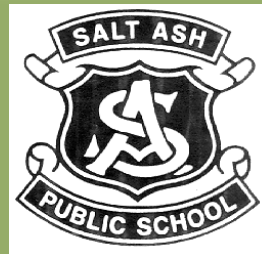


# Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

Positive, Respectful and Safe Learners



Term 4 – Week 9

Wednesday 7th December, 2016

## Confidence

We see this key to success in buckets at our school! We have kids trying new things and having a go at challenging tasks every day. A simple example is with our new mini tramp over the last couple of weeks. We had kids who had never seen this apparatus before launching themselves into the air and landing with solid two feet bent knee finishes, and this was in front of half the school!

It does help that our kids show great getting along skills and were chanting for their class mate's success.

You will see another example of our kid's confidence on Friday morning assembly when many of our Year 5 students will address the school community to tell us why they will make great student leaders in 2017 (everyone is invited). I thank them all for their commitment and commend them on their confidence to have a go.

Another example of confidence comes from our Parents. Every year we have a massive Christmas raffle with prizes coming from all over the place. This would not happen unless our dedicated parents were confident enough to approach all the businesses that donate. A classic example of confidence leading to success! Thanks heaps.

## YOGA Tuesday Mornings

Yoga finished yesterday. A big thankyou goes to Julie who for no cost and the good of the kids donated her time, efforts and expertise to give the kids this great experience. We are very fortunate to have such community support of our kids.

## Veggie Gardens

The harvest is complete and we have just finished off our snow peas, fancy lettuce varieties and a big crop of strawberries.

We have just pulled and cooked our beetroot with Haylee and Braydon preparing them for pickling and tasting for all.

The gardens have now been planted down with green manure which we hope will have grown enough to cut and mulch into the garden beds before the end of school so we have awesome soil to plant out our vegies in during the early days of 2017.

There is no doubt the shift of vegie gardens to the new location, the donation from the community for seedlings, a sneaky dad with a chainsaw and a very motivated group of students have really paid dividends.

Well done everyone.

## Industrial Action Tomorrow 9<sup>th</sup> December

The NSW Teachers Federation has called a stop work meeting for this Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Class teachers at our school on this day have indicated they will not attend the meeting and our classes will run as normal. Families are advised our students should attend school as normal.

## Staffing 2017

Our school numbers have grown in in the last couple of years and we expect to have 96 students in 2017.

This means we will again have four classes with the structure expected to be as follows;

K/1, 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6.

Mrs Fisher will return from maternity leave to full time work.

Ms Young who filled Mrs Fisher's maternity leave will be leaving us and will be working at another local school. We thank her very much for her commitment and hard work as a teacher across our school in various rolls. She also needs a big vote of thanks for all the extra stuff she does for our kids, especially in the area of creative and performing arts, much of this work goes unseen.

Mrs Sheppard will be taking some leave in Term 1 and Mrs Teena Harris will relieve during this time and we welcome her aboard.

[Type here]



Education  
& Training

### Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students on their recent awards.

**Bronze:** Jack Dor'e and Ebony Tarrant.

**Silver:** Mikayla Anderson, Mathew Bury, Teresa Plumbridge and Ebony Tarrant.

**Platinum:** Chloe Bowden, Gabby Rooney and Zach Wright.

**Super Dooper:** Libby Vogtman and Maddaline Logan.

**Super Dooper 1:** Sienna Donnelly, Mitchell Plumbridge, Jackson Wolinski and Joanna Booth

**Super Dooper 2:** Mia Pine, Kobi House, Mitchell Plumbridge and Deakin France.

**Super Dooper 3:** Mitchell Plumbridge, Savanna Stair, Tara Kenny, Kate Slade and Addison Towers

**Super Dooper 4:** Chloe Anderson

### Upcoming Dates:

#### Student Leader Speeches

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

This will be a special assembly starting at approximately 9:05am

#### Presentation Evening

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at Port Stephens Church of Christ

P&C BBQ from 5:00pm to 5:45pm

Presentation starting at 6:00pm

#### Celebration & Class Party Day - Oak Vale Farm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Cost: \$12.50

Non uniform day (sun protection essential)

Bus travel to and from school

Packed lunch and simple party food to share with classmates is suggested.

#### Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Movie and special BBQ at school before heaps of bouncing around.

#### P & C News

The Salt Ash Public School P&C will hold their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 1:30pm in the school library. At this meeting all committee positions will be declared vacant and an election will be held to fill these positions.

The AGM will be followed by a regular meeting.

### Canteen

The school canteen will be open the first Friday back at school next year but not the Monday of the first week.

The P&C would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped in the many different ways and wish everyone a safe and happy festive season.

## Birubi Excursion 2016



