

Salt Ash Public School

What's On

- 20th November Aboriginal Education session 3/4S
- 21st November AECG awards
- 26th November—7th December Swim School
- 26th November House Captain meetings

A message from the Principal

Small Schools Meeting

Last Friday I was lucky enough to be invited to meet with Executive Director, School Performance Tim McCallum and Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance Murat Dizdar to discuss the operations of a small school. The morning began with the sharing of some wonderful success stories from small schools and finished with an open forum, discussing some of the challenges small schools face in regards to staffing, funding, workload etc... Mr McCallum and Mr Dizdar openly answered any questions that were asked and welcomed feedback from the forum.

School Chaplain

This week we welcome to Salt Ash PS Mrs Penny Holt who has been appointed as our School Chaplain. She has much experience in working in a variety of schools and settings with students, staff and families. For the remainder of the year, Mrs Holt will be at SAPS on Mondays and Wednesdays working with teachers and getting to know students. She will be assisting students with social skills, structured activities and student wellbeing. Mrs Holt will continue implementing wellbeing programs in 2019.



Notes in

circulation

- Parent email notes
- Swimming School
- Camp medical information notes

School Mural

Last week our stage three students assisted Faith and Shane from Up & Up to design and paint a new school mural. The mural incorporates our school PBL values and also our brand new mascot "Spike the Echidna". You will also be able to spy



some landmarks from our local area. Our students were complimented on their lovely manners and willingness to participate. At the beginning of next year, our school will once again be involved with Up & Up where we will be working on some environmental issues together. Up & Up frequently conduct workshops in the community, with one being held at Malabulla Skate Park shortly.



Presentation Evening

Presentation Evening will be held on Monday December 3rd at the Salt Ash Community Church. The evening will honour all students, special award recipients and our graduating year 6 students. Our new school leaders will be announced. It would be great to see all students there. The ceremony will begin at 6pm sharp. The P&C will be conducting a BBQ beforehand. Please don't forget to purchase your tickets for the annual P&C raffle. Extra booklets can be obtained from the office if you would like some more.

Camp

Camp is only 3 weeks away. Students attending camp should have bought home another medical information note and a packing list. Please collect one from the office if yours has been misplaced. Mrs Smailes and Mrs Hinchey will meet with students shortly to discuss final details. Should you have any questions or concern please feel free to contact the school. There are many excited students awaiting the camp to Morisset.

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: Cora Middleby

Holly Deguara

Principal

Office news

Outstanding payments to school

Statements of account will again be sent home this week. There are still quite a lot of funds owed to the school for book packs, contribution fees etc. If you owe money for your child could you please pay any outstanding amounts prior to 1 December. If you are experiencing financial difficulty or wish to have an extended time to pay, please contact the office to make arrangements. It is imperative that the school receives these amounts so that we can continue to deliver the quality education that your child deserves. We thank you for your assistance in getting these outstanding amounts paid. For the parents that have paid all amounts we do sincerely thank you.

Library news

Book Club

Orders for this issue of Book Club are due
Wednesday November 29th.

A reminder that all orders are done online following directions on order from at scholastic.com.au/LOOP. If you wish to purchase books as gifts remember to tick the 'gift' box and I will phone you when the order comes in for you to collect rather than go home with your child. If you need assistance call in and see me on Friday morning before the order is due.

Mrs Ruth Higginbottom

Teacher Librarian



MarketPlace

Sensitive **SANTA**

QUIET TIME WITH SANTA . . .

MarketPlace is pleased to advise this year we will offer children on the autism spectrum and alike the opportunity to meet and have their photo taken with Santa this Christmas through the Sensitive Santa program.

The program invites families with children on the autism spectrum and alike to have a photo with Santa without the common hustle and bustle and sensory overload.

Families can book a time on

Saturday 17th November 8am to 9am

Tuesday 4th December 6pm to 8pm

Bookings must be made

The sensory friendly environment provides a low stress, quiet surrounding creating an ideal setting for your child to meet Santa.

Photos start from \$19.95

**To make a booking please
contact Centre Management
on 4987 7686.**



Term 4 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6 19th –23rd November	19	20 Aboriginal Education session 2	21 AECG awards night	22	23
Week 7 26th –30th November	26 Swimming School House Captain meetings	27 Swimming School Aboriginal Education session 3	28 Swimming School School Leaders speeches AECG meeting	29 Swimming School Newcastle Jets visit	30 Swimming School League Tag Gala Day
Week 8 3rd –7th December	3 Swimming School Presentation Evening	4 Swimming School Aboriginal Education session 4 Yr7 Orientation Day	5 Swimming School	6 Swimming School	7 Swimming School
Week 9 10th– 14th December	10 Camp	11 Camp	12 Camp	13	14
Week 10 17th—21st December	17 Year 6 Celebrations Day	18	19 Last day for students	20 Staff Development Day	21 Staff Development Day

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	8
Week 3 11th—15th February	11	12	13 AECG Meeting	14	15