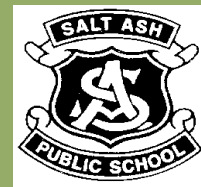


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

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Issue Three - Term Three – Week Five

Tuesday 13th August

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.

We are already half way through Term Three and still have a lot of fun to get to yet. Week Three was VERY busy with the long awaited Wombat Stew Excursion. Kindergarten are STILL talking about it...great fun was had by all!!

Many thanks to the Mums, Dad and Nans who accompanied the students and took such great care of them. Thanks also to Miss Nash for organising the excursion.

We then celebrated the Commonwealth Games with our very own day. The emphasis was on fun and participation and all the students, staff and parents had a great time. We ended our day with the Cross Country and had many students really enjoying themselves. Congratulations to our "Medal Winners". Thanks very much to the staff for their organisation and participation in the fun.

Clyde has taken up residence in the Office area and even photo bombed our Hat and Beanie Day photo! Massive thanks to the parents who assisted with team colours on the day.

Week Four saw students representing Salt Ash Public School at the Zone Field and Track events. Thanks again to our transporting parents and to Mr Milne for organising the students!

On Wednesday afternoon I attended the local Education Week Awards Assembly. Salt Ash Public School had two award winners.

- Oscar Duff for demonstrating exemplary leadership and involvement in school, sporting and community endeavours.

- Mrs Amanda Plunkett for dedication and ongoing commitment over many years to the P & C, Canteen and School Reading Programs.

On behalf of the School Community we would like to congratulate our award winners.

Thank you also to the students and staff who wore their hat/beanie to School on Wednesday to support the Mark Hughes Foundation (Brain Cancer Research). Our photo was emailed to the Foundation and should be up on their Website. Miss Riddel is checking into that for us!

Please find attached a note in relation to the: Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2014.

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with a diagnosed disability. We are also gathering information on any accommodations or adjustments that the school makes to improve educational outcomes for students. An example may be sitting a child closer to the front of the room or giving a student longer time to complete class tasks or receiving additional support from staff or support officers. If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the attached form and return it to the school by the end of this week. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Week Five is jam packed.... Our Great Aussie Bush campers left yesterday and will have already had an enormous amount of fun and activity. Many thanks to the parents who either transported the students yesterday or are collecting the students tomorrow...your assistance and support with the camp is VERY much appreciated. Thanks also to Mrs Young and Miss Riddel for accompanying and supervising the student at camp...we will hear lots of funny and interesting stories upon their return!!

Almost all of our 3-6 students will be participating in a Touch Football Gala Day event in Nelson Bay this Thursday....fun and participation is the key as we have many of our students who are just learning the skills for Touch. Mrs Young and Mr Milne will be the supervising teachers.

This Friday students are encouraged to come to school dressed in their pyjamas. Participating in Pyjama Day is to raise awareness of Asthma from which many of our students suffer. The Canteen will be selling Hot Chocolate drinks with marshmallows at lunchtime for \$1 per cup. Muffins can be purchased as per normal canteen orders.

Week Six is a MASSIVE week. We are combining Literacy and Numeracy Week, our NAIDOC Celebrations and Book Week!

- Tuesday - Numeracy sessions for the morning for all classes. Maths games and activities and Numeracy fun !
- Wednesday - NAIDOC Activities

All classes will participate across the day in a variety of activities. These include Dreaming Stories, Music, Dance, Painting and Aboriginal Games.

- Thursday - Literacy activities. All classes will be working on activities based on the Children's Books of the Year.

Our massive run of BIG weeks will culminate with our annual Book Week Parade. This will take place after our Weekly Assembly and all parents are invited to attend.

Students are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character. They can come to school in their costume and they can then get changed into their school uniform OR they can get changed at school for the parade and then put their uniform back on. This year we are changing how we 'award' prizes for the Book Week Parade. Each participant from each class will go into a 'hat'. Three names will be drawn from the hat and those students will receive a voucher to spend with the next Book Club order.

We still have our commitment to

- ❖ Premier's Reading Challenge
- ❖ Premier's Sporting Challenge
- ❖ Premier's Spelling Bee

Just to round off the Term!

We have been in touch with the Jump Rope for Heart Foundation and have received information

that our participation and sponsorship is being finalised and we should receive our \$\$\$ very soon.

Term Four already has our Intensive Swimming Program pencilled in.

Calling all Green Thumbs....we need some ideas as to what to do in the area where the Camphor Laurel Tree was and what to do with our memento from the tree, all ideas will be considered!!

P and C News

Exciting times are afoot with the P & C.

They have a disco planned for the last week of term (Wednesday 17th September) with the theme "come as your favourite movie, TV character or as your favourite Superhero". That should make it easy for everyone to dress up and enjoy the disco. More details to follow!

They are also organising a car boot sale and Mini Fete for the middle of next term. Stall and activities are planned for all to enjoy.

Severe Allergies....we have students enrolled at Salt Ash Public School with severe allergies, in particular latex and products containing latex. These include silicone wrist bands and loom bands. Our aim is to eliminate, as much as possible, any products containing latex, especially from the Year One classroom. I ask for your assistance in relation to any products containing latex not to be brought onto school grounds.

Reminders for Parents

- The car park at the back of the school is for STAFF only and should NOT be used by parents for safety reasons.
- Students should not be dropped off at school before the official school starting time which is 8:25 am. The school gates will be locked until at least 8:00am.

Requesting Teacher Interviews

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

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 also reminded that students remain out of the playground until the behaviour note is returned.

We have had some students with Head Lice! We ask that **ALL** parents check their child/children's hair and treat accordingly. Girls should have their hair in plaits / braids or in pony tails....not 'out', this assists in preventing the spread.

