Dear Families,

I would like to congratulate all our students in Year 3 and 5 on the very successful results in the recent NAPLAN testing. Year 3 results in particular reflect a number of years of early interventions, learning support and individualised attention. The results speak loudly of the quality teaching and learning that has occurred in the past 4 years at this school.

Year 5 continues to be a focus for intervention and support programs. All student outcomes are carefully monitored. Every child is tracked and progress actively planned for. Every child counts, every day!

Year 3 Highlights

- Yr 3: 13/15 Regional Gold Stars from the Lead Principal for exceptional achievement and improvement.
- In all 5 areas our improvement exceeds the Nation
- 100% of students above National Minimum Standard in Numeracy and Grammar & Punctuation
- Number of students achieving National Minimum Standard in Reading, Numeracy and Grammar & Punctuation exceeds the Nation
- Number of students in the Upper 2 Bands equal to or exceeding the Nation
- Number of students in the Upper 2 Bands range from 43.5% – 56.5% of the cohort

Year 5 Highlights

- All 5 areas – the number of students achieving National Minimum Standards is Similar to the Nation
- Improvement in the Mean (average) score across all tests (2009-16) is similar to or above the Nation

Salisbury State School students are as good as or better than students across the Nation. Our school is achieving results that any school would be proud of. While we will not rest until every child is meeting their potential as a learner, it is important to acknowledge the students and teachers for the quality teaching and learning that occurs here every day.

Prep Open Morning 30/08/16

I would like to invite all families and pre-prep children to attend our Prep Open Morning on August 30th from 9-11am.

Children will be invited into the Prep classroom to participate in activities similar to the Prep class program. It is a chance for little people to get a taste of school and become familiar with expectations in a Prep classroom. Parents will be welcome to stay with their children and morning tea will be held after the session at 11am.

A similar session will be held again in Term 4. During Term 4, our school will be installing air conditioners in both Prep classrooms. Over the next 3 years, all teaching classrooms will be air-conditioned.

Prep-Prep Cluster Meeting (24/08/16)

Our school is hosting a Prep-Prep Transition meeting in our library for staff of local child care and pre-Prep settings. Guest speakers and networking activities will be offered. We will be making stronger connections with local providers.

I will be visiting each local centre prior to the end of this term to introduce our school and services to the centres. I will be dropping off enrolment packs and staying on to answer questions and meet families.

I encourage all families considering Prep at Salisbury to get in fast to add your child’s name to our list. We currently have more than 40 future Prep students. Don’t let your child miss a spot! Further enquiries can be made at the Office. The Principal will be meeting each family in Term 4.

Term 3 Calendar

Today I am publishing a Calendar for the remainder of Term 3. This will be re-published each term to keep you up to date about our school programs and events. Please pop it on your fridge for the future. I note, however, that dates do change. Changes will be communicated through the newsletter and website wherever possible in a timely fashion.

Have a fantastic week and stay safe.

Darren Ball – Proud Principal of Salisbury S.S

Here at Salisbury State School – we settle for “Nothing but the Best!”

Absences – Call early please! 3717 4888

Please ensure you call early in the morning to report student absences.

Every Queensland State School is now required to contact you on the day of the absence. This is a child safety issue.
Active School Travel
How well do you know our local area to actively travel to school?

How easy is it for you to walk, cycle or catch public transport to school? Find out in Salisbury State School’s new Active Travel Map. Brisbane City Council has produced this map for the school as part of our Active School Travel program. Our Active Travel Map is a detailed map of our suburb highlighting walking and cycle paths, bus stops and essential public facilities.

Active School Travel encourages students to walk, cycle, scoot, carpool and catch public transport to and from school, but some parents still need to drive their children to school as part of their journey to work or other activities. Or, you may live a long distance from the school and can’t actively travel all the way from home. Have a look for the pink routes to the school on the map and see how you can still make a difference to the traffic congestion around our school by Parking & Striding to school, following one of these routes.

You can also use the Active Travel Map this weekend to discover nearby bikeways and walking paths, walk to parks and shops and visit other local attractions.

Reading with your child at home

Reading has always been an important skill. In our modern world it is more important than ever. Children learn about the importance of reading as they watch family members use reading and writing for everyday purposes. Reading with your child at home will help your child in all learning areas of school. Children see you reading and writing in everyday life – reading for pleasure, sharing a story with your child, using a recipe, making a shopping list, writing a birthday card or reading street signs. This teaches them that reading and writing are useful skills in today’s world. Often parents are asked by the school to listen to their child read at home. It’s a good way of supporting your child’s reading.

