Dear Families, students and community members,

Firstly, my thanks go to Mr Scott Padgett for the hard and focused work he has undertaken in Term 1. Mr Padgett is settling into his new role at Carina State School, but his efforts will not go to waste, particularly in the teaching of reading across the school. We will continue to build upon his work with the staff.

I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome to Salisbury State School. With a number of changes to the Principal’s role at our school, in the past few years, I realize that community must be concerned about how long I will be staying.

At present I know I am here until December, 2016. At some point between now and December the Region will undertake a process to select a permanent Principal. I intend to do all I can to ensure that person is me. I am very excited to be here and intend to make Salisbury State School my community for many years to come. I will not be considering any other options or applying for other positions.

I will not be waiting until December to undertake improvements to our school. I will be getting on with the business of leading the school, focusing on whole school improvement.

I intend to undertake a consultation across the community, students and staff to refine the school’s vision for the future and for improving our school. There is a great deal to do from grounds, facilities, teaching and learning and community participation. I am sure there are many strong and passionate opinions about where we need to start. Ensuring the traditions, community connections and history of our wonderful school are captured and respected will be very important.

Please stay tuned for further information. There will be multiple opportunities for your feedback to the school what you see as a priority and where we can improve. In the end, our core business is teaching and learning.

Student outcomes are the whole purpose of what we do. Ensuring every last student reaches their potential and is ready for high school is vital. Providing a well-rounded school experience to develop citizens of the future is a key to our success.

I would like to encourage families and concerned folk to touch base with me over the next few weeks. Be sure to make an appointment and feel free to raise any issues, concerns or problems. If I don’t know your concern, I cannot address it.

I have been very impressed by the strong community connections, positive classroom and playground behaviour and focused classrooms. There are some very talented and dedicated professionals working in your child’s classroom and I am delighted to be able to lead them on to even greater successes.

In 2016, we will continue to focus on some high priority areas of improvement. These are:

- **Reading** (The consistent teaching of reading in every classroom)
- **Personalised Learning** (Using all we know about a learner to make plans and implement strategies that will help every child improve)
- **Positive Behaviour for Learning** (Renewing our school culture to encourage positive community citizenship and behaviour)

I believe strongly in the school motto “Nothing but the best!” I promise I will uphold this ideal in my work here and will do all I can to support each child and adult in our community to do the same.

I look forward to the rest of 2016, getting to know all of you and getting on with the big job of making Salisbury State School “nothing but the best” State School in Queensland. With your support and participation, I know this is possible.

Have a brilliant week and don’t forget to introduce yourself if you see me around.

*Darren Ball - Principal*
Tallebudgera School Camp was certainly a very big success. Every child who attended has reported how much they enjoyed the activities, the experience of staying away from home and the adventurous activities (Body boarding, rock climbing, fencing and more!). At the P&C meeting earlier this week, I raised the possibility of our school undertaking the Canberra trip to Parliament House in 2018 with a senior group in the future. More information and time to discuss the proposal will be made during this term.

There are a number of exciting events on the horizon I am looking forward to sharing with the community. These include:

- **ANZAC Ceremony Friday 22/04/16**
  Our traditional service will be held on Friday morning. All families and community are welcome to attend. Mr Desmond Dagg will be addressing the school as our special guest. Badges are on sale for 50c each.

- **Salisbury RSL Park ANZAC Day March**
  Many students and families will be attending the local event on Monday morning. I will be there to share the morning. Many of my family are serving or have served in the armed forces. This is a very special day of remembrance and I look forward to sharing the event with you all.

- **Prep Open Afternoon – Wed 20/04/16 @ 3:15pm**
  If you missed the afternoon, we will be holding other events later in the year. You can also call and make time to visit, meet and greet! Enrolments are now open for Prep. Students born 1st July 2011 to 30th June 2013 are eligible to enrol for Prep to start in 2017. We have high enrolments in 2016 in Prep and we hope to have similar numbers in 2017. Get in quick to secure your child’s place!

