



Salt Ash Public School

What's On

- Rewards Day 18th
- Last day of school for students 19th
- Year 1-6 return Wednesday 30th January
- Kindergarten commence Thursday 31st January

Notes in circulation

- Book Pack requirements
- Rewards Day

A message from the Principal

End of year activities:

On Tuesday, students who qualified for our PBL Rewards Day will participate in our final reward for the year. Years K-6 will participate in a water play afternoon.

Students are invited to wear mufti but must remember sun safe clothes and enclosed shoes. Please remember to bring a change of clothes. A note with the information went home last week.

Camp:

Stage 2 and 3 students have enjoyed an amazing fun-filled three days and two nights at Morisset Recreational Camp. Students (and teachers) participated in challenges they never thought they would including the giant swing, rock climbing, night time activities as well as many other fun activities. I have heard many great things about the camp and I know the teachers and students had a great time. I would like to congratulate all students on their behaviour whilst at camp and for demonstrating confidence and persistence with the challenging activities. A big thank you to Mrs Hinchey, Miss Vicki and Mrs Smailes for their commitment to camp. I know there would have been some very early nights on Wednesday by all.

Holiday period:

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope the holidays are safe and relaxing, providing many stories to tell next year. Students in years 1-6 return to school on Wednesday 30th January with Kindergarten beginning on Thursday 31st January.

The School Security Unit can be contacted in the holidays if required on 1300 880 021.

Book Packs:

Book Packs for 2019 have been ordered and you should have received a note last week. The cost of these packs are K-Year 2 ~ \$55 and Year 3-6 ~ \$60. The Book Packs are compulsory as they include all workbooks, stationary items e.g. pencils, glue sticks, ruler etc. headphones for laptop use, text books and a variety of online subscriptions. Book Pack payments can also be made before the end of term. During the first week of 2019, Book Packs will be handed out to all students who have paid.

You Can Do It! Award Recipients:

Congratulations go to the following students for receiving their You Can Do It awards for continuing to follow the keys to success of being *Confident, Resilient, Persistent, Organised and Getting Along*.

Platinum: Blake Larkin

Super Dooper: Zali Plumridge

Danielle Fisher
Relieving Principal.

Lost property:

Our lost property bin is again overflowing. The majority of contents are jumpers, jackets and track pants. This bin will be emptied at the end of the year and all contents will be donated to charity. Please call in to the office and have a look through the lost property to make sure we have nothing that belongs to your child.

Statements of account:

Statements of account will again be sent home this week. Please be aware that any book pack fees that are outstanding will carry over into next years fees. Book packs are compulsory and remain on your child's statement until they are paid. We understand that its very close to Christmas however these fees were sent home at the beginning of the year. We would appreciate your assistance in clearing any outstanding payments to the school before the end of the year.

Camp Photos



Summer Reading Challenge

Research has shown that when children put down the books for their summer break, often their reading ability drops with it. The term "slide" refers to children dropping in their reading ability following a lack of reading over the summer break. When children read over the school holidays they are more likely to leap ahead when they return to school. This is often called the 'summer leap' and our school has made it a priority to keep students skills sharp by encouraging them to read all summer long.

We are encouraging children going into year K-6 in 2019 to borrow up to ten books over the holidays. If you wish your child to participate please sign the attached note and return to our Library on Friday 14th December or the following week.

For those that wish to add an incentive, Scholastic are offering a Challenge with prizes to be won.

For details go to: scholastic.com.au/summer



MUSIC. ART. FITNESS.
DANCE. FOOD. FUN.

**MEDOWIE
ARTY
ATHLETICS**

Sunday 3 February 2019
Kindlebark Oval
44 Kindlebark Dr
Medowie
11am - 1pm



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Acknowledging and honouring our Community PBL awardees for 2018

Last Friday at our school assembly, we honoured all of the Community Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) recipients from Salt Ash Public School. This year we joined in with eight other local schools to learn about and use positive behaviours in our community. As S.T.A.R.S. we all aim to act safely, be trustworthy and honest, act responsibly, show respect and be a success.

