



# Salt Ash Public School

## What's On

- Smart Start workshops
- 10th April Cross Country
- 12th April Debating Workshop
- 13th April Last day of term
- 30th April staff return
- 1st May students return
- 4th May ANZAC Ceremony @ 10am

## A message from the Principal

### Holidays

I want to take this time to wish everyone a safe holiday period. The last day of term is this Friday. Staff return on Monday 30th April with students returning the following day on Tuesday 1st May. For any school security concerns please call School Security Unit 1300 880 021.

### Cross Country

The Cross Country carnival is on Tuesday 10th April at 9:30am. Juniors and 11 year olds will run 2kms and senior students 3kms. Students can wear their house colours on the day and will earn house points for participation. Students will be utilising the local streets as part of our cross country track and therefore we require parent/carers to assist with supervision along the track. Please let the school know if you can assist with the day.

### ANZAC Day March

Students have once again been invited to march in the ANZAC Parade on ANZAC Day 25th April during the school holidays. Students are to assemble at the Tanilba Bay Arches at 9:15am and will march to Tilligerry RSL. There, we will sing the National Anthem. Students are to represent our school by wearing their full school uniform. The school's ANZAC Ceremony will be held on the first Friday of Term 2, 4th May at 10am. This will take the place of our normal Friday morning assembly.

### 007

Last week year 6 students participated in part 2 of the their 007 training. They revisited concepts discussed on the first training day such as being assertive and confident. The students then put their leadership skills into action by demonstrating activities to the rest of the group they could use with the students from rest of the school. Year 6 007 leaders will follow a roster and begin with lunchtime activities next term.



## Notes in

## circulation

- Stewart House envelope
- Stage 2 & 3 Camp
- Star Struck notes



### **Student Health Plans**

At SAPS we have several students with health conditions and allergies. If your child suffers from a serious health condition, asthma or an allergy even if its not anaphylactic it is imperative that we have an up to date Health Care plan on file. These plans can be obtained from the office and are to be completed by your Nurse or local Doctor. They can also be completed by a medical specialist or Paediatrician if preferred. If the school already has a plan on file and the students condition, medication or dosage changes a new plan is also required. This is a requirement of the Department of Education. Please be aware that the Department instructs us to follow the most current plan that we have on file.

### **Evacuation Drill**

Last Thursday we participated in an evacuation drill in preparation for any emergency situation. Students effectively listened to their teacher to quickly exit the school to our assembly point. All procedures we followed as per an evacuation. Students were very responsive to teacher instruction and followed processes very well. After the completion of the evacuation drill we had a debrief in the COLA ensuring all students understood it was just a drill. As part of the evacuation process the school's Visitor Sign-On book must be taken out to our assembly area. This way we can ensure everyone on our school grounds is accounted for. Please assist us in signing in and out if you are on our school grounds.

**Holly Deguara**  
**Relieving Principal**

### **Newcastle Writer's Festival**

Last Friday we were lucky enough to attend the Festival. 5/6 listened to award winning author Tristan Bancks talk about his inspiration for writing and how he writes. Comments from the students included: "He is very funny and makes you listen"; "Read and write every day"; "Be kind to yourself and don't put yourself down"; "never give up when writing".

K-4 were instructed by Leigh Hobbs to draw some characters from his books such as Old Tom, Horrible Harriet and Mr Chicken as well as how to create their own character. The students were very attentive and enjoyed this session immensely.

Volunteers at the Festival and Leigh Hobbs himself commented on how well behaved and prepared the students were and respectful of others.

We lunched in the scenic Civic Park, where we were almost carried away by mosquitoes, before returning to school. Great effort salt Ash students.



Mrs Ruth Higginbottom  
Teacher Librarian

### **Office news**

#### **Coles sports for schools vouchers**

We are still accepting the Coles vouchers until the end of this week. If any parent has any time available to pack vouchers into the satchel bags it would be much appreciated.

#### **Electronic newsletters**

Don't forget our newsletters will be going 'digital only' from the beginning of term 2. This newsletter will be the last paper newsletter sent home with students. The newsletter will be able to be viewed via the school website, school Facebook page and can also be emailed to parents who have requested it. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you, please see Mrs Ryan in the office to ensure she has your email address added to the list. Please be aware that the newsletter will not be emailed to all parents, it will only be emailed to those who have requested an emailed copy.



# Term 1 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Week 11</b> <b>9th—13th Apr</b>	Start Smart workshops	Cross Country 9:30am		Debating Workshop	Last day of term

## Term 2

	30	1	2	3	4
<b>Week 1</b> <b>30th Apr-4th May</b>	Staff Development Day	Students return	Star Struck Rehearsal no. 1	Star Struck Rehearsal no. 2	ANZAC Day Ceremony 10am
	7	8	9	10	11
<b>Week 2</b> <b>7th-11th May</b>			Zone Cross Country		
	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Week 3</b> <b>14th-18th May</b>		NAPLAN School photos from 12pm	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	
	21	22	23	24	25
<b>Week 4</b> <b>21st- 25th May</b>		Athletics Carnival			
	28	29	30	31	1
<b>Week 5</b> <b>28th May- 1st June</b>		Yr 5 STEM day	Star Struck 1st major rehearsal		
	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Week 6</b> <b>4th—8th June</b>	HRHS Yr 7 Enrichment class test				