

Year 4 in Focus

What a wonderful start to 2014 the students in year four have had. A big focus for term one, school wide has been learning to identify and eradicate bullying in our classrooms and playground. As well as complying with the New South Wales PE/H/PD Curriculum addressing this topic allows for a safe and friendly school. As a class we have also undertaken the concept from Carol McCloud's award winning book 'Have You Filled a

Bucket Today?' A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids. Students have thoroughly enjoyed putting into practise the concepts of the book at both school and home.



Reading groups are continuously working hard. Each week students have the opportunity to read with the teacher in a directed session focusing on a new chapter of their books. Students then have time to answer relevant comprehension questions focused on each chapter. This allows students to gain a better understanding of the read text.

All students are enjoying the opportunity to use the laptops to

research information, complete Study ladder assessment tasks or play Cool Maths games when they have completed the teacher directed lesson and the daily computation during Maths.

REMINDER: All students are required to present their HSIE assignments on a Built, Natural or Cultural Australian site by **Monday April 7th in Week 11.**



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Issue Four - Term One – Week Eight

Tuesday 18th March

Welcome to the fourth edition of our Newsletter for this year....this term is certainly moving fast and Easter is just around the corner, (just preparing you for the School Easter Hat Parade and Easter Raffle that is being organised as this Newsletter goes to print).

We participated enthusiastically in World Read Aloud Day. Younger students really enjoyed having the Senior students read to them and discuss aspects of the stories read to them.

Students, staff and parents have had a very busy two weeks with sporting activities and getting organised for Harmony Week Activities.

Yesterday students were treated to an excellent array of healthy green food....some were even tempted to try something new!!

A massive thank you to the parents who cooked and prepared such a sumptuous feast. Special thanks to Lee and Sheryl for organising the feast and to the mums who assisted in serving the ravenous crowd....just like on MKR !!!

Thank you to the students who brought in their gold coin donation for Mufti Day yesterday.... \$ 101.05 was donated to the Dive In Help Out Appeal.

The School Disco is **THIS THURSDAY**. Students received a note in relation to the disco last week....if you did not receive a copy please contact the school or check the school Website.

The disco commences at 6:00 pm and concludes at 8:00pm. The cost is \$ 5 per single child and \$ 10 per family (two or more children)

There will be a BBQ operating

Sausage Sand....\$ 2

Steak Sand..... \$ 3

Can of Drink.....\$ 2

Glow products will also be on sale.

Students and parents are encouraged to come dressed in Green or Orange....or any combination of both !!

Parents of new families....important information....

All children MUST be accompanied by an adult or carer. Children cannot be dropped off or be unaccompanied for the disco. This disco is for students and siblings of Salt Ash Public School only....

A big Salt Ash Public School congratulations to Miss Emily Trimmingham for winning the Salamander Bay Shopping Centre Colouring Competition!
Well done Miss Emily.

Students from Years Five and Six have been involved in a Netball Gala Day for our girls and a mixed Cricket Team...Mr Milne has this covered in his message this week. Congratulations for demonstrating school and team spirit. Thank you to the parents who assisted with transport and a BIG thank you to Pop who assisted our cricketers as our umpire !

The whole school were treated to a visit from the Knights Football Players who delivered their anti-bullying message last Tuesday. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the Knights players were most impressed by the behaviour of our students...a win, win situation.

I would especially like to thank the parents who have made contributions to our Dive In Help Out Fundraising efforts. I would particularly like to thank the members of the Port Stephens Church of Christ who have been most generous in their support for this worthwhile cause....we cannot thank you enough.

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.

Mrs Hinchey has been very busy organising an exciting excursion for the Year One and Year Two Students to Newcastle...students received their notes last week. Please contact the school if you are unaware of this activity.

Thank you to the parents who have returned their note and deposit for the Aussie Bush Camp. We now have enough students and the camp will go ahead.

Kindergarten students received their Best Start Reports last week. These reports inform parents about where their children are now in terms of Literacy and Numeracy and ideas to assist parents to help their children. If your child is in Kindergarten and did not bring home their Best Start Report please contact Miss Nash.

K-2 Vege Day with Bunnings.....

Tuesday 1st April is the day when Bunnings will visit our school and work with our K-2 students to build and plant out our new school vegetable gardens. We will put on a BBQ to feed our hungry gardeners and our guests.

Parents are reminded that our school uniform is **BLACK SHOES**. We had had a variety of coloured shoes being worn and **BLACK SHOES** are the colour to be worn to school

Please find attached to today's Newsletter a note in relation to NAPLAN for the Year Three and Year Five Students and a note for all parents in relation to.....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...

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.

Prior Notice.....each year all students from Salt Ash Public School are encouraged to participate in the Annual Tilligerry ANZAC March and Service at the Tilligerry RSL.

