

SALTWATER P-9 COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



KEY DATES

Semester 2 Reports available on Schoolbox: 5 December

Student Led Three-Way Conferences: 9 & 10 December

Year 6 Transition Day: 10 December (public schools only)

Year 6 Graduation: 11 December

Christmas Carols: 18 December

Internal School Transition: 19 December

Last day of school: 20 December, 1:00pm dismissal

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Sakura

Last week's 'Sakura' event was a huge success. It was so great to see so many families and community members come together to enjoy a wonderful day with beautiful weather for the occasion of our Carnival and our inaugural School Performance. While the carnival featured the cornerstones of fun family events: food, music, games and activities for all ages, the inaugural school concert presented us with a phenomenal performance put together by our talented Saltwater students and directors. Dancing, singing and happy faces were the order of the big night, and didn't the students shine bright on that stage? It was fantastic to see our children performing so confidently and having a wonderful time. We were all so very proud of them! They spent hours practising their dances, learnt their songs, and then performed the night away. We certainly have some amazing talent in the school. Thank you to the wonderful audience who came along to make the whole evening so successful. Also, a big thank you to our Performing Arts Directors, Michael Lapina and Phill Haddad for their hard work, precise execution and launch of such a grand and unique performance.

Events such as these will continue to make us feel that our school is more than a building; rather, a dependable team that works for the surrounding community to ensure the success of all.

Our community spirit at Saltwater is a strength that we should all admire and be grateful for.

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Year 5 Visual Communications Exhibition

On Wednesday, I together with many of the Year 5 parents and teachers, had the pleasure of attending the first ever Year 5 Visual Communications Exhibition where each student showcased their distinct talent in this field. The event was all about artistic frames and unique perspectives, beautifully transformed from 'lens to life'. The display showcased faces, landscapes, moments, memories, emotions and still life, captured perfectly by our talented students. This exhibition was also directly linked to the Year 5 final unit of inquiry summative assessment based on the Central Idea, 'Arts reflect and challenge society'.

The feedback from this event has been nothing but positive from all stakeholders. From a personal perspective, I was so happy to see students' critical and creative thinking come to life as they were given the opportunity to think outside the square, take on a challenge with confidence and conviction, and as a result produce products that captured their imagination and creativity perfectly.

I would also like to thank the Year 5 teachers for their hard work and commitment with this exhibition. A special thank you also goes out to our talented Visual Communications Director, Mr Jamie Saleem for working tirelessly to bring this exhibition to life. Congratulations to all involved!



Three Way Conferences

It's that time of the year where students, parents/carers and teachers come together for Three Way Conferences to celebrate students' achievements and goals.

The Three Way Conference process is an important part of your child's education, so it's important that you take some time to attend these conferences. Three Way Conferences are simply a conversation between the child, parent/carer and the teacher. With the support of the teacher, the student shares his/her learning, whilst the parent/carer looks at samples of student work, and then discuss the child's progress and their future goals. If you have any questions about this process please do not hesitate to chat to your child's teacher. To book a time online please go to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code: 9msez, and book a time for your child's teacher or phone the office for assistance.

Year 6 Graduation

By now, our Year 6 parents should have received their child's Year 6 graduation invite, a note outlining the order of events, as well as a Visual Communications Exhibition invite. Graduation is an opportunity to celebrate the collective and individual achievements of our students and the completion of their primary school year. The event will commence at 5:30PM where parents are invited to attend and walk through the visual communications gallery with their child, which exhibits some of students' best photography this semester. During this time, canapes and drinks will be available for parents. The official graduation ceremony will commence at 6:30PM and conclude at approximately 7:30PM. The ceremony will include student performances, staff and student speeches, achievement awards and graduation certificates. At the conclusion of the ceremony, parents are free to leave and return at 9:00PM to collect their children from the Performing Arts Studio. After the ceremony, children will be provided with dinner and will continue the celebration with a disco in the Performing Arts complex. I look forward to seeing all our Year 6 students and families at the event.

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Staff Changes

There are a number of staff changes as we move into the 2020 School year. As the school is increasing in size, so is our staffing profile. We have employed 40 new staff members, including classroom teachers, educational support staff, administration staff and a maintenance/facilities manager. I am extremely pleased with the calibre of staff coming on board and I feel certain that, together, they will take Saltwater College to another level of excellence. Those leaving at the end of the 2019 School year are: Maddison Riddle, Hannah Jones, Karen Costable, Daina Nielsen, Michelle Pena Ron. On behalf of the school community, I wish all the departing teachers all the very best with their future endeavours.

Christmas Carols

Our inaugural Christmas Carols will be held on Wednesday 18th of December starting at 6PM. Parents and community members are invited to bring a picnic rug/chairs and BYO food, and make themselves comfortable on the school's oval to enjoy the entertainment which includes Christmas Carol performances by all students from Prep- Year 6. Raffle tickets will be sold starting from this Friday for your chance to win one of two giant hampers valued at \$300, filled with an assorted goodies for the children. Raffle tickets can be purchased via the front office or from your child's classroom teacher. Alternatively, you may want to buy raffle tickets on the night of the Christmas Carols. Each raffle ticket is \$0.50 or \$2.00 for 5 tickets.

We will also sell merchandise such as Saltwater Santa hats, Saltwater candles and show bags. The canteen will be open to sell drinks and sweets. Santa will also make a special appearance on the night. Now fingers crossed that the weather stays nice for the event.