It is important to read to your child in your home language if your first language is not English. Experience shows that using your home language will help your child to learn to read in English. Read aloud to children, no matter what their age. It helps them to learn the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading. Most importantly listen to your child every day, even for a short time.

Click the link below for a video showing ways to help your child with reading at home:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=korfvEOQb14

Helicopter visit and RACQ program

We are all very excited to have the RACQ visit us this week and to have the helicopter this Friday. During the week all students will be involved in their “Streets Ahead” program which looks at road safety.

For videos explaining the content in the RACQ program, please scan the below codes using a smartphone.

Crossing Road Safety Door Bike Safety

Chess at Salisbury

Are you looking for a way to involve your child in an activity which can strengthen problem-solving skills; enhance memory and concentration; improve reading and mathematical skills; foster critical, creative and original thinking; teach logical and sequential thinking; and demonstrate the importance of decision-making and consequences? If so Chess may be something to try.

The option of having a chess club run at Salisbury, as an extra-curricular activity after school was raised on Monday night’s P&C meeting. I have since contacted a couple of chess organisations with the view to starting a chess club either in Term 4 this year, or in 2017.

Gardiner Chess operates out of many schools in Brisbane, throughout Queensland and in other states as well. They run inter-school competitions and provide instruction for all levels of players with a focus on fostering a love of chess and enjoyment of playing. To run a chess club at Salisbury we would need at least 12 players – which would not be difficult if the number of children getting the chess set out in the library at lunch time is anything to go by.

An expression of interest will be sent home before the end of term to gauge interest and ascertain whether a club is viable at our school. I will also look into running an incursion during school time for students to experience what is on offer. To run a chess club we would ideally like a parent to assist and be a contact person, with support from the school, as well as attend competitions with the team. If you are interested in being involved in a chess club at Salisbury please contact Anita Manning either via the office or email: abing5@eq.edu.au

THE GREAT BOOK SWAP CHALLENGE

On Wednesday 7 September, our school will be raising money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

To help us raise this money, we will hold a GREAT BOOK SWAP!

2012 – we raised around $250
2014 – we raised $375
2016 – TARGET $400!

How does it work?
It’s very simple - and fun! Start bringing in any unwanted books to Miss Ruddock’s 1R classroom, and on the book swap day you can buy someone else’s book for a gold coin donation.
TOUCH FOOTBALL

Any parents who would like to play a touch football game against our undefeated Salisbury Senior Boys on Friday 26 August at 2:00pm please see Mr Kerswell or contact the office. We need a team of 6-12 parents!
Touch Ball Pic follow link 😊
http://tse1.mm.bing.net/th?id=OIP.M3a34b8a71a445fcd0d64be2cfeb6ed33o0&w=300&h=300&c=0&pid=1.9&rs=0

MATHLETICS CHALLENGE

On Friday 29th July our Mathletes, Naoise, Angela, Ching, Diane, Haidar, Leon C, Kevin, Mairead, Leux and Neelab, took part in the annual problem solving competition at Stretton State College. Both teams represented Salisbury well reaching a number of personal and team goals. The students had been practising hard in our gifted maths program. The next opportunity is in August for a group of 5 of these students to compete again. I look forward to continuing to work with these gifted problem solvers of the future.

LIBRARY

Book Week

It’s just one week now, until our Book Week Parade. The theme this year is, Australia – Story Country. Come dressed in your favourite book character costume OR wear clothes of a favourite Australian character, whether it be a sports person, a character from Australia’s history – a swagman, a convict, a bushranger, or a character from the present – a farmer, a miner, a builder, a truck driver!! Have you got your costumes sorted? Parents – join the fun – dress up with us!

Many of our classes are looking at books that have been nominated for Children’s book of the Year –
My Dog Bigsy
Bogtrotter
Piranhas Don’t Eat Bananas
Don’t Call Me a Bear
The Cow Tripped Over the Moon
My costume, this year, comes from one of these books! So join the fun – everyone – Friday, August 26, in the hall, at 9.00am.

Author visit

Next week, Year’s 4 to 6 will be treated to a visit by Kelly Modulon, a teacher-aid at Yeronga State School, who decided - along with a lot of prompting, and more than a few ideas from her daughter – to have a go at writing a story. Now it is a 227 page book, called The Enlightened!

Kelly will be here at our school at 10.00am next Thursday, 25 August. She plans to talk to our students about her inspiration for The Enlightened, and her perseverance as a writer.

I know, she is going to encourage us to get those great ideas we all have at different times, onto paper or on the computer, and maybe, one day, into A BOOK.