We would like to thank Market Place Raymond Terrace for their ongoing support and commitment to our students and thanks to the Men's Shed Raymond Terrace for the provision of the nomination boxes, which all nine schools have. If you see a student from our school displaying the community S.T.A.R.S. PBL values, or our own school's values of being a positive, respectful and safe learner, please complete one of the nomination forms found in the office foyer and pop it in the nomination box.

Congratulations to each of our recipients. We are proud of your efforts.



Term 2, Week 2	Gabby Rooney	For always displaying positive values and leadership skills in all settings including the community and at school.
Term 2, Week 3	Alex Marshall	For displaying quality values at Zone Cross Country and using his initiative to help a student from another school when he was all on his own.
Term 2, Week 4	Leo Middleby	For being a role model to his peers and always showing remarkable values at school, on excursions and in the community.
Term 2, Week 5	Lucian Knight	Displaying great leadership skills at the Athletics Carnival, particularly towards younger students and parents.
Term 2, Week 6	Joanna Booth	For her organisation and consideration of other school groups during the Star Struck rehearsal
Term 2, Week 7	Jack Moyle	For outstanding consideration of others in all settings including at school, on excursions and in the community. He always displays positive values everywhere he goes.
Term 2, Week 8	Jakob May	For looking after younger students at Star Struck. He ensured all students were safe walking through the crowds, continuously doing head counts and even assisted in carrying their belongings.
Term 2, Week 9	Jylan Sampson	For always helping other students. It doesn't matter if they are smaller or bigger than him he always lends a hand.
Term 2, Week 10	Chloe Bowden	For her organisation skills at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. After her team finished playing she packed away all of their equipment.
Term 3, Week 1	Sebastian Barton	For always displaying exemplary values at school, on excursions and in the community.
Term 3, Week 2	Gabby Rooney	For consistently volunteering to help at Salt Ash Sporting Club.
Term 3, Week 3	Zoey Catford-Jones	For consistently ensuring the playground is free from rubbish and being a positive, respectful and safe learner at all times.
Term 3, Week 4	Annabella Barton	For always displaying outstanding behaviour. She is a role model for all students at Salt Ash Public School, consistently being a positive, respectful and safe learner
Term 3, Week 5	Chloe Andereson	For assisting in putting together a day of horse sports with her friends and raised of \$3500 for Dolly's Dream. What an amazing effort Chloe!
Term 3, Week 6	Zali Plumridge	For always demonstrating beautiful manners at school and in the community.
Term 3, Week 7	Hamish	He was really kind and considerate when a younger child fell over. He stayed with them until their mum arrived
Term 3, Week 8	Ethan Wyatt	For showing integrity in all situations. Ethan always follows our school values of being a positive, respectful and safe learner.
Term 3, Week 9	Dominic Rooney	For leaving a game he was playing with his friends at lunchtime to play with a younger student who didn't have anyone to play with.
Term 3, Week 10	Zoe Carter-Bennett	For always using delightful manners every time she visits the office. Zoe is also very helpful towards other students.
Term 4, Week 1	Sophie Robinson	For displaying integrity in all situations. Sophie is always a positive, respectful and safe learner at school and in the community.
Term 4, Week 2	Kate Slade	For always being helpful and kind to younger students and staff members. Kate is a positive, respectful and safe learner at school and at community events.
Term 4, Week 3	Nixon Turner	For teaching our school PBL values of being positive, respectful and safe learners to other students when playing in the sandpit.
Term 4, Week 4	Lylah Martyn	For always demonstrating what it means to be a nice friend to all of her peers. She displays these values each and every day at school and in the community.



Term 4 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Week 10 17th—21st December	17 Year 6 Celebrations Day	18 Rewards Day	19 Last day for students	20 Staff Development Day	21 Staff Development Day
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Term 1 2019

Week 1 28th January—1st February	28 Public Holiday	29 Staff return Staff Development Day	30 Students years 1-6 return	31 Kindergarten begin	1
Week 2 4th—8th February	4	5	6	7 Swimming carnival	8
Week 3 11th—15th February	11	12	13 AECG Meeting	14	15
Week 4 18th—22nd February	18	19	20	21	22
Week 5 25th-1st March	25	26	27	28	1
Week 6 4th-8th March	4	5	6	7	8