Internal 1-6 Transition day

Our internal transition day for Years 1-6 will be held on Thursday 19th of December, starting at 9:15AM-11:20AM. On this day, children arrive to school as per normal school day and go to their 2019 classrooms. At 9:15AM they will proceed to make their way to their 2020 classrooms to meet their teacher and new classmates. Please note, that unfortunately many of our portable classrooms will not be ready in time for our transition day. Therefore, besides the Year 1 cohort, the rest of the school will not be in their designated 2020 classrooms. Class allocations and room numbers will be sent home via schoolbox and email to parents sometime in January once the portables have been delivered and installed on site.



Kind regards,
 Jackie Daniali
 Principal

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Semester 2 Reports

Reports are now available on Schoolbox.

To view these please:

- Log in to Schoolbox
- Click on your child's profile
- Click on the 'ePortfolio' tab
- Click on the 'Reports' tab
- Select the latest report

If you are having any problems accessing Schoolbox, please contact administration on 8366 7700.

2019 iPad/Macbook and Parent Contributions

This is a friendly reminder that outstanding payments for iPads/Macbooks and 2019 Parent Contribution charges are now overdue.

As 2020 charges will soon be added to family accounts, we request any outstanding charges be finalised by Friday 13 December 2019.

Payments can be made in our office using Eftpos or cash or alternatively online using our BPAY details found on your family statement.



INTRODUCING NEWLY APPOINTED STAFF FOR 2020



To the parents and staff of Saltwater P-9 College,
 My name is Nesan Naidoo and it is an absolute privilege to be welcomed as a teacher into the school community of Saltwater P-9 College. Born and raised in sunny South Africa, I am an experienced teacher, having taught in South Africa, New Zealand and Australia. My education background includes a Teaching Diploma, a Bachelor of Commerce Degree and a Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.

I am passionate about teaching and strive to inspire my students to develop inquiring and creative minds. I believe that as a teacher, it is also my role to instill good values in my students to enable them to grow as learners and become successful members of their community. I look forward to joining the team at Saltwater P-9 College in 2020 and becoming an active member of the community.

Nesan Naidoo
 Classroom teacher

Dear Saltwater P-9 community,
 My name is Rebecca Longley and I am excited to introduce myself as one of the newly appointed classroom teachers at Saltwater P-9 College for 2020. I have recently completed my Bachelor of Primary Education at Deakin University and I am thrilled to begin my teaching journey at Saltwater P-9 College. As a teacher, I aim to create strong relationships with my students and to support and encourage them in their achievements through a safe and inclusive environment. I also value collaboration and partnerships with students, parents and colleagues. I look forward to meeting you and embracing this opportunity in 2020.

Kind regards,
 Rebecca Longley
 Classroom teacher



Hi, I'm Carmi and I'm one of the Education Support staff joining in the New Year. As a parent to a Saltwater P9 College student myself, I am blessed to be part of such a gifted and hard working team whose vision and values I personally believe in. I've previously worked as a flight attendant for 11 years in Philippine Airlines before I moved to Melbourne 5 years ago. Since then, I've discovered my passion for children's education and care and have been working as an early childhood educator after completing my studies.

Outside of work, I enjoy yoga, makeup and interior decorating. I can't wait to meet everyone and start my journey with you all.

Warm Regards,
 Carmi Zuniga
 Education Support

INTRODUCING NEWLY APPOINTED STAFF FOR 2020



Dear Saltwater P-9 Community,

My name is Stella Nguyen and I am excited to teach Visual Arts at Saltwater P-9 from 2020 onwards.

I have been teaching for 10 years, working in primary, secondary and alternative education settings. My work as a teacher has involved teaching Math, Science, Literacy, Cooking, Personal Development skills, Reading and Creative Arts. In addition to being a classroom teacher and subject teacher, I have worked as Head of Science, coached teachers in Mathematics, co-written a VCE exam and ran a reading intervention program. My experiences in education are diverse and it is with these experiences that I aim to link Visual Art to different subjects to both engage and help students build creativity and curiosity in ALL areas of learning. I also have a Masters in Experiential and Creative Arts Practice, which has helped me develop different ways to work with multiple art processes as a mode of self expression. I look forward to exploring this with the students of Saltwater P-9.

Personally, the Arts have always been a passion of mine. I engage in poetry, water colour painting, collage and photography when inspiration hits. I am a photographic artist who has run solo and group exhibitions. I have proudly won photography print awards. I also own and run a small portrait photography business.

I feel confident that 2020 will be a year of creativity, curiosity and joy. I am looking forward to meeting you all.

Enjoy your holidays and see you in the New Year,

Stella Nguyen
Visual Art Teacher

Dear Saltwater Community,

My name is Belinda Passmore and I have been an Education Support Officer for 5 years. I am originally from Queensland and moved to Victoria 7 years ago, settling into Hoppers Crossing with my husband to raise our three children Maddi, Eden and Bodhi. For the past 5 years I have had the pleasure of working in an Education Support position with a variety of students with many different learning needs, including high care students at Wembley Primary School. It is here where I gained experience and learnt how to connect and encourage students to bring the best out of themselves. I learnt many things at Wembley Primary School and am looking forward to taking this experience and contributing to the educational journey of our future leaders at Saltwater P-9 College.

I am excited to get to know the Saltwater community, develop positive learning relationships and to encourage students to reach their maximum potential. Bring on 2020!

