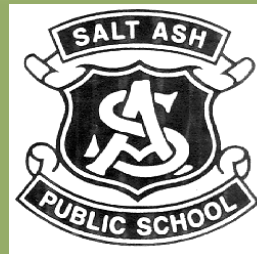


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

Positive, Respectful and Safe Learners



Term 4 – Week 5

Wednesday 9th November, 2016

Positive, Respectful and Safe Learners

That is what we are here at Salt Ash Public School; Positive, Respectful and Safe Learners.

The kids have been learning specifically in the various parts of the school.

Already our bus lines are more orderly and there is more eating happening at our lunch break.

The kids have been looking at some of the activities they participate in while in the playground and learning what Positive, Respectful and Safe looks, feels and sounds like when participating.

Keep up the good work EVERYONE.

Oak Vale Farm Visit & Party Day Correction

I have made a big mistake and not included the cost for our K-4 party day and visit to Oak Vale Farm. The cost of this excursion is \$12.50 per student and covers the cost of entry. Payment can be made at the school office or online. The school will be supplying the bus free of charge.

I APOLOGISE FOR THE OMISSION.

Parents Guide to NSW Syllabuses

Yesterday families received a document called Parents Guide to NSW Syllabuses. The document produced by the Board of Studies outlines the amount of time and type of content taught in each of the Key Learning Areas. It also gives examples of skills the student work toward developing.

If you have any questions about the NSW Syllabuses please feel free to ask your child's class teacher or the Principal.

School Soil and Water Testing

Toward the end of last term the Department of Education's contractor Pearsons Brinckerhoff conducted the next round of soil and water testing in relation to PFOS and PFOA.

The results are basically the same as previous tests with no contamination of our drinking water being detected and levels of the contaminants in our playground soil were below adopted residential interim screening levels.

The bore water results show less than 0.01ug/L for PFOA which is below adopted guidelines. The tests showed the bore water to have PFOS levels of 0.23ug/L which exceeds the US EPA Region 4 drinking water guideline value of 0.02ug/L.

The school does not allow students to access bore water and bore water does not come in contact with our drinking water.

These latest results confirm our current risk management procedures are appropriate for keeping our students, staff and visitors safe in relation to the above chemicals.

If you would like further information in relation to the latest round of testing or how we manage the risk in relation to PFOS and PFOA please feel free to contact the school.

Bush Fire Awareness

With recent fires impacting the Port Stephens area and with the clear memory of fires in recent years it is timely to let families know that the school has procedures in place to keep us safe from the threat of bush fire. In fact the school is quite a safe place to be when a fire is around.

The school will always monitor fires in the local area and take directions from emergency services in the event of a fire.

In the case of a fire approaching the school, we will use the SMS service to text all parents with advice on keeping our students safe so **please make sure your contact details are up to date with the school office.**

Community Wellbeing Program

Thank you to those who were able to return the recent survey for the Community Wellbeing Program.

Some activities have kicked off with more to come. Coming up is some morning Movement Relaxation Classes here at school each Friday morning from 8:20am. Movement Relaxation Classes and walking group will be held at Port Stephens Church of Christ

hall each Friday from 10:00am. A crèche runs on Friday mornings to help parents.

At 6:30pm each Friday there is a yoga class at the Yoga Hut 537 Lemon Tree Passage Road, Salt Ash. Some movies have also been organised at Scotty's Cinema, Raymond Terrace on the 23rd November and 10th December.

Flyers went home yesterday and there are more at the office if needed.

Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students on their recent awards.

Platinum: Jack Moyle

Super Dooper: Taylor Phillips-McKendry

Super Dooper 1: Jack Catford-Jones, Travis Stair, Lily Wright, Chelsea Pine, Kate Slade and Ashlee Gestrin

Super Dooper 2: Tara Kenny, Emily Trimmingham and Kate Slade

Super Dooper 3: Chloe Anderson.

Upcoming Dates:

Basketball K-6

Each Tuesday

Careers through Reading

Stage 3 each Wednesday

Kinder Orientation

15th November.

Application for Year 7 Selective High School 2018

Parents wishing to apply for their child to attend a Selective High School in 2018 must apply on line at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement before the **14th November 2016.**

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 9th March 2017. Further information is available from the school.

Swimming Scheme

21st November – 2nd December

Presentation Evening

Tuesday 13th December

Bathurst & Central West Excursion

Wednesday 16th November to Friday 18th November.

Celebration & Class Party Day, Oak Vale Farm

Wednesday 14th December

Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 14th December

Bathurst & Central West Excursion

A detailed itinerary, consent and medical form came home last week for those students who are attending the Stages 2 & 3 excursion through the Central West of NSW.

Please return the medical and consent forms by **Friday 11th November and remember final payment was due on Friday 4th November.**

P & C News

Crazy Camel Art Work Fund Raiser

Orders are due back this Friday. Late orders cannot be processed otherwise orders will not be back before the end of term.

Christmas Raffle

Donations for our HUGE Christmas raffle can be left at the school office. Raffle tickets will come home next week and the draw will take place at our Presentation Evening.

Canteen Coordinator

We are still looking for a Canteen Coordinator for next year. Please contact Natalie Creedon if you are interested.

P&C Facebook Page

Did you know the P&C has a Facebook page? We use it for a lot of our communication. Please join and stay up to date on P&C and school events. Simply search for Salt Ash Public School P&C.

UNIFORM PAYMENTS:

Please note: Direct debit payments for uniforms cannot be made using the school's 'Parents Online Payments' Icon on the schools website. This can only be used for School Excursions, Swimming Scheme, and Athletics Carnival etc. which are organised by the school.

Payments for uniforms should be made by direct deposit to the P&C's uniform bank account which is: Salt Ash Public School P&C Uniforms.

BSB: 032515 - Account No: 282381.