Parents are **AGAIN** reminded that our school uniform is **BLACK SHOES**. The School Uniform policy has been uploaded to the School Website.

Nudie Food Tuesday - 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 Amber or Red Alert should the behaviour or the circumstances warrant. Dangerous or aggressive or disrespectful and non-compliant 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.

Week Five

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| Mon 11 th Aug | Aussie Bush Camp |
| Tue 12 th Aug | Newsletter Day |
| | Nudie Food Day |
| | Aussie Bush Camp |
| Wed 13 th Aug | Students return from Aussie Bush Camp |
| Thurs 14 th Aug | School Dance Program |
| | K-6 Students |
| | 3-6 Students Touch Football Day |
| Fri 15 th | Assembly @ 8:55am |
| | 5/6 Item |
| | Pyjama Day... with muffins and hot chocolate – yum! |

Week Six

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| Tues 20 th Aug | Nudie Food Tuesday |
| | Numeracy Activities |
| Wed 21 st Aug | NAIDOC Activities |
| Thurs 22 nd Aug | Literacy Activities |
| Friday 22 nd Aug | School Assembly @ 8:55 am followed by Book Week Parade |

News from the Classrooms

Kindergarten has been busy. We have really enjoyed making Erik the Echidna in Art this week. He was one of our favourite characters from Wombat Stew. In class we have been talking all about the weather and seasons.

Kindergarten knows which season they were born in and are going to be looking at the different types of clouds and what things affect the weather. "Here comes the rain" was a book that Kindergarten really liked this week. In class we have been focusing on writing and learning our sight words. Our Fundamental Movement Skill focus this term has been on catching and throwing. Home readers have been very popular so far this term and nearly everyone is remembering to bring them back on Friday. Keep up the great work Kindergarten.

Year Four

Students have had a very busy week with so much going on at school.

On Wednesday we were fortunate enough to have a visit from two ladies from the Port Stephens Council and the Solo Resource Recovery Centre informing us about the advantages of Recycling and How the Council is moving forward with the use of technology to improve waste removal and disposal. The students learnt a lot about recycling, the impact on the environment and where their household rubbish ends up. They all enjoyed the visit and were extremely lucky to each receive a 'goodie' bag. Students have also produced some quality posters to remind people of the importance of recycling.

In Maths our focus is Investigating Patterns and Recording Steps to Multiply.

Most students in Year 4 have been practising their 'Touch Rugby' skills in preparation for next week's Gala Day, and their skills have improved immensely. We can't wait to attend the Gala Day on Thursday.

Award winners for Weeks 3 and 4

Merit: Jemma Brown, Bianca Peacock, Stephanie Fallou-Killick and Kaelan Maloney
Salties/Values: Scott Aurisch, Mason Davis, Bella Rooney and Jade House
Sports: Courtney Swain, Ben Smart and Drew Gestrin.

Year 2/3

In the past 2 weeks students have been busily completing a writing assessment on the book

'Edward and the Great Discovery. We have also continued reading groups and have been practising our handwriting. Year 3 are slowly getting the hang of joining letters together.

In Maths we have started new topics. Year 2 have been learning about ordinal numbers while Year 3 have been learning about 'less than and greater than,' as well as counting on and off the decade.

We have also been looking at time. Year 2

constructed a calendar labelling the most

important dates of the year, including their

birthdays. Year 3 are labelling parts of both an

analogue and digital clock.

We have continued our Commonwealth Games unit

looking at all the countries that have held the

games, from the beginning. We will continue our

Commonwealth Games unit throughout the term.

During fitness, students have been learning touch

football skills. Some of our Year 3 students will be

competing in a touch football gala day this week

and we wish them all the best. I am sure they are

going to be worn out by Friday ready for pyjama

day.

Awards:

Merit awards: Joanna Booth, Jack Gilbert, Riley Creedon and Ocea Liston-Smith

Sports awards: Jakob May and Mohamed Aborehab

Saltie awards: Montana Latham, Kye Warner,

Mikayla Anderson and Seth Morrissey.

Year One

This week we have finished a draft copy for our information report on the Stegosaurus. This is our dinosaur under the spotlight for Week 4. We have gathered all our facts about this dinosaur and have now put them altogether. Our reports cover what this dinosaur looked like, what it ate, where it lived and we have completed a drawing to match. Year One are very good at illustrating these tricky dinosaurs. We will work on publishing them very soon! We have started to learn all about chance and probability in Maths this week. We now know that going to lunch every day is very likely but spotting a dinosaur at the canteen is impossible. Some of the language can be tricky but luckily we are all very clever. We also learnt all about gymnastics from our study into the Commonwealth Games. We compared some of the skills required from the floor work to the beam and decided that gymnastics was a very challenging sport. Some

people in our class are very interested in becoming a gymnast when they grow up.

Awards

Merit... Annabella Barton and Brady Rizzoli

Salties... Ashlee Gestrin and Ethan Swain

Sport... Kyle Anderson and Shayla Foteff.

Stage 3

Stage 3 has been excited about their upcoming camp week. They have continued working on texts that inform as well as time in Mathematics.

Merit: Farida Aborehab, Braydan Bielfeld and Grace Hyde

Saltie: William Gilbert, Natalia Collinson and Belle Niki

Sport: Tahlia Harris.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Challenge:

Nate Peacock, Chloe Anderson, Lachlan Halls, Aleisha Hockey, Mason Davis, Evelyn Hutchinson, Cassidee Sharp, Riley Beaven, Jared Robinson and Bianca Peacock.

We only have until August 22nd to read the required number of books. How many has your child read?

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

Teacher Librarian.