Belinda Passmore
Education Support



INTRODUCING NEWLY APPOINTED STAFF FOR 2020

Dear Saltwater Community,



My name is Matt Hart and I am excited to join the teaching team at Saltwater P-9 College. Most recently I have worked as a classroom teacher at Ocean Grove Primary School. I live in Ocean Grove and enjoy surfing at the local beaches. My other teaching experience includes seven years at Wembley Primary in Yarraville and a year working in Werribee. I have also spent many years living and working in China where I worked in both International Schools and local Chinese schools. I have two daughters who are both at Secondary School. Apart from surfing, I also love footy. I barrack for Carlton and get to games when I can. I am looking forward to working at Saltwater. I love teaching and hope that I can contribute to the growth of the Saltwater learning community.

Regards,
Matt Hart
Classroom Teacher

Dear Saltwater community,

My name is Vanessa Conti and it is with great pleasure I introduce myself as one of the classroom teachers at Saltwater College P-9 for 2020.

In 2015, I completed my Bachelor of Education P-12 at Victoria University. For the past four years, I have been teaching at Creekside K-9 College and taught Year 1 and Prep. I have had the opportunity to implement School Wide Positive Behaviour, effective Literacy and Numeracy strategies and be a part of Professional Learning Communities.

I am passionate about caring for each child and how they learn individually to ensure all students reach to their full potential. I create a safe and inclusive learning environment where all students are supported and challenged.

I look forward to meeting the Saltwater community in 2020!

Kind Regards
Vanessa Conti
Classroom Teacher



INTRODUCING NEWLY APPOINTED STAFF FOR 2020

Dear Saltwater Community,

My name is Caroline Smith, I am very excited to introduce myself as one of the newly appointed Education Support Officer that will be joining Saltwater College in 2020. I have been a level 3 teaching assistant in the UK for around 8 years, working across all primary school levels, before making the exciting move to Australia earlier this year. I am passionate about making a difference in education and supporting students to achieve their best in an encouraging environment. It is more than a job for me, it has been a rewarding career that has allowed me to grow and gain a strong wealth of knowledge and experience along the way. What I love most about the job is building strong bonds with students, families and colleagues, creating a positive and engaging environment to be a part of. My passion for young people's learning is what drives me to provide the highest quality, modern education, supporting my strong belief that every child deserves the best start in life through school. In my spare time I love to spend quality time with my family, we are always out enjoying the outdoors as much as possible, going on walks and bike rides together. I also have a passion for music and reading and share both hobbies with my daughter.

I am really looking forward to meeting and getting to know the Saltwater community and can't wait to be a part of the exciting journey the school is on.



Regards,
Caroline Smith
Education Support



Dear Saltwater P-9 Community

My name is Lidia Calleja and I will be joining Saltwater College in 2020 as the Enrolment Coordinator/ Administration Officer. I previously worked at Tarneit P-9 College as the Attendance Officer and will bring many skills to the College.

I am a very warm, enthusiastic and caring person and feel confident in supporting the Saltwater P-9 Community.

I live in Point Cook and have 3 sons who keep me very busy. My interests out of work are cooking and reading.

I am very excited to be joining the Administration Team and look forward to meeting the Saltwater Community.

Kind Regards
Lidia Calleja
Administration Officer

STUDENT WELLBEING



Attendance:

At Saltwater College we believe that daily attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they do not fall behind both socially and developmentally. School participation maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values that set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

If you are having difficulties with getting your children to school due to circumstances, please contact us, as we may be able to help.

In accordance with the Education and Training Reform Act 2006, schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 – 17 years unless an exemption has been granted.

Parents/guardians must enrol a child of compulsory school age at a registered school and ensure the child attends school at all times when the school is open for instruction.

Students are expected to attend the school in which they are enrolled, during normal school hours every day of each term, unless:

- There is an approved exemption from school attendance or attendance and enrolment for the student, or
- The student is registered for home schooling and has only a partial enrolment in a school for particular activities.

School attendance is a legal responsibility.

If your child is absent please ensure you let us know via an email to: saltwater.p9.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

Do you need a Helping hand?

Free clothes, toys and food hampers to be given away.

Thank you to the Lightpoint Church for sharing this with our College



Cynee Brain
Wellbeing Co-ordinator

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS



The last two weeks have seen the Performing Arts Dance Extension students rise to a whole other level especially leading up to Saltwater's inaugural showcase "Sakura". The students from Years 1-6 who performed in the show trained hard and practised daily to prepare for the historic event. They worked collectively as a team to make sure all grounds were covered and they delivered a knockout performance on the night, leaving the audience laughing, crying and dancing along throughout the night. This, combined with the amazing choir and vocal extension, set the platform for a show that everyone felt and no one will ever forget. There was a huge range of talent displayed by all the dancers giving us a beautiful insight into what lays ahead and what we can expect in the near future. I'd like to also send a special mention and congratulations out to all the soloists and duos: Amanda Deng, Dima Kurian, William Lopez, Mila and Nora Aziadou, and Giema and Lillyann Otwan who performed on the night. They were all outstanding in the showcase and during rehearsals while being supported with an amazing, hardworking cast.

The students have set the bar and the benchmark very high for all future performances to come and we look forward to what 2020 has in store for them and all participants in the Performing Arts Program. As the Performing Arts Dance Director I am beyond proud of all they have achieved this year and cannot wait to create more amazing memories for them and Saltwater College.

Mr Haddad
Performing Arts Director

Sakura! The Beginnings....

And what a BEGINNING!?!?! Our whole school community is still basking in the glow of our inaugural performance. It was such a great success, filled with emotions, passion and talent beyond what many of us expected. Our children have exhibited the true "International Baccalaureate" essence of the "student voice", and we cannot be prouder.

