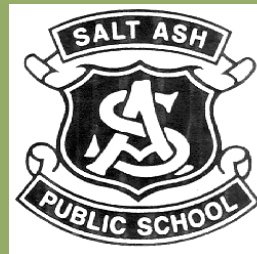


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

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



Term One – Week 6

Tuesday 1st March, 2016

Dear Parents,

Last newsletter a **Student Emergency Contact Details report** came home with each student. Please take a few minutes to check the details are correct and return it to school for updating. We have already discovered some strange data. If everything is correct please still return it with ALL GOOD scribbled across it. This is one of the ways we work with you to keep our kids safe.

Student Leadership

You should see Year 6 students in action! The original plan was for the students to help in the playground with activities at lunch times, but we just can't stop them, they have taken over recess as well! They all need to be congratulated! Thanks kids.

We have started the consultation process with our student leaders in relation to the mural on the outside of the old toilets, facing the service station. Stay tuned for their ideas.

Nudie Food Tuesday

Our student leaders are thinking globally and acting locally. Starting next week they are declaring **Nudie Food Tuesday** with the aim to reduce packaging and therefore reduce the amount of garbage going into landfill.

Starting next Tuesday during eating time our student leaders will allocate house points to those students who are supporting the initiative by bringing their food in re-usable containers. A special thanks needs to go to Jade and Teressa for kicking off this project.

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.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Last Friday seven of our students, Bella and Gabby Rooney, Ebony Tarrant, Riley Creedon, Tara Kenny, Kelsi Bielefeld and Ocea Liston-Smith represented our school at the Port Stephens Zone Swimming Carnival. The kids all put in 100% and the school spirit was brilliant.

In the relay event there was one school being supported by parents and kids standing on seats and along the pool deck chanting and cheering like it was state of origin. It was Salt Ash!

I was on timing duty with a heap of other teachers and almost all of them commented on how great the school spirit was. GO SALT ASH!

Cricket

Last week four of our senior girls Hannah Wolinski, Bella Rooney, Terresa Plumridge and Jarcara Bindon-Bates tried out for the Port Stephens PSSA Zone squad with Hannah progressing to regional trials yesterday. We look forward to seeing how she went.

You Can Do It (YCDI) Program

This week our students started specific learning about RESILIENCE, one of the 5 keys to success.

A support brochure for parents will come home at the end of the week.

Put simply resilience is the ability to bounce back or handle setbacks calmly when things don't go the way we expected, wanted or hoped.

People who are resilient can recognise their own feelings and are able to control their own behaviour in stressful or upsetting situations.

Award Recipients

Congratulations go to the following students for receiving their Bronze, Silver and gold awards

Bronze:

Sebastian Barton, Zoe Carter-Bennett, Jack Catford-Jones, Stella Logan, Jamison Marshall, Leo Middleby, Gemma Parkinson, Mia Pine, Zali Plumridge, Travis Stair, Sophie Wyatt, Sienna Donnelly, Xavier Knight, Lily Wright, Zachary Zucca, Kobi House, Chelsea Pine, Mitchell Plumridge, Savanna Stair, Libby Vogtmann, Chloe Anderson, Tesharnhi Bindon-Bates, Lewis Brown, Izzy Conna, Aleisha Hockey, Tara Kenny, Alexander Marshall, Maddison Mitchell, Lily Peters, Sophie Robinson, Dominic Rooney, Addison Towers, Emily Trimmingham, Ethan Wyatt, Kyle Anderson, Annabella Barton, Cooper Donnelly, Shayla Foteff, Deakan France (Watters), Joshua Gardiner, Ashlee Gestrin, Emily Pike, Ethan Swain, Mackenzie Watson, Jackson Wolinski, Joanne Booth, Riley Creedon, Ally Davison, Lucian Knight, Jakob May, Lachlan Pine, Graisea Steen, Zach Wright, Ocea Liston-Smith

Silver:

Chloe Anderson, Tesharnhi Bindon-Bates, Tara Kenny, Ethan Wyatt, Ashlee Gestrin.

Gold:

Chloe Anderson

“Tell Them From Me” student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes.

The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Friday 26 February**. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

P&C News

On Sunday our P&C Committee organised a fund raising BBQ at Bunnings Taylors Beach. The BBQ was a great success with more than \$700 being made to support the kids at our school. A big thankyou goes to the parents, grandparents and friends who helped out.

Important Dates

Thursday 18th March

Young Teen Talk (Please note change of date)

Thursday 18th March

Tell Them From Me, student survey on school life. Consent forms are on the way.

Thursday 24th March

Easter Hat Parade. Details to follow.

Our known dates are also available on our website.

Salt Ash Public School will transition to the new NSW public schools' finance system and a new bank account on **14 June 2016**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept parent or carer payments.

1. **Direct deposits:** As of **6 June 2016**, we will no longer accept direct deposits into our **current** school bank account as we prepare to close this account and transition to the new one. Any payments made into our account after this date cannot be properly allocated to a student's account in a timely manner. Please ensure you have made any outstanding direct deposits before **5 June 2016**.
2. **Cash and cheque payments:** Between **8 June 2016** and **24 June 2016**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **6 June 2016**. From **24 June 2016**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.
1. **Online payments:** As of **24 June 2016**, we will begin to accept online payments using the Department of Education's **Parent Online Payment (POP) system**. A button to access this online payment system titled '**\$ Make a Payment**' will be visible on the utility bar on the front page of our school's website at <http://www.saltash-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>. By selecting this link, parents and carers will be taken to a secure Westpac QuickWeb payment page, from which they can make online payments.

Please note: As a Westpac-hosted solution cardholder and account details will be held securely helping to protect the school and its customers from fraudulent transactions as well as assisting in meeting the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCIDSS) compliance requirements.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. We are hopeful the addition of an online payment facility will prove of benefit to families. If you have any further questions, please contact **the school office on telephone 49826251 or email saltash-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au**