**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

*‘We Care For Ourselves, We Care For Others, We Care For Property, We Care For our Learning’*

**NOTHING BUT THE BEST**

Dear members of our school community.

What a fantastic place Salisbury State School is in which to work, learn, play and celebrate.

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us last Wednesday for our Meet and Greet. For those who were unable to be here please make a time to meet your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Thanks to our hard working P&C, we now have a new fridge in the tuckshop. Our tuckshop opened last Friday and will be available for purchases each Friday. We are always looking for volunteers and new ideas. If you are able to help even in a small way, even for a small amount of time on a Friday please either contact myself or call in to the tuckshop.

**Staff 2016**

**PRINCIPAL** - Scott Padgett  
**HEAD OF CURRICULUM** - Anita Manning  
**PREP O** - Serena Ohnsorge  
**PREP F** - Christine Fern  
**1R** - Julia Ruddock  
**1/2UD** - Katie Dries/Annette Underwood  
**2L** - Sue Lewis  
**3M** - Erin McConnell  
**4P** - Emiliano Prianes  
**4/5K** - Andrew Kerswell  
**4/5S** - Gary Sinnott  
**6B** - Luke Brady  
**Library** - Kaley Lehane  

Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy – Macarena Araya  
Special Education Teacher – Ronel Du Toit  
Guidance Officer – Jo Nehmer  
Speech and Language Pathologist – Amelia Kennedy  

**SPECIALIST TEACHERS** – Piers Kwan (HPE)  
Lyndall Faragher (Music Inst)  
Cathy Clark-Edwards (Music Choral)  
Atsuko Ishi (Japanese)  

**OFFICE STAFF** –  
Loretta Dacosta  
Anne Hamilton  
Clarissa Lawrence  

**CHAPLAIN** –  
Angeline Pang  

**TEACHER AIDES** –  
Kellie Murdoch  
Cath McCartan  
Penny McNulty  
Penny Mouriyan  
Megan Dowse  
Chloe Cracker  
Clarissa Lawrence  
Christine Fitzock  
Peta-Jayne Mair  
Ira Nigam  
Margaret Jorgensen  

**ANCILLARY STAFF** -  
May Todd (Cleaner)  
David Todd (Cleaner)  
Khadijah Eden (Cleaner)  
Kim Bailey-Jensen (Schools Officer)  

Our 2016 leaders were announced at the end of last year. Congratulations to these students:-  
School Captains –  
Ching Chi  
Isabella K  
Regina  

Sports Captains –  
Chandler – Jazmine and Connor B  
Griffith - Joshua H and Amal  
Nathan - Ethan and Mia J  

Choir Captain – Linh Nguyen  
Band Captain - Olivia Cox  

This year Student Council Representatives were selected from each class from Year’s Four to Six. Congratulations to the following students:-  
Belle, James, Haidar, Naoise, Emma S, Jordan, Jacob and Aisha.

Our Leadership Badge Presentation assembly will be next Monday 22 February at 2:30pm. All parents are invited to attend.

I ask that we adhere to the 2 minute drop off and pick up zones in Cripps Street. I also ask that parents do not stop at all on the yellow lines. Please observe all signage around our school to ensure the safety of all of our students.

Department of Education and Training has launched a new website which provides detailed information on closed educational facilities (including state, non-state schools and early childhood education centres) during a

**Punctuality and Attendance – Every day counts**

There is a direct correlation between attendance and results. A high level of attendance is giving your child the best opportunity possible. Please ensure that your child is at school every day, unless ill. It is almost impossible for teachers to make up the number of lessons missed during large absences. Please ensure you are here on time for learning to commence no later than 8.50am. 95% attendance means 10 days absence per year. At Salisbury our aim is to have all students with a greater than 95% attendance.

I ask that all families familiarise themselves with our updated School Uniform Dress Code. This is now available on our website in the ‘documents’ section. At Salisbury this includes a maroon broad brimmed hat and preferably black shoes (with white socks). The “no hat, no play” rule is in place in our school. Please ensure your child has their hat every day to fully participate in school activities.

I ask that all students have a piece of fruit in their lunchbox for their class mid-morning fruit break or first lunch break. Water bottles are encouraged and are kept close by in the classroom for quick access. This avoids missing out on learning to visit the drink taps and helps keep the water intake regular which is vital on hot days.