Because of their performance, our choir and Vocal Extension group have been asked to perform at the Featherbrook Carols on Saturday 21 December. Such a great honour for each of our children. But no time for resting... The whole school is quickly refocussing its efforts into preparing for our upcoming Carols on the Oval night on Dec 18. Each class is now spending time in our Performing Arts Centre refining their singing, and creating choreography with the promise of making it another night to remember. In addition to this, our Year 6 students are preparing their dance, drama and musical numbers for their graduation night on 11 December. And in the drama room, our students are quickly producing their short films in preparation for our movie marathon in the last week of school.

Next year is already shaping up to be an exciting time for our Vocal Extension Group. We've been selected to participate in the 2020 Victorian State School Spectacular (VSSS) which will be held at Hisense Arena, and televised across all of Australia. Being selected for the VSSS is such an honour, with only 60 schools in the whole of Victoria being selected. This is a recognition of the great work that is being achieved within our Performing Arts Program. Such a great time to be in the Performing Arts Centre at the moment....

Michael Lapina
Performing Arts Director

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS



Swimming Program:

We have completed our first Saltwater swimming program for Prep-Year 3. I was lucky enough to get across to the pool to watch our children enjoy their lessons. We will be having the Year 4-6 program commence next Monday.

Please ensure children attending the program have thongs/slides with them as it makes it easier for them to change.

Tuesday 17 December children from Year 2-5 will be given the opportunity to try out for our 2020 Saltwater swimming team. A note will be handed out to the children over the next few days. Please read the note carefully and send it back by the due date if your child wishes to try out.

Physical Education Classes:

During Physical Education, the Prep students have been focusing on their Fundamental Motor Skills. They have been revising their running and dodging skills and implementing these skills into minor games. They have been using their communication skills and cooperation skills to work in groups.

The Year 1 and 2 students have been revising and refining their skills in minor games. They have been focusing on running and dodging, using integrity and cooperation skills during games .

The Year 3 and 4 students have been introduced to Lacrosse. The children have been exposed to scooping and throwing and catching the ball. They have displayed excellent resilience when learning a new skill and have been focusing on their communication skills whilst working with a partner.

The Year 5 and 6 students have been inventing new games within a group. They had to come up with a name, age appropriateness and the rules and instructions on how to play the game. They children are now teaching their peers how to play their games. They have been using cooperation and communication skills, being able to talk and teach in front of their peers.

Kelleigh Evans,
 Health and Physical Education Teacher

VISUAL ART NEWS



This term in Visual Art, the Prep classes have been inquirers by developing an appreciation for all artists across the eras. We started looking at the work of Claude Monet and Impressionism. Students were risk-takers when they created their own picture based on Monet's 'Bridge over a Pond of Water Lilies'. We started by breaking down the parts of the picture and creating the background with paint, the mid-ground using cardboard and the foreground using cupcake liners. We then moved onto looking at the work of Vincent Van Gogh. This time we focused on his work, 'Sunflowers', and created our own version of this famous painting. Students were able to show appreciation for the different art works and worked very diligently throughout their lessons. We have now started looking at the work of Georges Seurat and discussed how he used Pointillism to combine the primary colours to create secondary colours. Students showed great commitment to their work using this technique as they all wanted to move onto using their choice of colour rather than combining colours to create it. We used the lessons on Pointillism as an opportunity to reflect on our prior learning about primary and secondary colours. They were all very knowledgeable in recalling this information from earlier in the year.

The Year 3 and 4 students have been inquiring into the Transdisciplinary Theme - How We Express Ourselves. We started the term exploring the work of Alberto Giacometti, then moved onto the work of Keith Haring. The students are now completing a collaborative class mural inspired by the work of Keith Haring. These will be displayed in the classrooms during the upcoming three-way conferences. Students were inquirers when discussing and expressing their thoughts on the representation of the human figure in Giacometti's sculptures. They were then risk-takers when they attempted to create their own plaster sculptures inspired by Giacometti's work. When viewing the work of Haring, students were thinkers when they were asked to use a simple stick figure to represent a movement or emotion. They then researched Haring's work to assist them in designing their own contribution to the class mural.

Maria Pandazopoulos
 Visual Art Teacher



NEWS FROM PREP

Dear Prep Families,

We cannot believe how quickly this year has flown by! Over the last two weeks the students have loved every moment of having the opportunity to learn and improve on their swimming and survival skills at the Saltwater Swim School. While completing the swimming program, students have developed skills in many areas, including duck diving for sinkers, freestyle, torpedoes and building their confidence by jumping into the deep end. The students have been fantastic in developing their independence by coming to swimming prepared, being able to independently change themselves and organise all of their belongings. It has been a wonderful couple of weeks with so much enjoyment and excitement coming from the children.

As we are coming to the end of the year, the Prep team have decided that Friday December 6th will be the final day we check off homework from students. This means, NO MORE HOMEWORK will be sent home this year. We kindly ask that you double check at home to ensure that all of your child's take-home reading books have been brought back to school before the end of week 11 (Friday 20 December).

Regards, the Prep Team

Reminders:

- Please ensure your child is still bringing their iPad to school, **FULLY CHARGED**.
- Return all take-home readers to your child's classroom teacher.
- Three-way conferences: 9th and 10th of December.
- Christmas Carol Concert: Wednesday 18th December @ 6pm.
- Saltwater Internal Transition Day: Thursday 19th December.
- Last day of Term Four: Friday 20th December with an **EARLY FINISH @ 1pm**.



NEWS FROM YEAR ONE

Dear Year One Families,

Term 4 is nearly at a close! The students have learnt so much this year and are getting into the Christmas spirit.

