Dear Families,

What a busy term we are having at school!

With the recent RACQ Care Flight helicopter visit, Road Safety presentations, Book Week (what a wonderful day), Prep Open morning and so much more already this term, the fun does not stop there! Singfest happens today, The Indigenous Literacy Book Swap, Salisbury’s Got Talent and more are yet to come!

Our staff is heavily engaged at present in our school Reading program. Your child’s results and progress are being monitored very closely. The best thing you can do to support your child is to ensure they are reading every day. For little people, bedtime stories are wonderful. For students in Year 3 and beyond, we would expect that they are reading to you, or reading a chapter book, young novel etc.

Our library is well stocked and recent visits from a local author have really excited children. I note that there is currently a competition running across the school for young writers. All questions can be directed to Mrs Lehane our Teacher Librarian. The very same teacher who should be congratulated for our outstanding Book Week parade!

Staff will be in touch over the next week or so to offer parent/teacher interviews. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress. When we work together, the child/parent/school triangle is strong. It delivers the best results for your child’s education. Together there are few challenges we cannot meet.

This term, staff is also engaged in professional development in the Reading to Learn program. Lee Denton from Literacy Solutions will be providing mentoring and coaching in classrooms in Week 10. Lee is a literacy and Reading expert and teachers will be making the most of their chance to refine their skills.

Currently, I am engaged in visiting each classroom to provide teachers feedback about their teaching of reading. Ensuring each child’s needs are catered for (both in support and extension) is a focus. I am monitoring every child’s reading progress and our support services (eg Teacher aides, Intervention Programs, Support teacher time, Disability Teacher time) are being directed through our Student Services committee to classrooms.

Don’t forget the P&C Raffle closes very soon. Get your tickets and money back this week to make sure you are in for the win! There are many great prizes and all proceeds will benefit your child and your school. I have also been meeting with the P&C Executive about facility improvements and we have set a target on maximising modernisation of our school before our 100th birthday in 2020. Stay tuned for more news in this area.

I am looking forward to many years as Principal of Salisbury State School’s permanent Principal after my recent appointment. All our staff continue to make significant commitments to your child’s learning and your community. I thank you all for the opportunity to work in your community. It is a privilege. Have a brilliant week and remember – “Nothing but the Best”

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.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 14 September from 3:10 – 8pm

Our Semester Two interview round is open for bookings via the online booking system. This is an opportunity to discuss with your child’s teacher how your child is progressing at school and ways to support them further. Parents of students who receive additional support through our SEP are able to book interviews with Mrs Ronel Du Toit in addition to their classroom teacher and students receiving intervention are able to book an interview with Miss Mac Araya to discuss the provisions made and progress. If you are unable to book online directly please speak with your child’s classroom teacher.

Literacy and Numeracy Week
This week is national Literacy and Numeracy week and Indigenous Literacy Day next is Wednesday September 7th. Next Wednesday we are holding a Book Swap and we encourage you to check your book shelves, books in cupboards and under beds for ones you and your children are no longer reading and bring them along to swap for something new to read. A gold coin donation for swapping a book goes towards the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to provide books to remote areas.
Literacy and Numeracy are key skills for everyone. Being literate is not merely the ability to read and write (as you find in a dictionary) but it is also to be effectively communicate and understand different forms of communication. Our literate world is not bound by the common three areas of reading, writing and speaking. Nowadays, with digital technology and media, other modes of communication are just as important and the skills we need to understand them and use them effectively go beyond basic reading and writing skills. Through the Australian Curriculum our teachers provide opportunities for students to view, analyse, discuss and validate texts as well as produce texts in a variety of ways such as multi-modal presentations, advertising materials as well as formal writing. Providing access to different forms of texts is key for students of all ages – picture books, comics, newspapers, magazines, subtitles on movies/TV, and advertising on product boxes, letters and postcards. Exposure to a variety of text types helps develop an understanding and ability to work with words and texts in different ways for different purposes and this in turn helps us become more literate.

**Chess Incursion**

As mentioned in the last newsletter we are starting a chess club at Salisbury. As part of this and as an introduction to chess for students, I have arranged for an incursion for all year 1-6 students next Friday September 9th. Students will all receive a one hour chess session with one of the Gardiner Chess coaches. They will get to experience what this great, strategic game is all about and have a go playing with their class mates. During break there will be further opportunities for any interested students, even our Preppies, to join in the chess fun too. Information will be handed out about our Term 4 Chess Club as part of this event and we encourage any interested student to sign up and help build our school chess team.

**Helicopter**

Almost two weeks ago we had the RACQ Careflight helicopter visit Salisbury and what a fantastic morning it was. The safety talks run by Renee at RACQ in the days leading up to the helicopter being with us were second to none. Every teacher commented on the appropriateness of the material and the special way it was presented to each different year level. The additional talk with the senior students on the Friday was also very professional and gave students a first-hand insight to not only additional talk with the senior students on the Friday was also very professional and gave students a first-hand insight to not only the important work the helicopter service provides but also the impacts of road safety.

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to all the parents and community members who came along to help make it a memorable event and for supporting the Year 6 Graduation Coffee and Cake stall. The landing and take-off have been put into a short movie, along with the class photos, and are on display in the office on the TV screen in the waiting area.

**Energy Safety Week**

Next week is Energy Safety week and, thanks to Mark Bailey’s office and a cancellation at another school, we have the Energex Safety Heroes program visiting our school on Friday September 2nd. Energex will run a safety presentation for the year 4-6 students who aren’t attending Gala Day and will bring one of their big Energex trucks onto the oval for all students to have a look at. All parents are welcome to come and view the truck and join in the fun from 9am.

