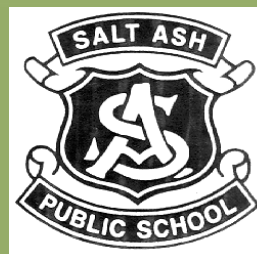


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

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Term One – Week Four

Tuesday 17th February

Principals Message

Annual Swimming Carnival

Last Wednesday we held our annual swimming carnival. Mr Milne ran a great show and was well supported by Staff, Parents and the students. It was impressive to see the confidence and persistence of many of the students as they got in and had a red hot go. Student behaviour was also tops, with people from outside the school noticing and commenting.

Congratulations go to the Age Champions

Junior Girl- Theresa Plumridge

Junior Boy- Benjamin Smart

11 Years Girl- Bella Rooney

11 Years Boy- Scott Aurisch

Senior Girl- Hayli Clarke

Senior Boy- Jack Kenny

Congratulations also go to the following students who have qualified for the Zone Carnival
Ocea-Liston-Smith, Gabby Rooney, Bella Rooney, Sam Browne, Kaelan Maloney, Hayli Clarke, Nakia Vidler, Jack Kenny and Brayden Bielefeld

Sport

Port Stephens Zone Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) calendar has been added to the school website for everyone to access.

This week Jack Kenny trialled for the Port Stephens Zone PSSA Cricket and was successful. He will now move on to the Hunter region PSSA trials in September. Well done Jack.

Hunter Sports High

Hunter Sports High is taking applications for enrolment into its Talented Sports Programs for 2016. Information documents and application forms are available from their website

www.huntersports.com.au.

We also have a copy of the application form at SAPS.

Hunter Sports High will be holding an open night on Tuesday 24th February, 2015.

Class Information Sessions Wednesday 25th February

Class teachers will be running parent information sessions on Wednesday 25th March.

- Miss Nash will meet with kinder parents at 8:30am and again at 4:00pm.
- Miss Nash and Mrs Hinchey will meet with Year 1 & 2 Parents at 4:30pm.
- Mrs Fisher will meet with Year 3 & 4 Parents at 5:00pm
- Mr Milne will meet with Year 5 & 6 Parents at 5:00pm

If you are unable to make these times please contact your child's class teacher to make an alternate time that is convenient to you both.

On that afternoon Mr Price will be available to mind students so that parents are pupil free for the meeting.

New Bus Run

Hunter Valley Buses will now service Lemon Tree Passage and Tanilba Bay students in the morning with bus **137**, allowing students to arrive at school at a more appropriate time. **This bus will service the same bus stops as the old run but will pick up in the mornings approximately 45min later**, dropping students at school in time for the morning bell.

Afternoon drop off times will not change. A note with the above information and the latest timetable was sent home and the information is also available on the Hunter Valley Buses website and on the school's website under "notes home".

Please note there will be no teacher supervision before 8:25am.

Relieving Principal

Miss Jamieson will not be returning before the end of Term 1. Our Director Mr Rob Farley has asked me

to remain as relieving Principal until the end of this term.

Term Calendar

A calendar for the rest of the term accompanies this newsletter. If any new dates come up we will let everyone know so you can add them. The most up to date calendar will also be published on the school website.

MSP PHOTOGRAPHY will be coming to the school on 20TH February to take photos of our new Kindergarten children.

Student Medical Conditions

If your child has had a medical condition that needs to be managed at school please provide the office with up to date action plans as soon as possible. Some conditions we need to know about are asthma and allergies but there may be others. If you are not sure please drop in and have a conversation with us about your child's needs.

Kind Regards
Andrew Price

Class Activities

Class 5/6

Students have settled into their studies and are working well on all tasks. Our current literacy focus is 'texts that entertain'. Students are learning to plan and use literary devices to create interesting, well-structured narratives. They are revising their concept of place-value in maths and using this skill to convert between units when measuring. We are looking at Australian Colonies in History along with Our Place in Space in Science and Technology. Students have had fun creating portraits and caricatures of each other in Creative Art.

Class 3/4

In literacy we have started reading Charlie and the Chocolate factory. We will be completing a unit on the book and exploring many different aspects to do with the novel. This week we read to chapter 5 and completed a summary of the chapter. We also designed a Golden Ticket and are looking forward to the many aspects that Charlie and the Chocolate factory explore.

We have also started our writing topic looking at texts to entertain. We started discussing narratives and looking at the way narratives are written. This

week we started writing a narrative with the title 'strange events' we discussed in-depth the importance of planning and have written a well thought out orientation. We will continue to write the story next week.

Class 1/2

Wow! What a busy start we have had to the term. Year 1 students have settled in well to our class routine and all students are working extremely well. Literacy groups started last week and Year 1 students learnt how to do cards from the Yellow Box. Spelling and Maths Homework began last week and all children should have a home reader this week. Sight words for Year 1 and some children in Year 2 will be sent home next week. All parents should have received a note last week about Homework expectations.

Class K/1

K/1 has had a great start to the year. A big thank you goes to the parents who have been very busy covering books and labelling pencils, glue sticks etc.. Kindergarten parents please return all items in the book pack labelled. A set of colouring pencils, lead pencils, glue sticks etc. will be kept in the store room and at the beginning of term 3 Kindergarten will be given their new set of colouring pencils, new lead pencils will be given out every 2-3 weeks, and 2 glue sticks per term. Homework has started for both Year 1 and Kindergarten. All home readers are due back Friday. If you know of anyone who has second hand toys that are in excellent condition that they would like to donate to the school please let Miss Nash know. A wooden dolls house, cradle, play kitchen, blocks, puzzles, trains, cars, dolls, costumes etc. are all items that K/1 would love to have.

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.

We also have students with a peanut allergy. Our aim is to eliminate, as much as possible, any products containing latex or peanuts from the school environment.