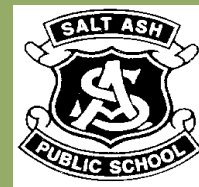


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

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Issue Three - Term Two – Week Five

Tuesday 27th May

2015-2017 Enrolments....We are currently in the process of updating our enrolment information for the **next three years....**if you have or know of any students who intend to enrol at Salt Ash Public School in the next three years it would be appreciated if families could contact the front office... thanks very much to the families that have contacted already...

Walk Safely to School Day....

What a lovely morning for a walk and a tasty breakfast. Many, many thanks to all the parents and grandparents who got up early and walked with their children to school.

Thanks to Lee and her crew for their efforts with our sumptuous breakfast. Thanks also to Mr Nash for cleaning the BBQ after all the eggs and bacon had been cooked and to Pop for setting up and assisting with our breakie!

Over \$300 was raised. After Assembly the students spent the day participating in a series of activities based on Walk Safely to School. Thanks to Mrs Hinchey for organising the day and the staff for running all the activities.

Our School Soccer Team participated in the second round of the PSSA Soccer on Friday morning.

Despite going down 3-1 the parents who accompanied our team all agreed that they displayed real fighting spirit. Well done to the team and to Mr Milne.

Starstruck is just around the corner and our dancers are ready for their major rehearsal this Thursday. Many thanks to Mrs Young for organising the dancers and their participation in Starstruck 2014.

Congratulations to Sierra Nowlan 26th overall in the Regional Cross Country held recently.

A BIG thanks to all who helped with the Mother's Day stall. A princely sum of \$1153.40 was raised for the school. Well done to all involved. I understand the aprons were a great hit and I know my mum loved her shower cap and tea towel !!

Wombat Stew Excursion

Jakob May, Joanna Booth, Lily Peters, Aleisha Hockey, Emily Trimingham, Ally Davison, Nate Peacock and Sophie Robinson were the names drawn from the hat last Monday morning at Assembly. We look forward to seeing a parent from each family to accompany our students on the Wombat Stew excursion.

Thank you to all who put their hand up to volunteer.

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/az/involvement.php>

Jump Rope For Heart....we have put this back another week to allow for sponsorship opportunities and to give parents more time for lunch preparation for our “Healthy Food Day”. June 4th is now the day for our ‘Jump Off’. Students will participate in a variety of activities and it will be a Mufti Red Day, with parents helping out by sending in food made with the “Heart Health” recipes that are attached to the newsletter, similar to the “Green Food ” we had recently for St. Pat’s Day. We will also take the opportunity to launch our participation (students and staff!!) in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge giving the students 2 hours of activity to get them started.

We hope that all parents will support our Heart Health Lunch as well as they supported our Green Food Day.

Allergies and Students

We have a number of students at our school with a variety of food allergies. We speak to students repeatedly about NOT sharing food with anyone. We would also like to try and limit the consumption of foods containing peanuts at our school.

Requesting Teacher Interviews....

Parents wishing to organise an interview with a member of staff are asked to complete a Teacher Interview Request Form which are available at the front office and on our Website.

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’.

Appointments

Parents are reminded that if they have any issues or concerns please contact the school as soon as possible to discuss them. In the first instance please make a time for a phone or face to face interview with the staff member you wish to talk with. Do not arrive at school early in the morning expecting to see a member of staff without a PRIOR appointment.

Semester One Reports will be issued in Week Eight with parent/teacher interviews taking place in Week Nine. This Semester, staff will take the opportunity to request interviews with parents to discuss any concerns they may have in relation to a student in their classroom.

Aussie Bush Camp.... Instalments can be made for this activity anytime at the office....

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

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

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.

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.

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 reminders....

*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 Five....

Tue 27 th May	Newsletter Day Nudie Food Day
Fri 30 th May	Assembly @ 8:55am

Week Six...

Tues 3 rd June	Nudie Food Day
Wed 4 th June	Jump Rope For heart Day... Heart Health Food Day... Red Mufti Day
Fri 6 th June	School Assembly @ 8:55

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Challenge.

Addison Towers, Cooper Donnelly, Montana Latham, Shayla Foteff, Heath Trimmingham, Nakia Vidler and Tyne-Isabella Morrissey

Please note that the rules regarding privacy and publishing of student's names have changed. If you have not ticked the box allowing publishing in the media your child will not receive a PRC certificate. This is because the students who complete the Challenge have their names and school published in the Sunday newspaper. Likewise, if you have not returned the note it is assumed you do not want your child's name published. Please call us if you wish to change permissions or need a copy of the note.