Last week was Saltwater's first performing arts concert – Sakura. It was a massive success! Well done to all the Year 1 students and teachers who performed in Saukra. All dancers and singers did an amazing job and should be proud of their efforts. The students loved the pre-show carnivale as all Year 1 teachers saw many students and their families having a great time enjoying the food, rides and face painting.

The students have been busy rehearsing their Christmas Carols and dance moves and are very excited to perform to all of their friends and family on Wednesday the 18th of December. A letter will soon go out to all classes regarding information about the carols concert as well as what each class will need to wear on the night. Next week, the whole school will be rehearsing their Christmas Carols outside on Thursday morning. Please ensure your child has a hat and sunscreen as we are a sun-smart school.

In Mathematics, the Year 1's have been learning about money, in groups that are targeted to what the students needed to improve on. This has worked well as all students have shown growth in their targeted areas. This next week, the students will be consolidating their learning in number and place value as these skills are crucial to their mathematic knowledge. Students will be engaged in various hands on lessons that challenge and consolidate their learning as well as showing the growth they have made from the start of the year.

Three-Way Conferences are next week Monday 9th of December and Tuesday 10th December. Please make sure you book a time (link below) to see the amazing growth your child has made this semester. The students will need to leave their iPads at school to ensure their work is saved. They will be able to take their iPads home after they have presented their work.

Just a reminder that homework will not be handed out this week. However, homework will be given out next Monday 10th December. The students will need to prepare a two minute presentation based on their culture or a culture that is of interest to them. Students will be presenting this during the last week of school as their final assessment piece for Inquiry.

Regards,
The Year One Team



Important Dates and Information

- Three-Way Conferences: 9th – 10th December

Book here: www.schoolinterviews.com.au enter the code: 9msez

- Christmas Carols: 18th December

- All students must bring a hat to play outside

Please make sure your child is completing their homework each night, and if they have finished all their assigned tasks on Mathletics and Literacy Planet and would like some more, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

It is important that all students who have iPads bring them everyday fully charged so they can fully engage in their learning.

NEWS FROM YEAR TWO

Dear Year Two families,

In these last two weeks, the students from Year Two have continued investigating the processes of weather and erosion in their final Unit of Inquiry, based on the Central Idea: 'Earth's surface changes over time as a result of natural processes'. We have had fun conducting different experiments, investigating how weathering and erosion occur. In one experiment, the students used sugar cubes as rocks and simulated different causes of weathering. For example, some students knocked water bottles over onto the sugar cubes to simulate trees falling down and hitting the rocks, whilst other students poked the sugar cubes with the tips of their pencils to simulate hail hitting the rocks in a storm. In another experiment, the students simulated rocks getting tumbled around and weathered in a stream or river. Some of the classes have also conducted an experiment with trays of sand and cups of water to simulate the effects of erosion. Please ask the kids to tell you about what they did and how it relates to weathering and erosion in the real world!

In Reading, the students have been focusing on reviewing their reading comprehension strategies – these past weeks we have been reviewing 'Predicting'. It is an important reading strategy as it allows students to use information from the text, such as titles, pictures and blurbs to anticipate what will happen in the book. When making predictions, the students envision what will come next in the text, based on the clues and their prior knowledge. For example, Abala from 2C was making a prediction about the book, 'Chester's Balloon Ride'. He stated, "I predict that Chester the pig competed in a pie eating contest and he won because he has a badge showing 1st on him." He made this prediction based on the picture clues. His prediction was found to be true, as Chester and his friends went to a fair and Chester won the pie eating challenge. When reading with your child, be sure to ask them what predictions they can make with the texts they read for homework.

In Writing, the students have each chosen a topic for their procedural text and have begun writing their drafts. They have drafted the Title and Goal, and are now working on the Steps. The students are concentrating on making their steps detailed and specific, so that they don't have any peanut butter and jelly sandwich moments - ask the kids to explain what this means and then watch the video on Schoolbox!

In Mathematics, the students have been exploring formal measurement units using centimetres and metres. They have been looking at how to correctly use a ruler and a measuring tape and applying this knowledge to measure the length of items in the room, as well as each other's heights. This enables students to analyse the measurement data collected and their use of rulers and measuring tapes.

The students were reflective of their learning, for example:

Hayden in 2A expressed his excitement stating, "I know how to use a ruler now to measure, I have to start at 0cm!"

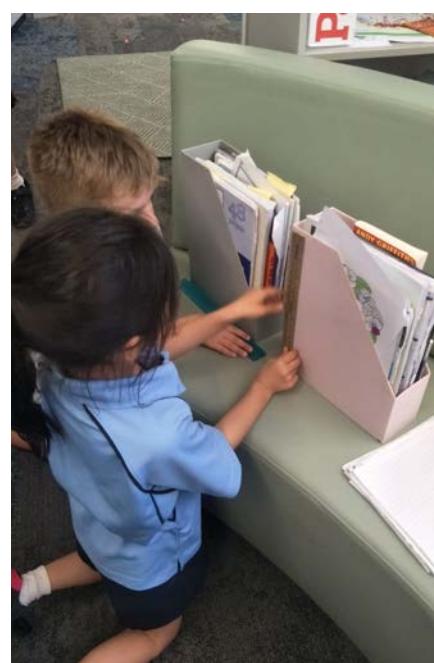
Manawa in 2A expressed her learning stating, "I didn't know what measuring tapes were used for... now I know you can measure things like clothes."

