congratulations to the following students :**

**Junior Girls Champion: Bella Rooney**

**Junior Boys Champion: Mason Davis**

**11yr Girls Champion: Hayli Clarke**

**11yr Boy Champion: Jack Kenny**

**Senior Girls Champion: Sierra Nowlan**

**Senior Boys Champion: Oscar Duff**

**and congratulations to STURT who were named the winning house !**

**Sunday saw a small and very willing band of students, staff, parents and family members participate in the annual YMCA Dive In Help Out.**

**There were lots of ways demonstrated by all involved in getting from one end of the Tilligerry Pool to the other! Some of our participants ‘overtrained’ in the first few laps and needed recovery time….**

**The weather was great for swimming and all those who participated are to be congratulated for their level of participation….together we swam 750 laps. Oscar Duff contributed 84 of those and Evelyn Hutchinson was a powerhouse !! A big GO YOU to all the kids who swam far more than they ever thought possible. It was great to see our dads get in and have a go….Many thanks to the families that were able to support this very worthy cause…thanks also to Oscar’s mum for the wonderful job she did as the official lap counter.**

**Donations can be lodged on line or at the school office.**

**The Students in Five/Six are our focus class for this Newsletter….please find attached their report.**

**ASR Survey**

**Please find attached a survey related to the Annual School Report. I would appreciate your support in completing it and returning it to school as soon as possible. This should only take about 5 minutes to complete.**

**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**

**Vegetable gardens for the school.**

**I am currently working with Bunnings at Taylors Beach to assist with the installation of vegetable gardens at school. The plan is to involve the K-2 students and staff from Bunnings in the project. I am just waiting to hear back from Bunnings before I can give you a definite date.**

**World Read Aloud Day**

**This week we will celebrate World Book Day with a variety of activities across the classrooms during Literacy time. Miss Collins has done a great job organising this.**

**Wearin’ o the Green….**

**As an aspect of our Harmony Day activities we will celebrate St Patricks Day on Monday 17th March. Students are encouraged to come dressed to school wearing something green….we will have a day of St Patrick’s Day activities. Students who chose to come dressed in green will also be asked for a gold coin donation as another fundraising activity for the Dive In Help Out fundraising. Matt from the Tilligerry Pool will be at school to collect the coins and join in our St Pats Day activities.**

**I am in the process of working with parents to best determine how we will organise our ‘green’ food. It will be an opportunity for the P and C to use the day as a fundraiser. When we have a plan ‘nutted out’ we will inform parents.**

**Also taking place during Harmony Week will be our annual school disco. In Keeping with our St Patrick’s Day theme and Harmony theme (and to make it easier for parents) students are encouraged to come dressed in green or orange (for Harmony Day) for the disco…**

**Aussie Bush Camp for students in Years 3-6.**

**This 3 day camp will take place from Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th August. Thank you to the parents who have already paid their deposit….much appreciated.**

**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 Six

Tue 4th Mar Newsletter Day

Nudie Food Tuesday

Wed 5th Mar World Read Aloud Day

Thur 6th Mar Regional Swimming

Friday 7th Mar Assembly@ 8:55am

Year Four Item

Week Seven

Tues 11th Mar Nudie Food Tuesday

Thurs 13th Mar Selective High School Testing

Fri 14th Mar School Assembly@ 8:55 am.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge…….**

**Every year our school participates in this exciting Challenge. Students are challenged to read a required number of books before August 22nd. 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**](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**

**Year One Report**

**Last week the children in Year One learnt a new poem called "What Do You Suppose?" This poem is on display in the school's office area along with some artwork that the children did to go with it. We hope that you can call in and have a look sometime. Thanks to all those parents who are making sure that their child returns their Homework books and Homework packs every Friday. Lots of children are also learning their sight words and we already have some children onto the orange words. In Maths last week the children learnt a game called "Race to 100" with the tens and ones blocks. It was exciting to see the children enjoying themselves and learning at the same time. Our plants are growing well (no flowers yet though) and we think our tadpoles could have legs very shortly. The children have learnt some really big words this week. Make sure you ask them about metamorphosis, moulting and chrysalis.**

**Awards: Merit: Kyle Anderson, Hayden Xuereb, Annabella Barton, Jack Lyon. Salties: Lilee Warner, Elisha Hyde, Ethan Swain. Sport: Ethan Swain, Lilee Warner**