Cheers, Kaley and the library team

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Date: Wednesday 30 November, 2016
Time: 6-9pm
Venue: Salisbury Community Centre
Entry tickets will be issued in Term 4 closer to the date. All year 6 students plus 2 adults are included thanks to the fund raising efforts.
Information for additional attendees will be communicated directly to year 6 families.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION FUNDRAISING EVENTS......TERM 3.

Friday 19/8 – Coffee and Savoury Morning (RACQ helicopter visit) – 8.30-10am approx.
Friday 19/8 – Pie Drive Orders Due – Last Day
Friday 9/9 – Free Dress Day – “Who am I?” – Gold coin donation
Wednesday 14/9 – Sausage Sizzle/Poppa and Lolly Bag Big Lunch deal
Any helpers would be great, please contact Prue 0412740143

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

As we are now in Semester 2, we are asking parents to pay the second part of the Voluntary Contribution. If you have not paid the Voluntary Contribution of $20 per semester/$40 per year for each student from Prep to Year 6, please do so as soon as possible. This is the only contribution that the school asks each year.
Families can pay directly into the school account:
Salisbury School Account – BSB 06-4117 A/c 00090044
In the details section please put your child’s name and VC. Or you can make an EFTPOS payment at the School Office.

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Food for thought -
“ I can’t change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.” - Jimmy Dean

Recommended Reading!

At the recent SU QLD Conference, we were privileged to have Steve Biddulph as one of our keynote speakers. Steve was voted Father of the Year in 2000 for his work in encouraging the role of fathers. He is one of the world’s best-known parenting authors, with books in four million homes and thirty-one languages.
In his book, “Raising Boys” which is one of the bestselling and practical guide to the issues parents face in raising sons; he described the three stages of boyhood:

“From Birth to Six: The Gentle Years – the span of time when the boy primarily belongs to his mother.

From Six to Thirteen: Learning to be Male – out of his own internal drives, the boy starts wanting to learn to be a man, and looks more and more to his father for interest and activity. The purpose of this stage is to build competence and skills while developing kindness and playfulness, too – becoming a balanced person. This is the age when a boy becomes happy and secure about being male.

Fourteen and Onward: Becoming a Man – when the boy needs input from male mentors if he is to complete the journey into being fully grown up.”

His other books include Raising Girls, The Complete Secrets of Happy Children and Manhood.

I have found the training and electives helpful at the Conference and enjoyed the many opportunities to reconnect with fellow chaplains. It was a worthwhile week.

Have an awesome week Chappy Angeline

P&C NEWS

A great discussion was had Monday night for our August general meeting.

We had special guest speaker Di Goodison - Deputy Principal for Yeronga High School interested to hear from our parents and community what we are looking for in a high school for the future. Di is looking for feedback and left some questionnaires with Darren.

Over half way through our year and we can’t go on without saying a HUGE THANK YOU to the tuck shop team! These ladies consistently deliver meals, smiles and a healthy dose of common sense to our children every week. Thanks.

Congratulations to the Swim Club on finding the right person for their Coach. Sign on day for Scorpions Swim Cub is Friday 2nd September - what a great way to spend Friday afternoons.

The ANZAC Project is moving ahead with the sandstone seat project being carved out this week. The acquittal day is 30 September; weather permitting this project will be installed before the acquittal date.

Salisbury State School will have one of our P&C members attending the state conference in Gladstone for 2016. There are some great workshops and sessions on offer and we are all confident that SSS will benefit from the participation.

Tennis Qld affiliation has many benefits for the school community and we would love to hear from you all. Vice President John will be organising some feedback to help direct the next step in this project. Any comments, feedback or questions regarding the tennis courts or a possible future Tennis Club can be sent to vp2pandcsalisbury@gmail.com

Your P&C will be holding a daytime meeting in November - pencilled in for Friday 18th November in the afternoon (before pickup) we would love anyone that can’t attend evening meetings to consider joining this meeting - the more the merrier, little people welcome too.

Term Four is around the corner. Salisbury P&C are planning an event to embrace the warmer weather and our lovely community. Dates and event information will be sent out soon.

The Monster raffle has 2 weeks to go - don't forget to get your tickets in for a chance to win fantastic prizes. See if your neighbours would like a chance to win as well. More tickets are available at the office.

Our next GM will be Monday 12th September - come and join the discussion!

SALISBURY SCORPIONS SWIM CLUB

Salisbury Scorpions Swim Club is having a sign on day for swimming lessons, squads and Friday club nights. Come along to register, meet the coach and a free sausage sizzle. For new swimmers, bring along your togs for a quick swim so we can put you into the correct level.

