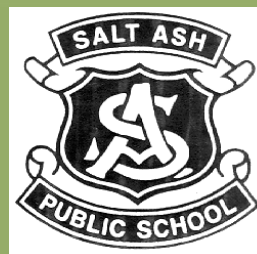


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

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Term Three – Week 8

Tuesday 1st September, 2015

Book Week Celebrations

“Books Light up our World”.

On Friday 4th September we will be celebrating Book Week and Literacy/Numeracy Week with a visit from author Tony Harris.

Tony will be doing a writing workshop with Year 3-6 and an author talk with K-2. We will also have our traditional Book Week Parade where children are invited to dress up as their favourite character or in the theme of Book Week.

You are also invited to share the book that lit up your world when you were a child or one of your child's favourites. During recess we will have a reading picnic.

The programme will be:

11.40am Year 3-6 Writing Workshop

12.40pm K-2 Author Talk

1.10pm Reading Picnic/Recess-sharing a picnic and a favourite book.

Our Book Parade will be held after the picnic, starting at approximately 1.30pm.

There will be no cost for the author visit but he will have his books for sale on the day or pre-order with the order form sent in the last Newsletter, pick up from the school office, or the form is also on the school website.

If you would like to have a look at the books they are in our school library or you can visit his website <http://wombatstories.com.au/>

We will also be holding a colour and design competition on the wombat theme.

Ruth Higginbottom --- Teacher Librarian

Bronze Awards:

Taylor Phillips-Mckendry, Mitchell Plumridge, Savanna Stair, Libby Vogtmann, Zachary Zucca, Alexander Marshall, Kate Slade, Tesharnhi Bindon-Bates, Shayla Foteff, Emily Pike, Kayla Hockey, Olivia Pickles, Heath Trimmingham, Jade House, Teresa Plumridge, Malachi Tarrant, Braydan Bielefeld, Nathan Booth, Lorelei Bury, Candi-Ann Hawtin, Nakia Vidler.

Silver Awards:

Aleisha Hockey and Montana Latham.

Well done to all our award recipients, especially our Silver certificates!!!!

Soccer Team Through To State Finals

Our school soccer team has achieved the remarkable feat of qualifying for the NSW PSSA Small Schools state finals. This means the team will travel to Sydney to battle it out for the State Championship. Congratulations kids! A big thank you goes to the P&C who have contributed \$300 toward the cost of the bus to the event and for the donation of a new set of footy socks to finish the team uniform.

Athletics Success

Recently we sent a strong school team to the Port Stephens Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival and achieved some top results. The team consisted of Malachi Tarrant, Kelsie Beilefeld, Patrick Slade, Nathan Booth, Kaelan Maloney, Jack Kenny, Jarred Matthew, Mathew Bury, Drew Gestrin, Nakia Vidler, Hayli Clarke, Jarcara Bindon-Bates, Bella Rooney, Ocea Liston-Smith, Joanna Booth, Ashlee Gestrin and Riley Creedon.

Particularly good results came from Nakia Vidler in the 100m, Jarcara Bindon-Bates in the 100m, Jack Kenny in the Shot Put and Drew Gestrin in the Discus.

All these students were selected in the Port Stephens Zone team to compete at the Hunter PSSA Regional carnival last week, a great effort.

Nakia's performance at the regional carnival in the 100m saw her selected in the Hunter Team and will now compete at the State Carnival in October. Well done Nakia!

Dance for Sport in Term 4

We have been lucky enough to engage professional dance instructor Samantha Jewell, from Active Dance Moves, to teach part of our Term 4 sports

program. Students will actively learn a range of dance styles including Zumba, Jaz, Hip Hop and Go Go/Disco in a 10 week program and put on a performance for us all at the end. The cost for this activity is \$18 for the term.

Traffic News

A drop of zone has been installed in front of the school in Salt Ash Avenue. This means that in the mornings cars can only stop to drop off passengers and cannot park. In the afternoons it is still regular street parking.

Flashing lights marking a school zone are to be installed in Salt Ash Avenue in the next two weeks. These automated lights will remind motorists when a 40km/h school zone is in place.

Both these initiatives have come through Roads and Maritime and the Local Traffic Committee with consultation through our school P&C.

Upcoming dates

Father's day breakfast Wednesday 2nd September

Father's day stall Thursday & Friday 3rd & 4th September

Book Week Celebrations and Parade Friday 4th September

Cranky Bear excursion K-2 Tuesday 8th September

Disco Thursday 10th September

Premiers Sporting Challenge (PSC)

All the kids have a PSC recording card in their classrooms. When students participate in physical activity at school they can log it on their card. If the kids are active at home they can log that time as well. Class teachers are happy to help with recording if you would like to send in any after school activity details.

Natalia Collinson from Year 6 is our PSC leader and is setting up activities for the kids to participate in during break times.

Volunteers working with children check (Now with the correct website)

We very much value the support of our community and thank all those people who contribute to our school. Whether it be assisting in the canteen or at any of our other P&C activities, helping to transport students to events or assisting in the classroom

with things like reading groups, everything helps our kids and we thank you.

All volunteers in schools need a Working with Children clearance. The Department of Education is transitioning to a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance for all staff and volunteers as prescribed in the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013* and require schools to keep a record that their volunteers have this clearance.

What does this mean?

It means if you have been volunteering at our school since 2013 or before, your declaration and proof of identity continue to be appropriate and the school will just update current records until we all change over in 2017.

If you have joined us since 2013 you need to apply for a WWCC Clearance through the Children's Guardian and provide the clearance number to the school. This is easy to do online at <http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au>. AND IT'S FREE! If you need a hand with this let me know and we can do it together at school.

Attendance

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

If students miss the basic skills in the early years of school, they may have problems later on.

Regular attendance at school will help your child to succeed in later life.

Please do not keep your child away from school for:

- birthdays
- pension day
- minding other children
- hair cuts
- interpreting for other family members. Or other less important reasons.

Try to make children's appointments with people like dentists or doctors before or after school.


Woolworths Earn & Learn

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school. Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at

your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new resources! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.

2016 Enrolment

It is once again time to consider our enrolments for next year. If you know of any families who may be enrolling pupils could you please ask them to contact the school to fill out enrolment forms and return them to school. This will allow us to start planning for next year's classes.



Season begins October 10, 2015

Juniors: U10 T-Ball, U12, U15, U18
Seniors: Men & Women
1st, 2nd & 3rd grades

SAME PLACE EVERY WEEEEK
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