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**Week 5**

**During week five we have been continuing to write and read some wonderful narratives. We have also continued to read our school magazines and complete various activities with each story. We have also been using our new comprehension skills when reading, these are helping us to understand and make meaning of different texts.**

**In maths we have finished off number and have moved onto to data. We have looked at various graphs including bar graphs, line graphs, pie graph and picture graphs. We have been discussing the difference between the least popular and the most popular as well as learning what it means when the questions say “how many altogether”. We are continuing to look at measurement and we can now confidently use metres and centimetres when measuring.**

**In fitness we are continuing to develop our skipping skills using the skipping ropes.**

**In science we have been looking at living and non-living things. We have planted some basil and coriander seeds which we hope will grow into nice plants that we can use in some cooking activities later in the term.**

**A reminder to everyone that homework is expected to be returned every Friday, both Miss Collins and I both expect the speaking and listening tasks to be completed on the students news day as this forms part of the students continuous assessment. We only had about 9 students complete the tasks for the last couple of weeks and we thank those parents who are helping their child to come to school prepared.**

**Year Four**

**In Literacy this week year four have focused on Grammar and Punctuation. All students have realised how special they are and that their name requires a Capital letter as they are proper nouns. This pleased Ms Young verrry much.**

**Money, money, money has been the big push in Maths. Students have come to understand the importance of the decimal point, realising that if it's not used correctly they could be left hundreds if not thousands of dollars short.**

**The second issue of the School Magazine has been distributed and all students are enjoying the stories, plays, poems, crosswords and find-a-words.**

**Award winners for weeks 4 and 5**

**Merit Awards: Maddy Patane, Bianca Peacock, Scott Aurisch, Cooper West**

**Saltie and Values Awards: Jade House, Terresa Plumridge, Jarcara Bindon-Bates, Brooke Nicholson**

**Sports Awards: Liam Xuereb, Bella Rooney**

**Stage Three**

**Students enjoyed rehearsing their assembly performance and exploring elements of music such as beat, tempo, pitch and rhythm.**

**Our narrative writing is developing as the class focusses on creating multiple problems and solutions in their stories.**

**Bullying scenarios studied in class have continued to create discussion. This week students identified the role of 'stereotyping' as they looked at bullying on TV and movies. It became obvious that it is hard to identify a bully simply by the way they look.**

**Merit: Belle Niki, Braydan Bielefeld**

**Saltie: Jack Kenny, Evelyn Hutchinson**

**Sport: Jaydon Warner, Hayli Clarke**

**Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2015 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held**

**from 9.00am to 1.15pm on Thursday 13 March 2014 at Hunter River High School, Elkin St. Raymond Terrace.**

**Our Woolies freebies have arrived.**

**We received:**

**5 Left handed scissors**

**40 x 14 cm scissors**

**6 x cups of 108 Staedtler Coloured Pencils**

**4 packs Triangular Col. Jumbo pencils**

**1 pack x 12 Coloured pencils**

**Thanks to all the families who participated.**

**Reminder: Please don’t forget to return the “Student Emergency Report”, which was sent home last week, to the school office with any changes to your child’s information.**

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**We Train Hard for Results...**

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| ***9:30AM***  *Boxing*  *Technique*  *Fitness*  *Testing*  *@ Salt Ash* | ***9:30AM***  *Body*  *Smasher*  *Intense*  *@ Salt Ash* | ***11:00AM***  *BOXFIT*  *@ Medowie*  *Community Hall* | ***9:30AM***  *Cut*  *Circuit*  *@ Salt Ash* | ***9:30AM***  *Power*  *Up*  *Weights*  *Intense*  *@ Salt Ash* | ***7AM*** *Bootcamp*  *@ My House* |
| ***6:00PM***  *BOXFIT*  *@ Salt Ash* |  | ***6:00PM***  *Kick/Boxing Bag Work*  *@ Salt Ash* | ***6:00PM***  *Freestyle Weights*  *@ Salt Ash* |  | ***9AM***  *BOXFIT*  *@ Medowie*  *Call 1st* |

**Tania 0422 614 135**

**$10 One hr Session**

**Team Building**

**Fitness Challenges**

**New Members Welcome**