Kind regards,

Year Two Team – Mr. McIntyre, Miss Nardella and Miss Chong

Reminders:

- It's Term 4, please ensure your child/children are wearing a wide brimmed hat to school that is clearly labelled with their first and last name.
- December 9th & 10th : Three-Way Student Led Conferences - Please book for the interview via www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code: 9msez.
- December 18th - Saltwater Christmas Carols
- Please ensure that students are reading every night and completing their homework – this enables students to consolidate what they have learnt in class.
- Students should bring fruits, snack and lunch for breaks, especially healthy food options. Students are discouraged to share their food due to allergies.



NEWS FROM YEAR THREE



Dear Year Three families,

The Year 3's are busy rehearsing their carols for the inaugural Saltwater Christmas Carols, to be held on Wednesday the 18th of December at 6:00pm. A note will be coming home shortly, outlining what your child is to wear and details about the night.

By the end of this week, your child's Unit of Inquiry 5 results will be published on School Box. The rubric will give you an indication as to your child's learning during our last unit, 'How The World Works'. If you have any issues accessing this rubric, please see the classroom teacher.

Unit of Inquiry 6:

Over the last week, students have been developing an understanding of research skills and how to effectively apply these skills to collect information on their chosen focus culture. Students now have an understanding of research questions, reliable online resources and note-taking as means for effective research. Over the next two weeks, they will use these skills to identify the traditional foods, music, dances, clothing and stories of their focus culture. Students will either be investigating, Indian culture, Native-American culture, Chinese culture or Maori culture independently, and as a year level, we will investigate Aboriginal culture.

Using their research, students will then create a poem that presents their findings in a creative way as their summative assessment task for this unit.

Mathematics:

Linking to our current Unit of Inquiry, students will be exploring money and financial mathematics as well as subtraction mental maths strategies in the last two weeks of school. They will develop an understanding into the different currencies used around the world and specifically by their focus culture. Students will begin to practise making purchases and calculating totals and change.

Three-Way Conferences:

Three-way conferences will take place on Monday the 9th and Tuesday the 10th of December. The online booking system is now open, and details are on School Box and the school's Facebook page. Please note, there is a Year 3 time slot available on Tuesday the 10th from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. Students will remain at school as per usual during this time, with a replacement teacher.

Kind regards,
Year Three Team



Reminders:

- Term 4 – Please ensure your child/children are wearing a wide brimmed hat to school that is clearly labelled with their first and last name. We also encourage students to wear sunscreen for optimal sun protection.
- Friday 6th – Week 8-9 Homework due. After this cycle, there will be no more homework for 2019. Literacy Planet and Mathletics tasks will still be available for your child to complete, as well as PM readers.
- December 9th and 10th –Three-Way Conferences
- December 18th – Christmas Carols
- December 19th – Whole School Transition
- December 20th – Last day of Term 4, 1:00pm finish.

NEWS FROM YEAR FOUR



Indigenous Incursion : How Indigenous groups express themselves through patterns, visual arts and dance. .Presented by Erika Reid

In week 8, the Year 4 team were visited by professional wrestler Erika Reid. Erika is Australia's first Indigenous women's wrestler and uses wrestling as her art form to share her story and her culture. Our students listened to Erika share her family history, especially her grandmother's legacy in starting a mission for runaways of the Stolen Generation. Erika shared how she incorporates the symbols and colours related to her culture in her costumes while she wrestles. The students understood the importance of Erika's message of how her family's history has empowered young Indigenous children to chase their dreams and embrace their culture.

English Workshops - Narrative Techniques

For our final unit of the year, the students have been creating narratives. Prior to writing, we have been focusing on learning some narrative techniques that can help students when creating narrative texts. This focus was around allowing the reader to visualise, using strong descriptive language. Below are a few samples of the descriptive language the students came up with for their setting.

MANSION- by Lareb, 4A

Smell: food, cat food, dog food, coal, chlorine, smoke, cigarette, Pakistani food
 See: pool, water, huge house, luxury, big dining table, momentous
 Hear: water splashing, people laughing, clang of pots and pans
 Feel: happy, joyful, funny, playful, water splash, cat fur, cosy
 Taste: food, smoke, wood, fruit, desi dishes, chlorine, hygiene



Setting Paragraph

In the far side of the city lived the clumsiest family. I can prove it because their family is called the Clumsy Clan. Weird name for a family, but believe it or not they have a mansion and a heated pool which is located right in front of the triple story mansion that is also located on the really far side of the city. The Clumsy Clan has two 10 year old girls, seven 8 year old boys, a mother, a father, a pet cat, dog, horse, pony, parrot, rabbit, swallow and 12 hamsters. They use 123% of their weekly earnings on their pets. They feel happy, joyful and they always splash water at each other; it is such a happy family...

The Mansion- by Hanna, 4A

There it was. The mansion as I looked around, I could see a huge pool and a magnificent house. I could hear the clang of glasses touching each other and people laughing. Could this really be the famous Magalo Mansion where I was invited to stay? I sniffed the air and smelled the familiar scent of chlorine and the smoke of cigarettes. I looked down and saw a dog; I could feel him leaning on me and slobbering away on my leg. I watched as a waiter came around the corner of the house and slipped past me to where the laughter was heard. I followed him and was greeted by my BFF and greeted again by food and felt a warm and cosy blanket put on me. I felt myself being pushed into the pool by the dog and suddenly I was winded by the ice cold water as it washed on my body...

Taking Action: Bake Sale for 'Trees for Life'

On Friday 29th November, Saltwater students contributed to our bake sale and the students raised \$107.60. We were told that this was enough to replant 30 trees! What a wonderful achievement and thanks to all students who supported this cause. The idea to conduct a bake sale was brought forward by some of our Year 4 representatives. They wanted to bake treats and all profits made were donated to a company called 'Trees for Life'.

