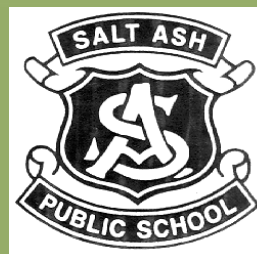


# Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

Respect Consideration Co-operation  
Quality Education in a unique, caring environment



Term One – Week Four

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February

## Principals Message

### School Plan 2015-2017

Work on the school's three year strategic plan continues. We have a consultative group made up of Parents elected from the school P&C, staff elected representatives and the Principal who is required to be on the team. The Parent reps are Natalie Creedon, Lisa Rowe, Alison Kenny and Beau-Ella Barbe-Messerli. The Staff reps are Lyndall Nash and Craig Milne. If you have any questions about the process please feel free to ask one of us. Below are the three strategic directions that have been set and the purpose of each one.

### STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1

#### *Enhance the quality of student learning*

##### **Purpose:**

To actively engage all students in meaningful and challenging learning experiences through personalised and differentiated learning opportunities; quality teacher professional learning; and twenty first century best practise.

### STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2

#### *Developing productive school community partnerships*

##### **Purpose:**

To build inclusive, collaborative teams and school networks through quality community partnerships which highlight community strengths, voice and priorities towards the improvement of student outcomes.

### STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3

#### *Fostering the positive development of the whole student*

##### **Purpose:**

To promote, build and sustain the academic, social and emotional development of the whole child, which supports them to become active and successful members of the local and wider community.

## Class Information Sessions

It was great to see so many parents attend our class information afternoon last week. Please remember if you were unable to make it, feel free to ring the office and your child's class teacher will contact you to make a time that suits for a catch up.

## New Shade

A big thank you goes out for the wonderful donation of our new shade sail. The sail, fittings knowhow and muscles were all provided by parents, family and community members and means there is plenty of shade for our students while sitting at our picnic tables.



## Attendance

I told you I would nag!!!

Being at school every day possible is vital for children's continuity of learning and one of the major contributing factors to life success. If for some reason you have trouble getting your child to school please let me know so that together, we can work out a solution.

### Clean Up Australia

Today our students and staff did their bit for our local environment by getting their hands dirty and cleaning up in and around our school. Interestingly, while I was working with the Stage 3 students, I heard heaps of comments from them saying “seriously how hard is it to put this in the bin! Why do people just chuck it?” We are building global citizens at Salt Ash!



Thank you everyone for your ongoing support of our school.

Regards  
Andrew Price

### Term Calendar Updates & Reminders

#### P&C Meeting

Tomorrow night **4<sup>th</sup> March**, 6pm in the school library

#### Change of Disco Date

Now **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**.

#### Easter Hat Parade

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** details to follow.

#### ANZAC Day

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April** the whole school is invited to march at the Tilligerry Sub Branch of RSL service. Details to follow.

#### School ANZAC Service

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 10am, at the school**

### University of NSW Competitions

Each year the University of NSW run international competitions in various academic disciplines. These competitions are carried out in schools with students sitting assessment tasks at school. Students, families and school receive detailed feedback on student's results. If you would like your child to participate please let the school office know before Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Costs and assessment dates are below.

### ICAS

ICAS SUBJECT	ICAS Sitting Date	Prices (Including GST)
Digital Technologies ***	Tues 19 May	\$8.80
Science	Wed 3 June	\$8.80
Writing	Mon 15 June – Fri 19 June	\$18.70
Spelling	Tues 16 June	\$12.10
English	Tues 28 July	\$8.80
Mathematics	Tues 11 August	8.80
*** Previously known as Computer Skills		

### Class Activities

#### Class 5/6

Time flies when you're having fun!  
Stage 3 has been creating their own narratives incorporating plot-lines, dialogue between characters and multiple conflict/resolution scenarios. Some have been a bit whacky, such as a space-travelling horse, but there has also been noticeable improvement in structural technique, use of vocabulary and use of language conventions. We are on-track with our maths program. Everyone is now back into the swing of things and have impressed with their effort to think like a mathematician.  
In History, we are studying our colonial past and steadily grasping the concept of life 200 years ago. It has been interesting to realise that this was not all that long ago, yet there have been many changes to the land and our lifestyle

**Class 3/4**

Over the past two weeks the students of Class 3/4 have been settling into reading groups, completing many reading and comprehension activities. Students have been practicing their spelling words and have completed their first spelling test.

In Mathematics, students have learnt different strategies to add two-digit numbers and are currently experimenting with different types of measurement.

Students have also engaged in serious class discussion, sharing ideas around the topic of bullying. They are aware of the many types of bullying, including cyber bullying, and have devised a number of strategies to combat bullying in and out of school.

**Class 1/2**

Thanks to all those parents who attended our information session last Wednesday evening. It was great to see so many parents turn up. Please remember, if your queries weren't addressed on the day then don't hesitate to make an appointment for an interview if you need to, or just a quick chat.

It has been great to see so many Year 1 students learning their sight words, they will soon be catching up to some children in Year 2.

Please remind your child to change his/her Home Reader in silent reading time in order to get house points. Spelling and Maths Homework are also eligible for class points. Spelling sentences get extra house points.

**Class K/1**

K/1 has been practising lots of games. In maths K/1 have been practising adding two dice together, doubling numbers, what adds to 10 and some tricky new games. Miss Nash hopes everyone keeps practising at home.

Year 1 were using dominoes to learn about addition and subtraction fact families. Kindergarten have learn the sounds s, a, t, i, p, n, c, k, e, h. They are getting very clever at stretching and singing CVC words.

Kindergarten has been reading lots of books as well and the whole class started an author study of Ian Falconer, and are really enjoying the Olivia character. Keep practising those Home readers at home! Kindergarten is focused on crisp finger pointing and Year one is focused on smooth, expressive, fluent reading as they practise their home readers.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE BACK AT SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.**