The AGM for the P&C will be on Monday night the 21st March at 6.30pm. This will be followed by the normal monthly meeting. Everyone is welcome and it is always great to see new faces and be involved in your child’s school.

Congratulations to Mary on receiving our Gotcha Award at last week’s assembly. Congratulations also to the following students who have received Achievement Awards:

**Week 3**


Religious Instruction commences this week. Our Breakfast Club kicks off on Thursday morning and our ‘Coffee with Chappy” also is on each Thursday mornings. On the evening of the 23rd of March we have scheduled Student/Parent/Teacher discussions. We have this year become an Active Schools Travel school and our Tuesday and Thursday after school sports program begins this week. On the 26th of February year’s 4 to 6 are involved in Gala Day and on the 21st March we are taking part in Channel 10’s Live Weather Cross. Our year 5 and 6 students are on camp for the first week of term two and on the 18th of August the CareFlight Helicopter will be landing at our school. We have signed up for a wireless upgrade which will see all teaching and learning spaces able to access the internet and other teaching and learning resources wirelessly. Last week I began sourcing quotes for air-conditioning in all teaching and learning spaces, our bottom car park was tidied and I met with all stakeholders re completing the raised garden bed project and enhancing the community garden area.

‘A Great School Moving To Greater’

What a fantastic place Salisbury state School is in which to work, learn, play and celebrate.

Thanking you for your support,

Scott Padgett

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**HOC NEWS**

It was wonderful to see all the students arrive at school with their book packs last week and show that ‘Care for Property’ at the start of the New Year. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers for making the effort to ensure children started in such a positive way with all their equipment ready.

Our big focus this year is literacy with a specific focus on Reading. Class timetables have been aligned to enable lower school (Prep to year 2) to have the whole of first session free from interruptions for their Literacy Block and middle and upper school (years 3-6) have all of middle session free from interruptions for literacy. As a school we are working with two philosophies – Learning to Read (L2R) and Reading to Learn (R2L).

Learning to Read is a differentiated and levelled process by which students are modelled, supported and are provided independent review, consolidation and extension work in the core reading strategies to help them read words, comprehend meaning at an increasingly deeper levels and to critically analyse and reflect on content read. Each class has a half hour specific Reading session every day. Teacher aide time is allocated around these times to provide support for all levels of reading capabilities and volunteers are most welcome in all classes to help with groups.

Reading to Learn is a process of supporting all children to engage with year level texts encountered in any subject. It involves modelling, breaking down texts into parts to analyse and ensure meaning is made as well as replicating similar texts through writing, spelling, grammar, and punctuation and vocabulary knowledge are all drawn from presented texts through this process and are taught and practiced in context. If you would like to know more about Reading to Learn please visit their website: http://www.readingtolearn.com.au

This year Spelling may look different for your child. Through the Reading to Learn Program there are no set weekly spelling lists for students to rote learn and be tested on. Each class will follow a set progression of spelling strategies and this will be taught explicitly in class.
Words for the week’s strategies are added to the class Word Wall, which is up in every class this year, and can be added to the student’s Spelling Journal, which every student has. Homework may include practice tasks where the spelling focus is worked with in a number of different ways, instead of rote learning a set list for a test. In this way students learn the strategies and ‘Spelling Knowledges’ and are able to apply them to a variety of words, both known and new words they come across, instead of just remembering a set list of words. Spelling competency will be tested with all students to track and monitor progress against year level expectations and forms part of their Writing assessment.

Volunteers – if you are wanting to volunteer as a general school helper for Reading our Specialist Teacher for Literacy and Numeracy (STLaN) Mac Araya is managing how volunteers are used. Mac is with us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in her STLaN role and manages support for students which includes extension programs. You can email her at maray4@eq.edu.au or myself at abing5@eq.edu.au

This year, Salisbury State School has been selected as one of 16 new schools joining Brisbane City Council’s Active School Travel program.

Active School Travel promotes clean and green, active and healthy school travel modes such as walking, cycling, carpooling and public transport.

By leaving your car at, at least one day a week on our active travel day, we can improve road safety, improve our health and fitness, reduce traffic congestion at the school gate, and create a cleaner environment for our students.

Brisbane City Council’s Active School Travel crew will visit our school assembly to launch the Active School Travel program on 22 February, so come along to learn more about the program. Our official launch date will be Tuesday March 1st.

Look out for the Active School Travel crew and start thinking how you can use your car less travelling to and from school this year.

