

# Salt Ash Public School Newsletter

Positive, Respectful and Safe Learners



Term 3 – Week 8

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

## Principal's Report

### **Book Parade and Book Fair**

Last week we celebrated Book Week's 'Escape to Everywhere' with a book fair and book parade. I want to congratulate mums, dads, carers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends, neighbours, students and staff for the fabulous effort with costumes. Everyone looked great. The book fair was a huge success too. If you ordered a book, Mrs Brown will give them to you as they arrive.



### **Touch Football Gala Day**

The date for the Touch Football Gala Day is **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September** and not 12<sup>th</sup> like the note stated. Sorry for any inconvenience.

### **Literacy and Numeracy week**

This week is Literacy and Numeracy week. Students will participate in rotational activities on Wednesday to celebrate. There will be an activity for Literacy, Numeracy, Science (as Science week was a few weeks ago) and a PBL activity.



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### Competitions and tests

Last week Stage 3 completed the Newcastle Permanent Building Society Maths Competition. Results will be handed out at the assembly after we receive them. The final two ICAS test have also been completed by the students who nominated to do them. Well done to all students involved.

### SASS Recognition Week

This week is SASS Recognition Week. We recognise the efforts of our amazing support staff in the school. Thank you to Mrs Ryan and Mrs Watson for your hard work in the office, to Miss Vicki and Mrs Billett for your dedication to supporting students and teachers and to Mr Lee for his work around the school grounds. These wonderful people help our school to run smoothly every single day.

### Hunter Water connection

Over the last few weeks we have had many workers in the school preparing the school for connection to town water. This was completed last week and we are now connected to Hunter Water. We were told that there may be some fluctuation with water pressure to begin with but this will settle in a little while.

### Camp

The stage 2 and 3 camp will go ahead from December 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who brought back the expression of interest form promptly. There will be more information to come as I receive it from the Great Aussie Bush Camp.

### Partial Absences

The schools' whole day attendance rates have continued to increase which is great to see. I would love to see the same occurring for our partial attendance. Whilst I understand that at times there are appointments that students need to attend during the school day, I have noticed that there is a trend of students turning up late to school or leaving early on a regular basis. Whilst it may be only 5 or 10 minutes a day that your child is missing, all of those minutes add up to days or weeks of schooling and critical learning hours that are being lost.

### NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

In the last newsletter, there was some information addressing the NAPLAN Online School Readiness test that all schools will participate in this term.

Year 3 and year 5 students will complete the online test on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Year 3 will complete one test as the writing test is still a written pen and paper test so they will not need to 'practice' this one. Year 5 will complete 2 tests as the writing one is to be completed online. All year 3 and year 5 students should have received a note with more information this week.

### Kindergarten enrolments 2018

We are about to begin formalising our kindergarten orientation process so if you know of any students who are still yet to enrol can you please point them in the direction of the office to obtain an enrolment form.

### School Representation

Good luck to Aleah, Chloe, Ocea and Olivia who will be participating in the Premier's Spelling Bee finals tomorrow.

There are many sporting days coming up too so remember to bring in permission notes ASAP.

### Father's Day BBQ Breakfast

Thank you to all of the dads and grandfathers who came in on Friday morning to have a bacon and egg roll with your children. We hope you enjoyed the breakfast and had a great Father's Day.

Holly Deguara  
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Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday 5th September – P&C meeting 5.30pm

Thursday 7th September – NRL Under 10's gala day

**YOU CAN DO IT & PBL**

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.

**GOLD** Jamison Marshall, Cooper Donnelly & Kate Slade

**SILVER** Xavier Knight



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 3					
<b>Week 8</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	4 School Photos PSC Recycle Program to visit Stage 2	5 P&C meeting 5:30pm	6 Literacy & Numeracy week celebrations	7 NRL under 10s Gala Day	8
<b>Week 9</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	11	12	13	14 Maitland Touch School disco	15 Netball Gala Day
<b>Week 10</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	18	19 NAPLAN online readiness test	20	21	22 Last day of term
School Holidays					
Term 4					
<b>Week 1</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9 Students and staff return	10	11	12	13
<b>Week 2</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct					
<b>Week 3</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct					
<b>Week 4</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov					
<b>Week 5</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov					
<b>Week 6</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov					
<b>Week 7</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School Swimming Scheme				
<b>Week 8</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct - 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	School Swimming Scheme				