For Energy Safety Week teachers will be talking about how to be safe around electricity and providing students with lessons and reference materials. This is an opportune time for parents at home to talk with children about any areas within the household where electrical devices and power points are and how to be safe around them.


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**Library**

**Book Week Celebrations**

What a wonderful celebration of books it was! A big thank you to the whole Salisbury community for your participation and enthusiasm for this very special event. Costumes were many and varied, amongst all our students and amongst our dedicated team of teachers and teacher aides. We had everything from convicts and bushrangers, many, many book characters, Snugglepot and Cuddlepie, pirates, through to old favourites, like the Gingerbread Man! Even Dame Edna graced us with her presence. Speaking of Dame Edna, aka, Mrs Manning if you haven’t seen the book she has produced and illustrated, don’t miss out – it is a “must read” and a wonderful way to document this great celebration.

I’d also like to thank teachers, for being so receptive to suggested book titles, and then for taking the time to create and involve children in the performances we had. The time you spent on this is so appreciated by each and every one of us. Everyone, I know thoroughly enjoyed the whole occasion. The photos say it all!

“**The Enlightened**” by Kelly Modulon

Last Thursday, Years 4 to 6 were treated to a visit by Kelly Modulon who wrote the story “The Enlightened.” She told the children a little about what inspired her to become a writer and how she got the ideas for her story. Kelly also spoke at length about the task of writing. She explained to us that writing is words, only words, and that means it is so very important to choose those words very carefully, to create the pictures you want your readers to have. Sienna (Harrison) told us that **Evangeline** the main character in Kelly’s book seemed a lot like herself, and that she can’t wait to find out more about her. I know Sienna is definitely going to get her own copy!

Kelly asked whether we have ever wanted a story to go on and on and never finish. Straightaway, hands shot up around the room. Sebastian Kerr was quick to say, “Yes it was just like that with Harry Potter. The stories sucked me right in and I just couldn’t put them down!”

Kelly replied, “Yes! That’s the sign of a great author!” We think Kelly is a great author too. We wish her every success with her story, “The Enlightened.” If you missed out on purchasing a copy and would still like to buy one, just come and visit me in the library. The book is suitable for Year Five and beyond and costs $17.50.

_Cheers, Kaley and the library team_
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!

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.

LOST PROPERTY
There are lots of clothing items (mainly sweaters) in the Lost Property bins in the Office Area. Please come and check. At the end of term the bins will be emptied and the items given to charity.

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

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.

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 family.

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 -
“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible” – Francis of Assisi

Sparkle Programme
I can’t believe how quickly each week passes by! Soon, another group of Year 6’s would have completed the Sparkle programme. We had a wonderful time together and are looking forward to our special lunch celebration on the last week of this term.

The girls would like to share something they have learnt from the programme:
- Treat others how you want to be treated so everyone is equal – Jesika
- Accept who you are and think positively because this will affect who you are - Ching
- Be yourself. Doesn’t matter what people think. If you are being teased, be careful what you are saying to yourself, because you are listening - Olivia
- It doesn’t matter who you are, be yourself. If someone says something bad about you, just ignore it – Linh
- True friends support one another and they are quick to forgive - Kayla
- Believe in yourself – Isabella

Thank you girls, for giving up your play time to be in the programme and for letting me practice on you 😊. Working with you has definitely been a fun and rewarding experience! Whenever you feel discouraged, remember “you are awesome, unique, beautiful, valuable and worth taking care of”. Keep on sparkling! Let your unique individuality shine!

Chappy Angeline

P&C NEWS
HELP NEEDED – PAVING SKILLS
The P&C are donating an ANZAC Centenary memorial to the Salisbury RSL Park.
We need a P&C member to help install some paving around the gravel that it will be placed on.
If you are a P&C member or have skills in laying pavers and you are available for some weekend or after hours voluntary work before the end of September, please email Paige on paige.garland@plan-itlife.com
The P&C would be very grateful for your support for this important project.

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
I will be in the uniform shop most Friday mornings from approximately 7:30am (for school banking) 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

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!

Thank you to all school bankers for their patience in waiting for their banking prizes. Prizes may take up to 3 weeks to be awarded on parade. We do not hold the prizes in stock. They need to be ordered from the CBA and posted to the school. School banking is processed once a week and school parade is held on a Monday. So the timeframe may extend up to several weeks.

Tokens
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 will be given a gold token to keep as a record of their savings and be eligible to order one of the 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 on Thursday! If you have not handed it into the teacher on Thursday morning, please hand it to the office Thursday afternoon at the latest when 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

COMMUNITY NEWS
MAGGIE’S MARKETS
@SALISBURY COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB
37 Ainsworth Street Salisbury
SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER
8am to 12 noon
Anyone who would like to conduct a stall is most welcome and if you have any questions please feel free to pop in between 8:00 – 8:30

FUTSAL TIME
Junior Futsal season starts in Term 4 2016. (5a side soccer) “Mooroora Bowls Club” Koala Rd.
Visit www.facebook.com/futsaltimemoorooka for more information or contact Gervais 0422 850 683
Academy & Competition available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Season starts first week of Term 4 (4th-6th Oct).

GUITAR LESSONS
At Salisbury State School
Group: $19.95/lesson (Groups of 2)
Private: $35.00/lesson
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