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

Change of Date...Our School Cross Country will now take place on Friday of Week 9, the 28th March.

Zone Cross Country had been organised for Week 10

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**

***AmberTime 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 Eight

Tue	18th Mar	Newsletter Day
		Nudie Food Tuesday
Wed	19th Ma	P and C Meeting/AGM
Thur	20 Mar	School Disco....
		6:00-8:00 pm
Friday	21st Mar	Assembly@ 8:55am
		Harmony Week Items

Week Nine

Tues	25th Mar	Nudie Food Tuesday
Fri	28th Mar	School Assembly@ 8:55 am.
		Year One item

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.

Year One Report

If you have heard your child talking about being a Tooth Defender then that is because Dental Health Care is presently our focus in PD/H/PE. They have missions to complete and their mission last week was to "Share Bright Smiles". Hopefully they are also making an effort to clean their teeth morning and night! Last week you should have received a note about our upcoming excursion. The children are very excited about this as we have been studying many of Aaron Blabey's books in class and in library time. Please make sure that all notes and money are back to school by Friday 21st March so that final arrangements can be made. Also thanks again to those parents who are being vigilant with Homework. Don't forget to let me know if you

discover something missing (or extra) in the Homework Packs.

Awards: Merit: Nate Peacock, Cooper Donnelly, Seth Holt

Salties: Seth Holt, Shayla Foteff

Sport: Sophia Halls

2/3 News

Wow the weeks are coming and going very quickly, we have been extra busy these last 2 weeks with lots of things going on in our class.

In Literacy we have been finishing off our books ready to start new books next week. We have also been writing some wonderful narratives including some great stories on aliens. Our focus for next week will be adding more detail to our writing as well as learning to write in paragraphs.

As a class we have been reading a wonderful story by Geoffrey Mc Skimming called Marshmallows by Moonlight. It is a 3 part story with a new part in the first three editions of the Countdown School Magazine. Using the story as a stimulus the students are visualising what they are hearing in the story and are entering a competition through the school magazine.

In Maths we have finished our unit on data and our new focus is addition. We have been using the Smart Board to play some wonderful games on an interactive website called 'Ideal Online'. We have also completed our measurement assessment and are now looking at our space unit.

Our classroom plants are growing quickly and our tadpoles are starting to grow legs. We have been closely watching the growth process and recording our observations.

In PDHPE we have been talking about showing respect to everyone including our teachers, parents, friends and class mates. We shared a song about respect on Friday at our assembly which we hope you all enjoyed.

Awards: Merit awards: Nicolas Nicholson, Mikayla Anderson, Elsie Niki, Jorja McCredie

Sports awards: Patrick Slade, Jack Gilbert

Saltie awards: Joanna Booth, Ally Davison, William Liston-Smith, Montana Latham, Hayley Parnell

Year Four

The students really enjoyed the talk by the NRL Knights Players. Their campaign message about not bullying and including others into games was a great message to portray. This helped some students in year 4 clarify their own decisions they have made when playing games such as handball and trying to include everyone.

Literacy has included spelling, handwriting, Narrative writing, Reading groups, comprehension and grammar.

In Maths we are using a variety of subtraction strategies to work out the difference between three digit numbers.

All year 4 students are entered in a Harmony Day Poster Competition so they have been using a variety of media to finish their own posters.

Ms Young is super impressed with the students who are using their lunchtime and recess time to train for the cross country...not to mention the planks, sit-ups and squats they are also doing to strengthen their core muscles to assist in their training. Well done!!!

Award winners:

Merit: Jemma Browne, Arnika McCredie, Jade House, Teresa Plumridge

Salties: Jarcara Bindon Bates, Courtney Swain, Kaelan Maloney, William West-Kennett, Scott Aurisch

Sport: Cooper West, Stephanie Fallou-Killick

Stage Three

A busy and active week for Stage Three. The girls performed well on Tuesday at the Zone Netball Gala. They improved rapidly as the day progressed and gained invaluable experience. Belle Niki was a superstar defending every minute of every game. Thank you to Sierra Nowlan who confidently took on the daunting role of umpiring...by all reports she performed like a badged umpire and left players on the court knowing exactly where they stood...or stepped! Thank you also to the parents who assisted with transport and support. Thursday saw our cricketers take on Tanilba. Although we could not get the runs the game was exciting providing an array of impressive shots and fielding efforts. Well

done particularly to Jarred Matthew and many others who were playing for the first time. Special thanks to Paul 'Dickie' Adams who kept the crowd entertained with his impressive umpiring skills.

Merit: Jaydon Warner, Sierra Nowlan, Cassidee Sharp

Salties: Connor Bell, Belle Niki, Evelyn Hutchinson

Sport: Kye Disney