Regards, the Year Four Team

NEWS FROM YEAR FIVE

Dear Year Five families,

Who can believe the end of Semester Two is nearly here? What a busy and exciting time of the year it is! As our first year of Year 5 at Saltwater is coming to a close, it's amazing to think back to all we have achieved. We have continued to challenge our learning as well as each other. It has been pleasing to see the strong friendships that have been formed throughout our cohort and how caring and respectful we are toward each one another.

VISUAL COMMUNICATION EXHIBITION

A huge congratulations to all students on a truly spectacular evening, showcasing their photography pieces. All students beamed with pride as they revealed their hard work and knowledge over the past semester. The quality of photos displayed was truly remarkable as students demonstrated their increasing knowledge of the elements of design and photography. I know we were proud teachers on the evening as our students exhibited independence and confidence speaking in front of all their families and peers and reading their emotional poetry pieces. A massive thank you to all the parents and families who came to support our very first Visual Communications Exhibition, we appreciate your support and excited for future exhibitions.

Lastly, I would like to thank our very talented Visual Communications specialist, Mr. Saleem for sharing his knowledge and inspiring our students. Who knows, we may have future photographers in our midst! A massive congratulations to our award recipients who were voted for by all staff.

Our award recipients were: the winner Jessica Tuara, our first runner up Sofia Noh and our second runner up Luca Hall. Well done to each and every student on their first semester of photography and design, we can't wait to see what you achieve next year.

Regards, the Year 5 Team.

"I took this photograph because I was inspired by all the people who get bullied a lot, and it's heart breaking to see. So, I wanted to communicate this message to stop bulling around our school." – Jessica Tuara

"I felt proud of my photo that I captured and my artist statement that communicated the purpose of my photo." – Sofia Noh

"I want to thank Mr. Saleem for helping me learn and improve my photography skills. I am proud of my photograph because I received an award." – Luca Hall



NEWS FROM YEAR FIVE

Reflection by Michael Bae 5A

On Wednesday 4th December 2019, we invited our parents to our Visual Communication Showcase. We ate some food and listened to some poetry. We thank Anna and Lizzy for the delicious food. I felt proud because the parents could come and see our hard work and commitment. I most enjoyed listening to all the poems and seeing my peers receive their awards. Next year, I am looking forward to extending my skills and knowledge and going on more excursions.



NEVER FORGET

The true meaning behind this shot is that we should never forget the great sacrifices the great soldiers of the war committed for our country.

- REUBEN HOSEMAN 5A



REMINDERS

There is no more formal homework for the year. However, if you would prefer that your child continue, they can complete tasks on Mathletics and Literacy Planet, or a copy can be printed if desired.

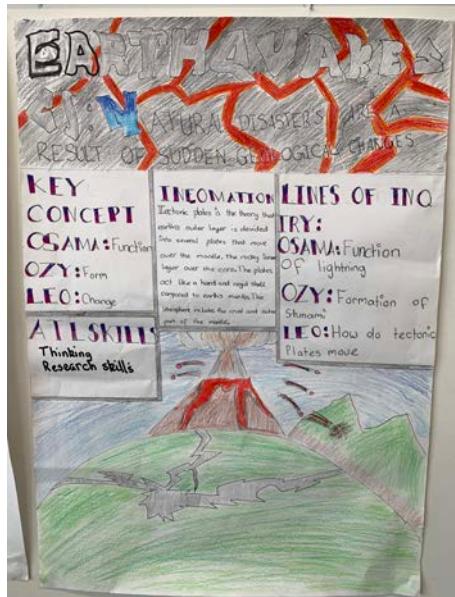
To showcase and celebrate our learning, student lead conferences are on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th, where students will present their digital portfolios. Please ensure you book online, if you have any difficulties please don't hesitate to come and see your teachers.

Our Christmas Carols will be on the Wednesday 18th December. Costumes will be finalised, and a note will go out shortly. If your child will not be performing on the night, could you please let your child's teacher know in writing so that we can plan our stage layout.

Transition Day will be held on Thursday 19th December. This is when your child will get to meet and spend a couple of hours with their 2020 teacher and class!



NEWS FROM YEAR SIX



Unit of Inquiry: How The World Works

Over the past 7 weeks, the students have been inquiring into a phenomenon that had intrigued them from a provocation that was shown earlier in the Term. I am completely blown away at some of the finished products. As shown in the images, you can clearly see that the students took action over their own learning by undergoing an independent or collaborative investigation whereby they created their own Central Idea and Lines of Inquiry.

Many of the students reflected by stating that this was their favourite topic of the year as they were able to take ownership over their learning and really dig deeper into something that was of specific interest to themselves.

Class of 2019

Let's take a brief trip down memory lane to 2018...

A sweltering 39 degree day saw 17 anxious, baby-faced Year 6 students enter Saltwater College for the very first time to meet their teacher, many students not knowing anyone at all. Each student looked around the room with fresh eyes, no doubt internally trying to work out who's-who in the class... Who is the loud one? Who is the smart one? Who is the shy one? Who is the sporty one?

Very quickly friendships were formed, numbers exchanged and emails shared as they embarked on this new journey being the inaugural Year 6 class of Saltwater P-9 College. Right from the beginning, I saw each student's potential, however they did not see themselves reaching it. Yes, the year began with apprehension, nervous energy and uncertainty.

