

# Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

Positive, Respectful and Safe Learners



Term 4 – Week 7

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

## Principal's Report

### Playground Equipment Funding

Last week the P&C were advised that they had been successful in obtaining a grant from Defence to fund most of the cost for our long awaited playground equipment. There has been many, many, many hours of work put into gaining this funding by the P&C. There is still a lengthy process to go through before we will see the equipment built in our playground; however, we are much, much closer now. Thank you and congratulations to the P&C.

### Grandparents Day

What an exciting day Grandparents Day was! It was great to see so many Grandparents and special visitors attending the assembly and then visiting the classrooms with their grandchildren. I know the children enjoyed spending time together with their Grandparents.

I thoroughly enjoyed all of the class items presented at the assembly. It began with acrostic poems from the 1/2 students and then poems written by 5/6 (many bringing a tear to my eye). 3/4 presented a class poetry item on Grandparents and k/1 sung to us about children of the world.

At lunchtime, Grandparents were treated to yummy homemade treats from our cake stall run by our year 6 students. The cake stall raised \$260.15. This money will go towards the years 6 present to the school. Well done year 6!

### BP Salt Ash Fundraiser

Don't forget that on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, BP Salt Ash will donate \$1 for every customer to Salt Ash Public School. If you are a loyalty customer, you will also receive a discount on the day. Please support our local business that is raising money for our school.

## Tonga Journey

On Thursday afternoon, Dennis Pitt spoke to stage 2 and 3 students about his journey to Tonga. Dennis and his friend Sione Finefeuiaki, along with a few NRL players and coach of the Wanderers, went to Tonga to build a sports academy for the Tongan people focusing on sport, wellbeing and education. They visited many schools educating the students on the importance of physical education and a healthy lifestyle.

Dennis shared his experiences with us through photos and videos of his trip. Some of his photos included students playing sport in no shoes, old run down classrooms and houses and the lack of sporting equipment and uniforms. In all of these photos, the students always had a smile on their face. He emphasised to our students to not take what we have for granted and to appreciate the little things we have.

Dennis will be collecting items to take back to Tonga when he goes again next year. He would appreciate any items our school community is willing to donate e.g. joggers or footy boots that are too small for your child, spare sporting equipment, sporting uniforms that are no longer used etc... We will start collecting these next year.



### **Premier's Reading Challenge**

Well done to all of the students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Participation certificates were handed at Friday's assembly. Students who achieved Gold and above will be presented on Presentation Evening.

### **Office news**

#### **Student payments**

Could all parents please ensure that any money coming into school is placed in a sealed envelope or bag and clearly displays your child's name and what the payment is for. Students are to take all payments and notes to class and place them in the grey bag which will be taken to the office for processing. Receipts will be processed and sent to the classroom for issue.

#### **Commonwealth Student banking**

The final day for school banking will be this Friday 24/11/17. If your child is eligible to order a reward, please ensure that the selected coupon is completed and returned prior to Friday. Please note that stock of some items have been exhausted. Whilst the Commonwealth bank will endeavour to provide chosen reward items, it may not be possible. Any unused tokens from 2017 can be carried over into 2018. The banking program will resume again in 2018.

### **P&C news**

#### **Christmas raffle tickets**

When returning raffle tickets, please make sure that the tickets are labelled with your child's name. This will enable your child to be entered into the P&C prize draw. Additional books are available at the office.

Holly Deguara  
Relieving Principal



# Grandparents Day



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Term 4 2017</b>					
<b>Week 7</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	20 Swim school	21 Swim school	22 Swim school	23 Swim school	24 Camp final payment due Swim school Yr 7 additional visits orientation day
<b>Week 8</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	27 Swim school	28 Swim school	29 Swim school	30 Swim school	1 Swim school 2018 School Leaders speeches 9am
<b>Week 9</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4	5 Yr 7 HRHS orientation day PMI Music concert 9:30am	6 Presentation evening 6pm	7	8
<b>Week 10</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11 3-6 Camp	12 3-6 Camp	13 3-6 Camp	14	15 Last day for students
<b>Week 11</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	18	19 Last day for staff	20	21	22
			<b>Term 1 2018</b>		
<b>Week 1</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	29 Staff return	30 Students yr1-6 return	31 Kindergarten students begin	1	2