Every year our school participates in this exciting Challenge. You 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 to school 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.

Mrs Ruth Higginbottom

Class News

Kindergarten

Wow the last few weeks have really flown by. Kindergarten have been busy. Our new reading activities are lots of fun and it has been wonderful seeing everyone enjoying their reading. Home reading is a little more challenging at the moment. Only two readers are being sent home each week. Hopefully this gives students more time to spend with each reader. If your child would like to go back to four a week, please let me know. Lots of the Kindergarten students have been working really hard on their sight words lists and there are a few that are ready for some more words. Kindergarten will now be having Crunch and Sip first thing in the morning. It is only 10-15 minutes so please cut apples and peel mandarins, making it easier and quicker for Kindergarten to eat their Crunch and Sip.

Year One Report

Year One had a great day last Friday with many children starting the day by walking to school and then having a healthy breakfast at school with their friends. They participated in lots of activities during the day and then did some practice for the upcoming Athletics Carnival at the end of the day. Homework projects about their type of shelter should be thought out and started to be under construction. These can be brought into school before Week 7 if they are ready.

Awards: Merit: Annabella Barton, Chloe Bowden, Jay Carr, Seth Holt, Elisha Hyde, Jack Lyon.

Sport: Lilee Warner, Elisha Hyde, Brady Rizzoli, Ethan Swain.

Salties: Shayla Foteff, Sophia Halls, Jack Lyon, Nate Peacock

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Year 3 students had NAPLAN in Week 3 with a lot of mixed reactions, some came back saying it was easy while others said they tried their best in all areas and that is all we can ask.

In literacy this week students have presented a speech on a topic of their choosing. We have had some wonderful speeches on various topics including dingoes, bee keeping, loom bands and too many others to name. During maths we have continued with our unit on multiplication and students are continually learning new skills to solve various problems. We have also been estimating and measuring different surface areas to find out which cover the largest areas and which cover the smallest areas. Students particularly enjoyed working out the area of the hopscotch they constructed.

In HSIE Year 2 have continued to learn about natural and man-made shelters while Year 3 have been learning about NSW River Systems.

Year 2 began their new science topic on mixtures, where they had to predict what would happen when mixing specific ingredients together. The students came up with some brilliant ideas and they were eager to find out how each mixture felt in their hands. Year 3 also began a new topic and they are focusing on melting moments. The students investigated two objects and they were able to identify what had been melted down.

Merit awards: Riley Creedon, Lily Rizzoli, Mitchell Cox and Kayla Hockey

Sports awards: Gabby Rooney and Kye Warner

Saltie awards: Jakob May, Patrick Slade, Kelsi Bielefeld and Olivia Pickles

Stage 3

Having finished most of our narrative tasks, Stage 3 have looked to convince each other through writing persuasive texts on topical issues. The students have offered some interesting ideas and are having fun debating the merits of their opinions.

Our maths work has been a little more difficult as we investigate patterns and algebra. Some students were doing a 'double take' when I suggested it would be easy as we would do away with numbers and just use letters in order to find a

result. Budding scientists have enjoyed growing mould, thankfully this experiment is complete as there were some pretty disgusting pieces of fruit lying around.

Merit: Justin Cox; Belle Niki; Breanna Nicholson; Jaydon Warner

Salty: Megan Bowden; Jared Robinson; Evelyn Hutchinson; Oscar Duff

Sport: Riley Beaven; Cassidee Sharp; Sierra Nowlan; Jack Kenny

Student Banking News....

The Dollarmites want to encourage School Banking students to keep up their regular savings habits. That's why they are giving students a chance to win a share of the sunken treasure they have found in the Lost City of Savings. Here's how to win.....

If you have a Youthsaver account and are aged between 5-13 years, simply make three or more School Banking deposits between 21 April and 4 July 2014 and you'll be automatically entered into the competition.

Major prize – a family underwater adventure holiday. Five nights' accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast; VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast; A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and \$3,000 travel gift card to get you there.

Runner up prizes.

130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of \$250 each to spend on your favourite toys.

There will be a separate draw giving one school in each state/territory of Australia the chance to win \$1,000 cash to spend as they wish.

Remember, no matter how small, regular deposits will help your savings grow

Save in Term 2 for a chance to win the Dollarmites' sunken treasure.