- **School Review**
  Our School will participate in a School Review in Semester 2. The School Improvement Unit will send a team of experts to review our school operation, examine our student outcomes, programs, curriculum and more. Many key community members will have the opportunity to meet with and discuss our school’s progress to date. This very comprehensive process will result in a clear and structured set of strategies designed to have maximum impact on the school’s success in teaching and learning. We will be expected to incorporate these strategies in our 4-year Strategic and Annual plans.

- **NAPLAN 2016 (Tuesday 10th – Thursday 12th May)**
  Like all schools nationwide, our Year 3 and 5 students are participating in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Students will be assessed in the areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. We expect that the test results will be sent to our school in September this year, and an individual NAPLAN report for each student will be sent home. These confidential reports will show your child’s results against key national information in each year level.

  Our school will use the information in a number of ways, primarily to better identify students requiring additional support, and to identify strengths and improvement areas in teaching programs.

  While the NAPLAN report is an important measure of how all students are performing, it is important to remember that it is only one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process. It does not replace the more extensive and informed judgements made by our highly skilled and experienced teachers.

  It is important that students receive ongoing support at home throughout the year in developing literacy and numeracy skills. For information about NAPLAN tests please visit www.nap.edu.au

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**HOC NEWS**

**NAPLAN – Information Meeting**

The 2016 round of NAPLAN is coming up fast for our year 3 and 5 students. I will be holding an information session in the library on Thursday 28th April from 3.10pm for any interested parents. If you are able to make this time and would like any information regarding NAPLAN testing either from the NAPLAN website or email me with specific questions at abing5@eq.edu.au It is the aim of the school to ensure the testing week is as stress free and has as little disruptions to the regular class programs as possible.


**P&C Donations**

A big thank you to every parent for their continued support of the school. We have received a donation this semester from the P&C raised through the Discos, raffles and other fund raising events. The funds have been allocated towards providing continued learning experiences in numeracy and literacy from school to home by providing Mathletics and Sunshine Classics Online subscriptions for every student. On top of this the funding has helped every classroom by allocating a $200 incidentals budget so teachers can purchase items such as consumables for science, art materials, white board markers, stickers and other resources which are needed to help programs run smoothly.

As discussed at this week’s P&C meeting any additional donations will be allocated to reading group sets. To provide explicit, instructional reading effectively we need to have suitable reading books in sets of at least 6. Some of our sets are missing one or more copies meaning students in groups need to share a book – which is not ideal.

**Home Readers – Amnesty**

Home reading is an important part of a child consolidating their learning in class. Each year home readers are sent...
GUITAR LESSONS

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

Email:
virtuosodrumschool@gmail.com
virtuosoguitarschool@gmail.com

Phone:
Call Dave on 0400 723 100 or Blaise on 0448 620 396

www.virtuosoguitarschool.com.au
home for this purpose and all schools have a percentage that don’t get returned. We all know these, often little, books are easily misplaced, fall down the back of the couch or end up under the front seat of the car accidentally. If you have found any of these home reading books over the holidays please return them to the office or library – no questions asked! We would love to have some of them return home ☺

**Active School Travel**

Congratulations to 6B for winning this week’s trophy for Active School Travel and 3M for winning it the week before. The classes are really enjoying the competition for improving their active travel or trying to come to school using a specific mode. We also handed out the first round of prizes for students who have come to school in an active travel way four times so far. Students were excited to receive their new drink bottles thanks to the Brisbane City Council.

So far classes are averaging between 30% and 75% with two classes making 90% last term on one occasion. Well done to everyone. We have seen an improvement from the start of the year already.

Remember if you come to school in the car you can park a couple of blocks away and walk to the school gate and have it counted as Active Travel. Even once a week on Travel Tuesdays can make a difference.

**National Walk Safely to School Day** is coming up on Friday 20 May! As an Active School Travel school, we already encourage our students to actively travel all year round to keep our streets safe, our students healthy and active, and our neighbourhood clean and green. In joining with schools around Australia to celebrate this national day. We will be holding a special day with every child who walks to school (even a couple of blocks if you are dropped off by car) receiving something special and going into a draw for a school raffle to be drawn out on the following assembly. Check out more information about the day and what you can do to help promote regular safe travel habits and contribute to a safer school environment for you and your children.


