

Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

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Term One – Week 2

Tuesday 2nd February, 2016

Welcome back everyone. 2016 is going to be an exciting, and busy year. Our students and teachers are already hard at work with their learning and special event days are already booked in. Important dates will be published in the newsletter each fortnight and the attached term calendar will be added to as dates are confirmed.

We can't look forward without first casting our mind back to some recent school achievements.

One of these recent achievements that need to be mentioned was our presentation evening at the end of last year. It was great to see so many family, friends and community members there to help celebrate student achievement.

We have received very positive feedback on the evening and the venue from the people who attended and we are hopeful of similar success this year.

The efforts of our hard working P&C need to be recognised in putting together the evening. The food stalls and giant raffle are major fund raisers for the P&C and their hard work and community generosity goes directly to supporting our students at school. Thanks.

Student Leaders and House Captains

At our presentation evening we announced our Student Leaders and house captains. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate these students who have made the commitment to making SAPS the best school it can be.

We have high expectations of these students and they have hit the ground running with at planning meeting at lunch time yesterday and Sports House meetings.

Our Student Leaders for 2016 are Benjamin Smart, Jade House, Bella Rooney and Jemma Browne.

Our House Captains are;

Oxley

Drew Gestrin
Jarcara Bindon-Bates

Sturt

Ocea Liston Smith
Seth Morrissey

Shortland

Terresa Plumridge
Scott Aurisch

Cook

Malachi Tarrant
Ebony Tarrant

Book Packs/School Fees

Our school does not charge school fees. Instead we ask students to purchase book packs which include all the things each student will need in class for the year.

If you would like to cover your child's books, please speak with their class teacher to work out the best time to do this. Covering the books is not a necessity.

School Times

Our school operates from 8:25am until 2:40pm each day and supervision is provided on site during this time. Staff are not on duty before 8:25am and supervision cannot be guaranteed before this time. Students will be supervised at the end of the school day until collected by their parents or their bus.

Class Information Sessions

Class teachers will be having information sessions for the parents of students in their class next

Tuesday 9th February. To avoid clashes of meetings with siblings we have staggered the meetings.

K/1 & 5/6 3:00pm-3:30pm

1/2 & 3/4 3:30pm-4:00pm

All information sessions will be held in student's classrooms. If you don't have child care at these times the kids can hang out with Mr Price while you are at the meeting.

If you are able to meet at the above times please feel free to contact your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

You Can Do It (YCDI) Program

Our You Can Do It Program is a key component in the social and emotional learning of our students. Learning the positive habits of the mind, (the way we think when things happen), really sets kids up with the skills to succeed in life.

We will be talking to the kids about Getting Along, Persistence, Resilience, Confidence and Organisation. These are known as the Keys to Success, ask your kids about them. Information about the Keys to Success and how we can all support students developing these skills will come home through the year.

Attendance & Attendance Procedures

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.

Must I send my child to school every day?

The Education Act states that it is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that all children between 6 and 17 years of age attend school every day that it is open unless:

- *your child is too sick to go to school
- *your child has been injured
- *your child has to go to a special religious ceremony
- *your child has an infectious illness (e.g. chicken pox, mumps, or measles)
- *there is a serious family situation which requires their involvement

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.

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

What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?

It is important to let the school know when your child will be away and why your child was absent.

The parent or caregiver should telephone the school or provide a written note addressed to the school explaining the child's absence.

Leaving School Early or Arriving Late

If you need to collect your child from school early please go to the school office where the details will be recorded and the student called for. Please do not go to the classroom to collect.

If a student arrives late to school they should go straight to the school office where the partial absence and explanation will be recorded. The student will be issued with an attendance receipt that they need to hand to their teacher so the teacher knows the student has attended the office.

P&C News

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held at the school library on Thursday 11th February commencing at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

If you have any items you would like raised please drop them into the office box and they will be passed on to the secretary of the P&C for addition to the agenda.

Our school P&C has a Facebook page where relevant information can be shared. Just search Salt Ash P&C Facebook

Important Dates

Thursday 4th Feb

Kindergarten Photos

Thursday 4th Feb 5:00pm

Parent Meeting for Student Leadership

Tuesday 9th February

Class information sessions

Wednesday 10th February

Swimming Carnival

Thursday 11th - Saturday 13th February

Student Leadership Training

Friday 19th February

Zone Swimming Carnival

Thursday 24th March

Young Teen Talk

Bus Company Message:

Welcome to the 2016 school Year!!

Bus drivers are often left with the situation of younger children forgetting to get off at their correct stop or their parent/carer not being at the bus stop to collect them. In instances like these, we have previously had access to a TfNSW database to contact parent/carers to ask what to do next. However, with the introduction of the Opal school pass, all Bus Operators have lost the ability to access any such student information. The protocol that we have been advised to follow by TfNSW in the instance of a parent/carer needing to be contacted, we are to call Emergency Services. Once the Emergency Service are called, they will then collect the child from the bus driver at an agreed destination and attempt to get in contact with the child's parent. It has been suggested that parents of the younger students may like to attach some form of contact details card (student name, bus stop, contact number) to their child's school bag to assist in the event of our Operations Department needing to contact a parent/carer. Please note that this is only a suggestion and it will be entirely up to the parents if they would like to do this or not. We do encourage you to do this because a call from a bus operator would be a lot less stressful than a phone call from the police!!

NSW Primary Principals' Association - Term 1 2016

Term One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	25 Jan Holidays	26 Jan Australia Day Public Holiday	27 Jan SDD Eastern Division	28 Jan Students return (E Div.)	29 Jan	30 31 Jan
2	1 Feb	2 Feb	3 Feb	4 Feb Kinder Photos Student Leadership Parent Info Session 5pm	5 Feb	6 7 Feb
3	8 Feb	9 Feb Class information sessions	10 Feb Swimming Carnival	11 Feb Student Leadership Training	12 Feb Student Leadership Training	13 14 Feb
4	15 Feb	16 Feb	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb Zone Swimming Carnival	20 21 Feb
5	22 Feb	23 Feb	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 28 Feb
6	29 Feb	1 March	2 March	3 March	4 March	5 6 Mar
7	7 March	8 March	9 March	10 March	11 March	12 13 Mar
8	14 March	15 March	16 March	17 March	18 March	19 20 Mar
9	21 March	22 March	23 March	24 March Young Teen Talk Yr 6	25 March Good Friday	26 27 Mar
10	28 March Easter Monday	29 March	30 March	31 March	1 April	2 3 Apr
11	4 April	5 April	6 April	7 April	8 April	9 10 Apr
Hols	11 April	12 April	13 April	14 April	15 April	16 17 Apr
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Eastern Division: 51 DAYS FOR TEACHERS 50 DAYS FOR STUDENTS / Western Division: 46 DAYS FOR TEACHERS 45 DAYS FOR STUDENTS

Mental health care

For residents affected by the Williamstown RAAF Base contamination

Mental health clinics for community members affected by the RAAF Base Williamstown contamination are now available.

Mental Health professionals will run clinics on
Thursday mornings from

Fern Bay Medical Centre
1117 Nelson Bay Rd
Fern Bay

Appointments can be made by calling
0417 494 576.

This line is available 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday
and has been established specifically for the people of
Williamstown.

After hours, the Hunter New England Health Mental
Health contact centre is available 24 hours a day
seven days per week on 1800 011 511.



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Hunter New England
Local Health District