Friday 2nd September 2016 3.15 - 4.15. Meet outside the hall at Salisbury State School.

For information, email: salisburyswimclub@yahoo.com.au

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The opening hours are listed below but as this room is also being used to process school banking, I will be there most Friday mornings from approximately 7:30am so if there is anyone who needs uniforms earlier than the opening hours please feel free to pop over and see if we are in the shop or email me at salisburyuniforms@gmail.com.

Opening times: 8:20 – 8:50am
Fri 26 August
Fri 9 September
Term 4
Fri 7th October

Call for 2nd hand uniform
Do you have uniforms at home that no longer fit the kids?
Perhaps you’re leaving the school and will no longer need Salisbury uniforms? Please think about donating your preloved uniforms, both originally sold through the uniform shop or appropriate pieces sourced elsewhere, to the uniform shop. We sell these items at very low prices, with all money going straight back to the school.

Payments
The uniform shop accepts payments via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT - Bank Transfer), cash or cheque. Please note we DO NOT have EFTPOS facilities.
If you have any questions about the uniform shop or the opening hours, please come and see me in the shop or email me at salisburyuniforms@gmail.com.  Amanda

SCHOOL BANKING
Well done to all the regular savers who are banking every Thursday! Keep up the good saving goals and habits!

To encourage good savings behaviour, students will receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token every time they make a deposit to their savings account at school. When they have collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a variety of exclusive Dollarmites reward items. These rewards and certificates are presented at Parade.

The program is also a great fundraising activity as our School receives:
- $5 for every account activated via the program
- 5% of every deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $10 commission per individual deposit)

Your School Banking Coordinators are Rachel Panousis 0448 310 806 and Amanda Haussmann 0438 788 540. Please contact us if you have any queries.
Don't forget to give your bank books to your teacher every Thursday! If you have not handed it into the teacher on Thursday morning, please hand to the office Thursday afternoon at the latest as we process the banking on Friday morning in the uniform shop, so if you have any questions please feel free to pop in between 8:00 - 8:30

SALISBURY SCHOOL AGE CARE NEWS
Hi everyone!

Life skills have been a big focus at Salisbury SAC with the children learning sewing skills (making new cushions for our room), cooking a variety of foods inputed into our program by the children (honey/soy chicken wings, chicken kebabs, egg, spinach and tomatoes pies, homemade granola bars) to name a few of our delicious afternoon tea snacks. Breakfast has seen the children enjoying a healthy start to their day with waffles with yoghurt and fresh strawberries/blueberries, eggs in a hole to name a few! It is great to see the children making healthy choices in their contributions to the menu!

The long anticipated arrival of our goldfish has been a huge highlight with the children standing/sitting for long periods of time mesmerised. Thank you to Oliver, Chase and Ella for choosing names for our new friends: ‘Reverso’, ‘Heidi’, ‘Goldilocks’ and ‘Spotty’.

Another skill the children are showing a lot of interest in sewing (both hand and machine). They made new cushions for our room – choosing the design and colours from a selection of patchwork materials kindly donated to our Service by Kaye’s Mum. Activities of interest have been: making Wind Chimes, a variety of animal paintings (giraffe, snake, penguin) – all children’s choices and wearable craft (jewellery making) using wool, straws, popsicle sticks and buttons

Until next time
Kaye and the PCYC team 😊

COMMUNITY NEWS

MAGGIE’S MARKETS
@SALISBURY COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB
37 Ainsworth Street Salisbury
SUNDAY 4th September
8am to 12 noon
Phone 3277 2274
Anyone who would like to conduct a stall is most welcome and can contact us by email mapplesmarkets@gmail.com or Phone: Hazel 0466 389 690

FREE DENTAL SCHEME
Free dental scheme extended for Queensland children
Queensland children will continue to benefit from free dental care, after a Federal Government program was extended through to the end of 2016. Director of Metro South Oral Health Dr Helen Boocock said the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) program provides up to $1000 per eligible child for dental treatment. “All children aged four through to year 10 at school are eligible for free public dental care, as well as children aged 0-3 years and those in grades 11 and 12 whose parents have a current Centrelink, Healthcare or Pension Card,” she said. To check eligibility or to make an appointment, call 1300 300 850 or visit www.metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/oral-health

STAFF CAR PARK
Parents, Carers please note that the car park is for STAFF PARKING ONLY – NO PARENTS are allowed to park in the school grounds without prior permission from the office. Do not drive into the School Car Park to drop off students.

When walking your children through the Lillian Avenue Entrance, please do not walk through the car park but use the concrete walkway provided. All children are precious and their safety is of utmost importance.