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**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY COUNTRY**

We had a wonderful Cross Country last week and it was wonderful to see virtually every student who was able participate from the Preps, some of which are still 4 years old, to our senior students. Thank you to all the parents who came to cheer and support our event and make it extra special for everyone involved. All students who ran received a point for their house and students placed in the top 6 for each group were awarded additional points on a sliding scale.

Mr Kwan will contact those who have qualified for district.

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**Chandler** - 123 points
**Griffiths** - 112 points
**Nathan** - 108 points

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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.

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.

We would ask parents to please support this scheme as soon as possible so that your child’s classroom is well resourced. This is the only contribution that the school asks each year.

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**CHAPLAIN’S CORNER**

**Food for thought**

“In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.” - Abraham Lincoln

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**Welcome to Term 2**

What a great start to week 1 - Cross Country on a perfect Tuesday (the weather was most favourable) and Year 5/6 camp (Wednesday – Friday) at Tallebudgera! The campers touched down on Friday afternoon and there was such a buzz! They chatted away happily, sharing stories and exchanging notes. So many of them wished they could stay on at camp and would readily go again! It looks like bonding has taken place and everyone had a fun and memorable experience.

**Volunteers**

Some students from a local Bible School came along this week to help me with my chaplaincy service. They were involved with the reading programme and assisted me with the breakfast club and coffee morning. It was good to have them.

**Girls’ Programme**

This is an eight week voluntary programme for the Year 6 students. The response has been most encouraging! I will be running a group this term and another in term 3.
Topics include self-awareness, self-esteem, friendships, nutrition, etc. As this is a pilot project, I am feeling somewhat nervous but also excited and look forward to working with the girls.

**ANZAC Day**
A day to reflect and remember the great sacrifices of the fallen, to acknowledge those who suffer still from the effects of war, and to be grateful for all that we enjoy in this great nation. You are most welcome to join us on our ANZAC Day Parade, Friday 22nd at 9.30 am.

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**Chappy Angeline**

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**P&C NEWS**

**FUNDRAISING**

A huge thank you to all volunteers for their support on Election Day 2016, without your help we couldn’t have run such a successful community event. Our Egg & Bacon Rolls and Sausage Sizzle raised $1,000 for our schools P&C 2016 goals.

Thank you to:

Jena (Lucy 1R)
Chappy Angeline & Alan
Aunty Wendy & Frank (Bella, Lara & Cohen)
Johnno & Alan (Rotary Club Salisbury)
Doug & David (Rotary Club Salisbury)
Rachael (Connor 6B & Anika 3M)
Dany & Liza (Taj 3M)
Chris (Joshua 3M & Lily Prep O)
Christine Fern
Emma & Trevor (Jacob 6B)
Stacey (Ewan 4/5S)

We look forward to your support for our next fundraising BBQ at Bunnings on Sunday 29th May 2016

**Fundraising – Drinks Donation Request**

Our next events are our annual Bunning’s BBQ on 29th May 2016 followed closely by the Disco on 16th June 2016.

In early May we will post our request for volunteers for both events and welcome your help for 1-2hrs.

As we appreciate many of you are unable to help with time would you please consider donating a carton of drinks to be sold at the events?

We have a specific list (brand and quantity) we need to provide and the list is currently posted on the office door.

If you can help by donating a carton please list your support on the office door OR contact Mel Trembath on 0405 844 372.

We will arrange to collect from your home address.

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**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 email me at salisburyuniforms@gmail.com or contact the office.

Opening times:

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**Hair Accessories**

We have got more stock in of the hair accessories made by one of our Salisbury Grandma’s.

Hair Tie $2.50  /  Hair Clip $2.00  /  Head Band $6.00

**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 or contact the office. Amanda

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

Well done to all the regular savers who are banking every Thursday! We matched the record of 51 bankers the second last week of term 1 but only 18 in the last week and for the first week of term 2 we had 25 bankers. Keep up the good saving goals and habits!

To encourage good savings behaviour, students will receive a silver coloured Dollarmite 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 Dollarmite 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.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**INTER SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Date:  Tuesday 14 June
Venue:  Anglican Church Grammar
Time:  9:00 – 2:30pm (Registration from 8:30am)
Cost:  $18 per student
Any questions, afitzpatrick@gardinerchess.com.au