



Salt Ash Public School

What's On

- 2nd March Clean up Australia day

A message from the Principal

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our Zone swimmers who competed at the zone carnival. At the time of finalising this week's newsletter I have not been made aware of results, however I will publish results next week. I am sure they all swam brilliantly and represented SAPS very proudly.

Clean Up Australia Day

This year we will be holding Clean up Australia Day here at Salt Ash Public School this Friday March 2nd. Students will be designated an area of the school grounds to clean up. Students are requested to bring in a pair of gloves to be used when picking up rubbish and will be reminded to wash hands thoroughly after the clean up.

Scripture

As stated in last week's newsletter, all students will attend Scripture lessons on Friday mornings unless the office has received written notice of this, this year. 3/4S will be starting Scripture lessons in the next week or two as a teacher has been confirmed.

Whooping Cough

Please be aware that there have been reported cases of Whooping Cough in the Salt Ash community. If someone in your family has symptoms please see you G.P as we do not want this contagious disease to spread through our school.

Notes in

circulation

- Book pack
- Combined permission note
- 007 training and camp
- Statements of account

Excellent Attendance

Whilst we always encourage students to attend school every single day for the entire day, this year we will be focusing on "Excellent Attendance" rather than "100% Attendance." Last year I found that students were coming to school even when they were very, very sick and were passing on their germs to other students and staff in order to obtain an invite to the 100% Attendance BBQ. There will be no "percentage value" that entitles students to attend the termly BBQ as such, but staff will look at each child's individual attendance to see whether or not it has been "Excellent" taking into account sickness.

007 Training and Camp

There has currently been limited response for year 6 students attending 007 training/camp and we may need to make the difficult decision to cancel. This would be unfortunate as this program and training really instills great leadership skills into all students which will be utilised here at school and in the real world. If you still intend on your child attending, please send the permission note in as soon as possible and payment can follow later. A decision will be made on Thursday as to whether or not the training will still go ahead.

Holly Deguara
Relieving Principal

Sports news

On March 14th a team of Salt Ash Public School students will be travelling to compete in the Paul Harragon Cup Rugby League Competition. This seven a side competition is for Newcastle and Port Stephens schools with 61 or less students enrolled in years 5 and 6. This Gala Day is aimed at participation and having a fun and enjoyable experience. Parent support in transporting students to the event is sought. Please contact Mr Collier if you are able to help.

This week has seen the selection of the school cricket team, who will compete in the annual Reg Kelly Shield. This competition consists of five games played over the year, and the winner decided by a total of points scored over the season. Our first game is against Karuah Public School. Training will be weekly at lunch time, and is mandatory for those on the team. Congratulations to the following students for being selected to represent SAPS. Patrick, Hamish, Deakan, William, Jakob, Lachlan, Joshua, Jackson, Joanna, Lucian and Reilly C. Our reserves are Zach, Ethan, Jack and Gabby.

Office news

Asthma plans.

If your child is diagnosed with asthma, please ensure that we have an up to date asthmas health plan from your local doctor on file at the school. This plan must have been completed by your treating doctor in the last 3 months. Please also send a puffer and spacer to school for your student. These can either be kept in the sick bay or in your childs school bag. If you are unsure about what you need to supply, please talk to Mrs Ryan in the office.

Student statement of accounts

For ease of learning in the classroom, ALL students have received their workbooks and access to the online subscriptions. Payments for the book packs are now overdue. It would be appreciated if these payments could be made as soon as possible. If you are suffering financial hardship, please speak to Mrs Deguara so that alternatives or payment plans can be put in place.

General school contribution payments are also due to be paid. These payments can be made as a lump sum payment or \$10 per term.

PAYMENTS - can be made with cash, cheque or "POP" - available on the school's home page. Thank you to those parents who have already paid.

Coles sports for schools vouchers

We have had an overwhelming response to this program. We still have large garbage bags full of vouchers awaiting counting. We need parents to come and count these for us so that we can update our tally poster. If you have half an hour to spare we would love to hear from you. This will be ongoing until the promotion finishes. Call Mrs Ryan or just drop in to the office if you are able to help. Thank you to the parents that have already assisted with counting. Our current tally is **8697** vouchers, with more to be counted.

School student banking

School banking has commenced. There are some great rewards on offer this year for consistent bankers. It only takes 50cents per week to be eligible. Banking days are **Friday**.

P&C news

Please be aware that our school P&C have their own facebook page as well as the official school facebook page. If you would like to keep up to date with the P&C or canteen news make sure you like the P&C page.

Easter raffle & donations

Raffle tickets have been sent home today for this years easter raffle. The P&C are welcoming any donations that are easter related. Donations can be left at the office. Please attach your child's name to the donation as there will again be donors prizes.



Term 1 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5 26th Feb—2nd Mar	26	27	28	1	2 Clean Up Australia Day
Week 6 5th—9th Mar	5	6	7	8 007 Training @ RTPS	9 007 Camp
Week 7 12th—16th Mar	12	13	14	15 Disco Selective H.S yr 7 2019	16
Week 8 19th—23rd Mar	19	20	21	22 Musica Viva	23
Week 9 26th—30th Mar	26	27	28	29 Easter Hat Parade	30 Good Friday
Week 10 2nd—6th Apr	2 Easter Monday	3	4	5	6 K-6 Writer's Festival Excursion
Week 11 9th—13th Apr	9 Start Smart workshops	10	11	12	13 Last day of term



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Student's Name _____ Class _____

Date/s Absent (Include all dates) : _____

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