We are seeking a parent or community member (or more than one!) who would be willing to help be our community liaison for the Active School Travel program. The commitment would be to attend meetings (estimated 2-3 throughout the year), provide a parental/community perspective for the activities we will look at running and help promote the program. This does not have to be a big commitment and it would be great to have a parent as part of this exciting school venture.

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**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION**

As parents are aware, the School operates a Voluntary Contribution Scheme. The funds collected assist with the bulk purchase of resources, consumables and materials which are used by students in the classroom. The cost is $20 per semester/$40 per year for each student from Prep to Year 6.

We would ask parents to please support this scheme as soon as possible so that your child’s classroom is well resourced.

**CARNIVAL BOOK CLUB**

We are continuing with Carnival Book Club this year. *What a great way to buy books for your children!*

Book Clubs actively encourage voluntary reading at home; they also offer a fabulous fund raising opportunity for our school with 20% of all proceeds coming back to us in the form of new resources for our library and classrooms.

Order Forms have been given to the students. Return date for all orders is 7 March 2016.

**CHAPLAIN’S CORNER**

*Food for thought “Every morning starts a new page in your story. Make it a great one today.” Doe Zentamata*

School Captains at Kindy!

Last week, the School Captains and I commenced our weekly visit to the local C&K. For one captain, it was a totally new experience as she hasn’t been through kindy. For another it was more fun and pleasant than she had thought. They all had a great time interacting with the little kiddies and playing with the equipment. They would be happy to stay for the day if we let them!

The pre-preppies also had a fun time playing with the bigger people.

**Breakfast programme**

For many years, the Breakfast Programme was held on Fridays from 8.00-8.45 am. It was usually well attended and greatly appreciated by the students. Some students had even missed breakfast at home in order to have breakfast at school!

From Week 4, the breakfast programme will be held at the same time but on Thursdays, and under the Shade
Shelter in the Community Garden. Thanks to the volunteers and generosity of Life Church. Every student is welcome!

We are almost mid-way through Term 1! Keep up the good work everyone!  
Chappy Angeline

P&C NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
The uniform shop HAS MOVED to a new room at the playground end of A Block Room A8. 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 contact the office.

Opening times:
Fri 19th Feb  8:30-8.55am
Fri 04th Mar  8:30-8.55am
Fri 18th Mar  8:30-8.55am

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 contact the office.  
Amanda

SCHOOL BANKING
The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program gives schools and parents an easy, fun and interactive way to teach children money management skills they’ll use for the rest of their lives. The emphasis is on regular savings, not the value of the deposit (which can be as little as 50 cents) and nurturing good saving 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.

It is great to see all the students who have become regular savers...keep up the good savings goals and habits! Don't forget to give your bank books to your teacher every Thursday! If you not handed to the teacher on Thursday morning please hand to the office Thursday afternoon. 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.

SWIM CLUB NEWS
Scorpions Swim Club is based at the Salisbury school pool!!

We offer Learn to Swim lessons for primary aged children and younger, Squad sessions and a Swim Club on Friday evenings. Swim Club is an opportunity for children to do races at various distances (across the pool, 25m and 50m) and most importantly, have lots of fun in the water!

Lessons currently run on Monday, Wednesdays and Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings with our Head Coach, Caitlin. Lessons are $15 with Swim Club membership free with lessons (usual cost is $30 for the whole season).

We also offer Adult Swim Technique/Squad on Saturday mornings 7.30am - 8.30am (Cost is $15).

Please email: salisburyswimclub@yahoo.com.au for more information.

Helen, Sheila, Emma, Heather and Alex
Swim Club Executive Committee

COMMUNITY NEWS

TENNIS LESSONS BEFORE SCHOOL
Remar Tennis Academy offers beginner and intermediate tennis lessons on the SCHOOL tennis courts Thursdays 7:30-8:30am. Children from all grades Prep to Year 6 are welcome to join.

For more information on Remar Tennis Academy’s programs and fees, please call 07 3345-9620 or email admin@rtacademy.com.au. Alternatively, book online at www.rtacademy.com.au

GUITAR & DRUM LESSONS AT OUR SCHOOL!!!
The Virtuoso Guitar School has run a guitar program at Salisbury State School after school and we are currently looking for more students to join our virtuoso family.

If you have any questions or queries about the program, email us at virtuosoguitarschool@gmail.com. Alternatively, call Dave on 0400 723 100 or Blaise on 0448 620 396.