



# Salt Ash Public School

## A message from the Principal

### What's On

- 5th February Kindergarten Best Start Assessment
- 7th February Swimming Carnival
- 12th February Parent Information Sessions
- 11th March P&C AGM

Welcome back to Salt Ash Public School for 2019 and a very warm welcome to all of our new students and their families. I hope you have had a lovely holiday period and are ready for a happy and exciting year of learning here at Salt Ash Public School.

### Staffing

We welcome back our existing teachers Miss Nash, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Smailes and Mrs Hinchey to SAPS. Mr Shalalo will take over from Miss Broadbent in teaching our Science units as she has been successful in gaining a position at another school.

**K/1F**—Mrs Fisher

**3/4S**—Mrs Smailes

**1/2N**—Miss Nash

**5/6C**—Mrs Hinchey

**RFF**— Mr Shalalo

**Library**— Mrs Higginbottom

**Learning & Support Teacher**— Mrs Deguara

**School Learning Support Officers**— Miss Vicki and Mrs Shields

**School Administration Manager**— Mrs Ryan

**School Administration Officer**—Mrs Watson

**School Chaplain**—Mrs Holt

**General Assistant**— Mr Lee

### Notes in circulation

- Book Pack
- Swimming Carnival

### Parent Information Afternoon

On Tuesday 12th February all teachers will be hosting a Parent Information Session in their classrooms. These sessions will be used as a 'meet the teacher' afternoon where specific class processes and whole school events will be discussed. Your attendance at these sessions is important.

3-3:30 K/1F

3:30-4:00 1/2S

4:00-4:30 3/4S

4:30-5:00 5/6H

### Swimming Carnival

The Swimming Carnival will take place next Thursday at Tilligerry Aquatic Centre for all stage 2 and 3 students and any year 2 students who are turning 8 this year.

Please refer to the note sent home for more information.

### Bell times



School begins at 8:55am and concludes at 2:40pm each day. If your child arrives after 8:55am or is picked up before 2:40pm your child requires a Partial Absence slip which is obtained from the office. A parent/carer must accompany their child to the office to collect one of these.

Teachers will only be on duty from 8:25am in the morning. Parents are requested to not drop children off before this time and are asked to pick up students promptly at 2:40pm. The gates on Cecilia Close and Salt Ash Avenue will be available to access for parents and students at these times.

### **School Security**

Unfortunately, over the holidays we had a break in at SAPS. Many items from the GA shed and sports container were taken. If anyone knows any information please contact the school or Nelson bay Police Station on 4981 1244.

### **P&C AGM**

The Annual General meeting will be held on Monday 11th March at 6pm in the school library. All positions are now declared vacant. We look forward to seeing many new faces (and existing ones of course) at these meetings. Your support for the students of Salt Ash Public School is greatly appreciated.

### **Book Packs**

Book Packs have been given out to students who have paid and will continue to be given out to students daily as payment is made. Cost for these packs are K-Year 2 ~ \$55 and Year 3-6 ~ \$60. The Book Packs are compulsory as they include all workbooks, stationery items e.g. pencils, glue sticks, ruler etc. headphones for laptop use, text books and a variety of online subscriptions. As well as paying by cash we can take Parent Online Payments. This can be accessed via our school website.

<https://saltash-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

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### **Social media**

**Holly Deguara**  
**Principal**



**Office news:**

**School student banking**

We will again be conducting school banking for students. At this stage school banking will commence in Week 3 and will still be on Fridays. To continue this valuable service we need a parent volunteer to process the banking and transport it to the Commonwealth Bank in Raymond Terrace or Salamander Bay. This position requires approximately 30 minutes of your time each week. All training will be provided and the banking day can be changed to suit. If you would like to volunteer 30 minutes of your week, please contact Trudy in the office to advise your interest.

**Payments to school**

Once again this year we are asking parents to send any cash payments in a sealed envelope or plastic bag with their child's name clearly marked and be handed to the class teacher. Students are not to bring cash payments to the office. It is imperative that the class teachers are aware of who have paid for fees, activities, excursions etc. to avoid reminder payments being sent out incorrectly. Cash payments will still be accepted at the office from parents.

**Statements of account:**

Statements of account will be sent out early next week. This will have a listing of current fees owing to the school. At this stage it will list General Contribution fees and book pack fees. Please note the book pack fee is compulsory and contains all books, online subscriptions text books, pencils, glue etc that your child will require throughout the year. A big thank you to those families that have already paid this amount. If you have any concerns about your statement please contact Trudy in the office.

**Newsletter email list:**

As most of you would be aware, our newsletter is available on our webpage, facebook page and it can also be emailed directly to you. If you would like to receive a copy of our email, can you please contact Trudy in the office and provide your email address. If you were receiving an emailed copy last year, could you please confirm that you would like to remain on the list for 2019.

POSITIVE RESPECTFUL AND SAFE LEARNERS



### Seasons for Growth® Program

Learning to live with change and loss



Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Salt Ash Public School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce and related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth which will commence in Term 1, week 2 for stage 3 students. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth we would encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the program.

Salt Ash Public School is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved. If you require further information please contact Mrs Penny Holt School Chaplain.



*Honesty*



*Respect*



*Harmony*



*Success*

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## OPEN NIGHT

Monday, 25 February  
6-7pm  
School Library

36 Elkin Avenue, Heatherbrae  
Parking available in Elkin Avenue and staff carpark



# Term 1 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 2</b> <b>4th—8th February</b>	4	5 Kindergarten Best Start testing	6	7 Swimming carnival	8
<b>Week 3</b> <b>11th—15th February</b>	11	12 Parent Information Sessions	13 AECG Meeting @ Dungog P.S	14	15
<b>Week 4</b> <b>18th—22nd February</b>	18	19	20	21	22 Zone Swimming Carnival
<b>Week 5</b> <b>25th-1st March</b>	25	26	27	28	1
<b>Week 6</b> <b>4th-8th March</b>	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Week 7</b> <b>11th-15th March</b>	11 P&C AGM	12	13	14	15
<b>Week 8</b> <b>18th-22nd March</b>	18	19	20 AECG meeting @ Tea Gardens P.S	21 Harmony Day	22
<b>Week 9</b> <b>25th-29th March</b>	25	26	27	28	29
<b>Week 10</b> <b>1st -5th April</b>	1	2	3	4	5