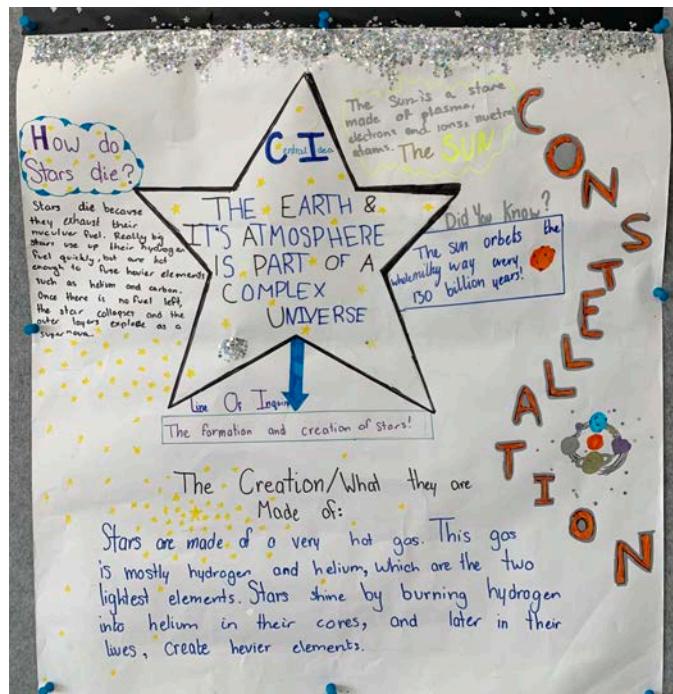
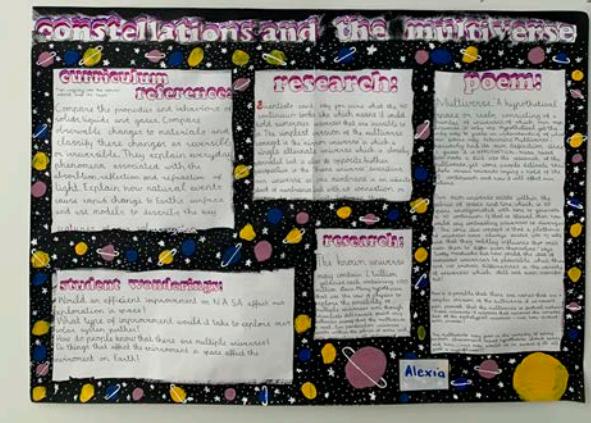
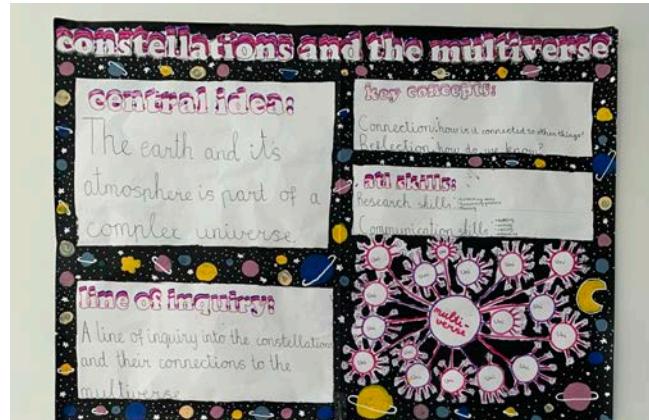
However, that soon disappeared as they began to open themselves up to new people, an unknown International Baccalaureate framework, countless uncertain challenges and many big steps outside their comfort zone.

As the year progressed, our class size grew extensively and as such, students yet again were faced with challenges. This time around, they overcame set-backs and stepped-up to the challenges. I witnessed these students following directions, making decisions, leading, teaching, sharing stories, making friends and achieving success.

This year truly opened my eyes up to the power of positivity. Positive people in a positive environment can achieve great things.

I am sure everyone will carry this positivity forward with them for the rest of their lives and use this experience as proof that they can achieve anything they set their mind to.

I am very proud of what they have achieved and am quite simply honoured to have been their teacher, celebrating all of their successes and championing every success along the way.



NEWS FROM YEAR SIX

Graduation Ceremony / Visual Communication Photography Exhibiton

We are extremely proud and excited to be hosting the Year 6 Graduation on Wednesday 11th December. This is such an important milestone in your child's education and we are thrilled to share this evening with you all. The attire for the event is semi-formal

The order of events and what the evening will consist of, is as follows -

Visual Communications Exhibition - 5:30pm-6:30pm

Parents are welcome to attend the Visual Communications Exhibition where student photography will be on display. Parents, families and students will have the opportunity to indulge in a gallery walk as they view their child's artist's statements that accompany the photograph. During this time canapes and drinks will be on offer.

Graduation Ceremony - 6:30pm-7:30pm

Our student Masters of Ceremony, Hunter Marcic and Tanveer Ahluwalia, will lead the proceedings for the night. During this time, students will receive their official graduation certificates, entertain friends and families with a dance and music performance and perform a Shakespeare reading. Concluding the ceremony will be the scholarship announcements and presentations.

Dinner - 7:30pm-8:00pm

Year 6 students will be ushered to the staffroom where dinner will be served. During this time parents are welcome to continue viewing the Visual Communications Gallery.

Disco - 8:00pm-9:00pm

And finally, it's time to celebrate! The Year 6 disco will held in the Performing Arts area with Mr Saleem mixing as our official DJ.

Parents please note that at 7:30pm, you are welcome to perhaps leave and return back at 9:00pm to pick up your graduate should you not wish to wait.

Regards,
Michael Nicolaides,
Year Six Teacher

