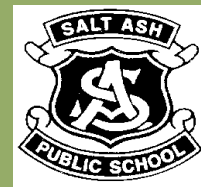


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

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Issue Four - Term Two – Week Seven

Tuesday 10th June

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 to the families who have contacted us already.

Welcome to the final weeks of this Term. We have had a very busy and productive term and we still have Semester One reports, Parent teacher Interviews, Starstruck and our Athletics Carnival to go !!! Students, staff and parents have all been extremely busy and I hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend especially those families who braved the elements and went camping !!

A great day was had by all last Wednesday when we finally were able to hold our Jump Rope For Heart activities and our Heart Health Food Tastings. The school was a sea of red and the food was amazing. Many, many thanks to the Mums and Nans and Grandads who 'cooked up a storm' from the recipes provided. There were some dads apparently who ably assisted with quality control the night before !!!

Thanks also to Lee and her band of merry helpers who pitched in and made lunch time run smoothly. Many students were enticed to try new foods and many were going home to tell their families how good the food was.

Thanks to Mrs Fisher for her wonderful organising skills and to the staff for organising the activities for the students.

Next Term I am exploring the possibility of a dance or gymnastics program running at the school. We also have our Aussie Bush Camp and the Wombat Stew Excursion. We also have Education Week, Bookweek, Naidoc Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week. It is also Commonwealth Games time and we will have some Scottish Fun !!

Mrs Hinchey has indicated she will be taking Long Service leave for Term 3. She will be replaced by Miss Bennett. Miss Bennet is well known to the students as she completed her Internship at Salt Ash Public School and has been working here as a casual teacher.

***On a sad note there have been concerns raised by students and parents in relation to bus behaviour and the use of inappropriate language in the playground and on the bus. I have spoken at length about expectations in relation to appropriate and safe behaviour on the bus. Students have been reminded that their behaviour is monitored on the bus and that their parents have agreed to a Code of Conduct when they apply for a School Bus Pass.

I have spoken at length as well about appropriate language in the playground. We continually remind students about the "Aussie Fair Rule" controlling what I do and say.

Starstruck Week has arrived...

Congratulations to the students representing Salt Ash Public School at the 21st Starstruck Extravaganza to be held for students across the Hunter Central Coast. This production involves over 3 500 students from schools as far away as Bulahdelah to the Central Coast. Staff and students work hard to prepare for their performances, and parents make a massive commitment of time and money to allow their child/children to participate. A special thanks to Mrs Young for her commitment and especially to Mrs Nowlan and her band of costume assistants. We would especially like to congratulate Mrs Nowlan on her tireless efforts over the last seven years....this will be her last time participating in Starstruck on behalf of Salt Ash Public School. From all at Salt Ash THANK YOU. Thank you also to the parents who have made the commitment to transport the students throughout rehearsals and on the performance days....we also thank you in advance for waiting up !!

Reports and interviews.....

Staff are very busy at the moment assessing and recording results and preparing Semester One Reports. These will be distributed on Wednesday of Week Eight with parent teacher Interviews to take 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.

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 from our Website.

The excursion to “Wombat Stew” is not too far away. Parents are reminded that payment for this activity may be made in instalments at the office. A little every week makes a big difference. This payment option also applies to the “The Great Aussie Bush Camp” excursion in August.

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.

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.

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

*AmberTime out in the Classroom or in a buddy Classroomwith 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 Seven... .Starstruck Week

Tue	10 th June	Newsletter Day
		Nudie Food Day
		Uniform Day from 9:00 am
Fri	13 th June	Assembly @ 8:55am
		Year One Item

Week Eight... Semester One Reports

Tues	17 th June	Nudie Food Day
Wed	18 th June	Semester One Reports Distributed.
Fri	20 th June	School Assembly @ 8:55
		Kindergarten Item

Uniform News

The correct colour SAPS Shorts and skorts have arrived.

If you have old shorts and skorts, which were to be exchanged for the new colour please send them in now because we will be performing a stocktake at the end of the term and will not be exchanging after then.

You do not need your receipt to do this.

Uniform days will be 10th and 24th June.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge: Emily Trimmingham, Lily Peters, Percy Rowe, Sophie Robinson and Elisha Hyde.

A reminder that we still have children who are not borrowing.

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 permission or need a copy of the note.

Class Happenings**Year One Report**

This is the week that your child should bring to school the shelter that they have made. They are to bring them in on their news day and could you please make sure that they can explain to the class what it is for, what it is made out of and how they made it. Some children have already brought theirs in and I am really pleased with their efforts.

Remember it is not a competition so don't spend hours over it. The children will show their models at the school assembly on Friday.

Awards: Merit: Annabella Barton, Jack Lyon, Nate Peacock. Salties: Kyle Anderson, Ethan Swain.

Sport: Chloe Bowden, Shayla Foteff.

News from 2/3

The students have had a wonderful week this week. Jump Rope for Heart was a great day and the students completed some fantastic activities.

Students also tried some of the wonderful food that the parents made and they were very impressed.

In HSIE this week Year 2 have continued to design their tree houses made from natural and man-made materials. I can't wait to see the finished product as the students have wonderful imaginations.

In PDHPE we have continued with our topic of healthy living. There have been some great artworks made, where the students drew healthy food onto a paper plate. They then glued the plate, a plastic knife and a plastic fork onto a coloured background. This artwork turned out great!

In Science Year 2 continued their topic on mixing. They thoroughly enjoyed mixing different ingredients and items together to see the end result. Year 3 investigated different melted objects and they had to identify what the object was before it was melted down. Following this the students used a hairdryer to melt a given ingredient/object. They had to predict if the ingredient/object would remain a solid or turn into a liquid.

It's 2/3's turn for 'in focus' in this newsletter so please check out what our class has been doing during Term 2.

Awards:

Merit awards: Patrick Slade, Kelsi Bielefeld, Tahlia Wright-Bean and Ally Davison

Sports awards: Seth Morrissey and Nicolas Nicholson

Saltie awards: Jorja McCredie, Elsie Niki, Hayley Parnell and Joanna Booth.

Stage 3

A steep learning curve for our PSSA netballers on Tuesday. After a slow start they performed well and soon realised playing a more experienced opposition is definitely harder than practising on your own.

This week, students have also completed some reading assessment for this semesters reporting period. Most of the class have demonstrated good improvement. Be sure to make the most of the colder weather and upcoming break to 'read everyday'.

Merit- Connor Bell, Tahlia Harris, Hayli Clarke, Jaydon Warner

Value- William Gilbert, Braydan Bielefeld, Nakia Vidler, Samuel Browne

Sport- Grace-Anne Hyde, Megan Bowden, Nicholas Fallou-Killick, Tyne-Isabella Morrissey.

