

# Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

Positive, Respectful and Safe Learners



Term 1 – Week 2

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017

## Welcome back and welcome to our new friends!

It probably goes without saying that 2017 will be a busy year.

Lots of information will come home in this newsletter and then each fortnight on a Wednesday as well as in special notes and consent forms throughout the year. If you are worried you have missed something check the website where they are all posted or pop into the office where we will have a copy.

## PBL and You Can Do IT

Our school continues to build on its Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) commitment. Everyone is committed to all of us at Salt Ash Public School being POSITIVE, RESPECTFUL and SAFE LEARNERS. Our kids will participate in explicit lessons on how to uphold these values.

Supporting PBL is our schools work in social emotional learning through Project Achieve and You Can Do It. Students learn about the 5 Keys To Success of PERSISTENCE, RESILIENCE, GETTING ALONG, ORGANISATION and how developing positive habits of the mind leads to realising our potential. The first 5 weeks of this term we are focusing on Organisation and our kids will do lots of learning around this. Some great ways to talk with your kids is about organisation is attached.

## Staffing 2017

Our school numbers have grown in in the last couple of years and we expect to have about 90 students this year.

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

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

Mrs Hinchey will be teaching the K/1 Class. Mrs Fisher will return from maternity leave to full time work and take the 1/2 Class. Miss Nash will be teaching 3/4 and Mr Milne is on 5/6.

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

Mr Price will continue as Relieving Principal in Term 1.

## School Book Packs

Our sincere apologies for the delay in book packs for this year. We have trailed a new supplier in an attempt to keep costs down however we do share everyone's frustration about the delay.

## Family Changes

Over the holidays there may have been changes at home. If there have been any changes in relation to childrens health, family situations or contact numbers, these could also be emergency contacts numbers. Could you please send in changes or any documents relating to the change ASAP to Teena via the school email or you can call the school and they can be updated in the system.

## Student Leadership

Our student leadership program has started straight away with Matt, Kayla, Olivia and Ocea already working with their Year 6 team in the school. A great example of this is the way our big kids are supporting our Kinder students as they start their school career.

Another example is how they polled their classmates for prize box suggestions. Don't blame me when you see what they bring home!!

This is a very positive start.

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### Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December for all students from Years 3 to 6 and 8 year old students in Year 2 who are good swimmers.

An information and consent form went home yesterday.

Cost for the event is \$9.00 and covers transport and pool entry.

### Parent/Teacher Class Meetings

Each class teacher will shortly send home a note introducing themselves and the procedures for their class.

Teachers will also be holding meetings in their classrooms to discuss this information Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Please remember if you are unable to make these meetings and you would like to catch up with your child's class teacher or have specific questions or information around your child, give the office a ring and the teacher will get back to you quickly to make a time to meet.

### Veggie Gardens & Compost

Our green manure grew twice and is in the process of being worked in. If you have any ideas on what we should plant let us know as we would like to plant out in about three weeks.

This year we would like to start our own compost production. As part of this our senior students will be collecting our crunch and sip scraps and other veggie matter for composting to build up our garden soil.

### P & C News

The School P&C annual general meeting has been postponed to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. 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.

### Uniform Shop

The P&C will have the uniform shop open on the following Fridays this term;

3<sup>rd</sup> February

10<sup>th</sup> February

24<sup>th</sup> February

10<sup>th</sup> March

17<sup>th</sup> March

24<sup>th</sup> March

7<sup>th</sup> April

If you are unable to make these days please organise an order form through the office and Cherie will get it organised for you to collect.

Cherie does a great job coordinating our uniform shop, thanks heaps.

### Canteen

The school canteen will be open this Friday.

The summer menu is attached.

Volunteers are what keep our canteen open. If you are able to spend any time on a Monday or Friday it would be very much appreciated.

### Buddy Bench

Yesterday we took delivery of our Buddy Bench, kindly donated by the Tilligerry Lions Club and Tilligerry Men's Shed. It is awesome, even painted in our school colours.

A big thankyou goes out to both organisations.



### Star Struck

Students interested in being part of the Star Struck Team brought home a YOUTUBE access link to practise during the holidays on Friday we will get

together to see how we have progressed and plan our practise from there.

**Upcoming Dates:**

Below are our upcoming dates. Attached also is a term planner with our known dates added that may be useful for the fridge door.

**Uniform Shop**

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**Music Class Demo Lesson**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

**NRL Blitz**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Swimming Carnival**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Class Parent Teacher Meetings**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

k/1 and 3/4 3:00pm-3:30pm

1/2 and 5/6 3:30pm-4:00pm

**P&C Meeting**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1:30pm

School Library

**Student Leadership Training**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**School Cross-Country**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Harmony Day**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March