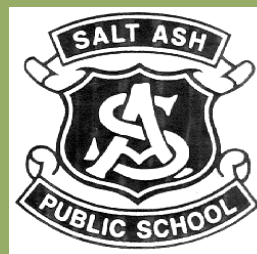


Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

Positive, Respectful and Safe Learners



Term 3 – Week 4

Wednesday 9th August, 2017

Principals Report

Education Week

Last week was Education Week. The theme this year was “I Learn We Learn”.

Congratulations to all of the award recipients at last night's 'Lakeside and Hunter River Learning Communities Education Week Awards' ceremony held at Hunter River High School. The staff at our school nominated students, community members, staff and a school program to accept these awards.

Student Achievement: Hayley Parnell and Joanna Booth.

Outstanding contribution by a school community member: Natalie Creedon

Excellence in teaching: Mr Craig Milne

Outstanding contribution by a non-teaching staff member: Mrs Donna Billett

School Achievement Program: MiniLit

Congratulations to everyone on their well deserved awards.

A big thank you also to two of our school leaders, Kayla Hockey and Ocea Liston-Smith for representing our school at the ceremony and taking part in the presentation of the awards.



Last Thursday at our special Education Week Assembly two students from each class were awarded a 'Love of learning' award. Congratulations!



Zali Plumridge and Taleah Britton K/1



Gemma Parkinson and Jack Moyle 1/2



Chloe Bowden and Ethan Wyatt 3/4



Joanna Booth and Heath Trimmingham 5/6



Star Struck dancers

NAIDOC Day

Last week we also celebrated NAIDOC Day with a culmination of activities on Thursday afternoon. The afternoon began with a smoking ceremony led by Uncle Gavie and assisted by Jylan. All students then participated in rotational activities. These included music with Donna, artefacts and experience with Uncle Gavie, Aboriginal games, stories and weaving. The day was a great success.



Staffing

Unfortunately for us, Mrs Shurey has decided to leave the teaching profession. Her last day here at Salt Ash Public School will be Friday 18th August. K/1 has made some big improvements under the guidance of Mrs Shurey and I'm sure they will all miss her. Good luck for whatever the future holds for you, Mrs Shurey. As Mrs Hinchey is still on leave, Mrs Kate Smailes will be the K/1 teacher from week 6.

Miss Nash will also be taking Long Service Leave from 21st August until 7th September.

School representatives

Well done to all of the students who have represented the school over the last few weeks and good luck to all of the students who are about to. Here is a list of many of the school activities in which students have, or will represent the school in; Zone Public Speaking finals, Stage 3 gala day, Discovery Day, Zone Athletics track and field, STEM, Showcase performances and the Spelling Bee. What a busy beginning to the term.

Congratulations to Stage 3 on being awarded the Champion School at the Maitland Science and Engineering Discovery Day. This trophy is proudly on display in the front office. Well done also for your fantastic behaviour.

Book Week

Book Week is on in week 6. The theme for this year is "Escape to Everywhere". On Friday 25th August, we will have a book parade where we invite students to dress up as their favourite book character. I am looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up. I have my costume already and can't wait for the parade.

We will also be hosting a Book Fair during this time. Books will be for sale after the book parade and then again the following Friday.

Kindergarten enrolments 2018

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten students commencing in 2018. If you, or someone you know, has a child wishing to enrol for next year, please collect an enrolment pack from the front office as the orientation process will begin shortly.

External Validation

Salt Ash P.S has been selected to go through External Validation. 20% of schools are selected each year and continue on a five year cycle. External Validation involves the school leadership team to undergo a self-assessment, engaging staff in evaluative thinking, discussing judgements and presenting evidence to a panel of Principals. The evidence collected is annotated and analysed based on The School Excellence Framework. This information is then used to inform the annual report, adjust future practices and to drive the school planning process.

Working with Children Check Procedure

In order to comply with the Departments policy for Working with Children, **ALL** volunteers to the school **must** complete a Declaration by signing an Appendix 5 and provide 100 points of ID to the office. If you have not completed the Declaration and are, or intending to volunteer at school or on any school event, please come and pick up a form from the office. Completing this declaration is mandatory and you will not be allowed to volunteer

unless you have completed this process. This is to ensure the safety of all of our students.

Facebook

Don't forget to like our school's new Facebook page.



Holly Deguara

Relieving Principal

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It is great to see so many students being Positive Respectful and Safe Learners at school and when representing the school in the community.

This term, teachers are promoting 'Confidence' as a key to success. Students should be demonstrating confidence in all aspects of school life.

Over the last two weeks, the following students have been awarded for continuing to follow the keys to success of being CONFIDENT, RESILIENT, PERSISTENT, ORGANISED and showing GETTING ALONG SKILLS.

BRONZE

Alexander Marshall, Jackson Wolinski

SILVER

Savanna Stair, Kyle Anderson, Chloe Bowden, Cooper Donnelly, Aleisha Hockey, Tara Kenny, Jackson Wolinski, Zach Wright, Ethan Wyatt, Jack Laybutt,

GOLD

Kobi House, Mitchell Plumridge, Annabella Barton, Ethan Swain, Aleah Finneran

PLATINUM

Riley Moyle



Upcoming Dates:**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Friday 11 August – Zone Athletics

Tuesday 22 August – Showcase Performance
Hunter River High School

Friday 25 August – Book parade and book fair

Office news**Pyjama Day**

At our recent Pyjama day we raised \$112.90. This has been sent to the Pyjama Foundation. It was fun to wear our pyjamas to school for the day. Thank you to everyone for their support.

School banking

School banking day remains on Fridays. The banking is processed of a morning. Could parents please remind all students to drop their banking wallets at the office when they arrive at school. Any wallets dropped off after the banking has been processed will be held over until the next week. If we have any parents that would like to volunteer to collect the banking bag and take it to the Commonwealth bank on a Friday please contact Trudy in the office. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

We are again collecting the Woolworths earn & learn stickers. The collection box is located inside the front door near the office. We also have extra sticker sheets available should you require them.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open at gam this Friday 11 August. It will then be open every fortnight for the remainder of the term.

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