PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Dear Families,

The count-down is on and the last 3 weeks are running fast! Graduation, Awards Assembly, Swim Carnival, Report Cards, Prep Open Morning and more are still to come! The weeks will fly by and soon you will be in Holiday mode.

We are speaking to the children about finishing strongly and not letting the tiredness of the end of the year affect behaviour or learning. Can you please reinforce this at home? We are nearly there and don’t want to see anyone fall over before reaching the finish line.

Our expectations will remain high – I know the students can do it!

I also need to strongly acknowledge the P&C team led by Kate Bailey for a brilliant Movie Night! I am receiving constant positive feedback from parents who attended. Kids are saying how much fun it was to have a night time adventure at the school.

For me, it will be one of the highlights of the first year I was the Principal at the best school in Brisbane. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the night just wonderful!

Darren Ball – Proud Principal of Salisbury S.S

Absences – Call early please! 3717 4888

Please ensure you call the School Office 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.

HOC NEWS

Report Cards

It is getting to that time of year again when report cards come out. We have listened to the feedback from the parent and community survey and forums and provided some more detail to parts of the report cards. In addition to the comments explaining what was covered in the semester there will also be, in English and Maths, statements of the level of attainment your child reached for each part of the learning area as well as a comment on one aspect to focus on for improvement.

One other change is in the English comment. English for the Australian Curriculum is reported against ‘receptive’ and ‘productive’ modes. This is a change from the old Queensland Curriculum which broke English up into ‘strands’ or areas of Reading and Viewing, Writing and Creating, and Speaking and Listening. The Australian Curriculum is based around learning about Language, Literature and Literacy through the two ‘modes’. Productive modes include speaking, writing and creating, and the receptive modes include listening, reading and viewing. These are not separated out in the curriculum into individual areas but are recognised as all contributing to a learner’s understanding, interaction and application of language, literature and literacy.

Any feedback around the amount and type of information in the report cards is most welcome in order for us to develop an informative and professional report.

City Council Bus Safety – Year 6

Our Year 6 students had the opportunity to learn about bus safety and protocols with a visit from Stacey from the Brisbane City Council (who is our Active School Travel liaison) and the BCC bus. Students discussed various aspects of using public transport and how to be safe and courteous while doing so. They were able to take a seat in the driver’s chair and talk with the driver about their experiences.

Thank you to Stacey and BCC for making this happen.

Active School Travel

We are currently tallying up our end of year statistics for AST to compare to our starting rate and look at our improvement. On a weekly basis we have been getting close to our 70% target and reaching it on some occasions. This is a fantastic improvement from our 45% starting point.

This coming Tuesday is our last Walking Bus. Don’t forget to join us from 8.15am in the park, on Ainsworth St. We will start walking at 8.30am. Thank you to all the parents and students who have participated so far. A BIG THANK YOU to Ms McConnell and Mr Prianes who have been a leading force in supporting our walk every week.
**PREP TRANSITION MORNING**
New Preps for 2017 will be here on Thursday 1 December from 9:00am to meet their teachers and do ‘fun’ things in their classrooms to help with their first day on 23 January 2017

**SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIME**
As School does not start until 8:45 we would appreciate that NO STUDENTS ARRIVE BEFORE 8:15AM Children arriving before this time should be booked into PCYC Before School Care as we do not have staff on duty to supervise. Children arriving after 8:15am should sit on the seats under C Block, near the Tuckshop.

**PHOTOGRAPHY AT SCHOOL POOL**
Please note that NO photography is allowed in the school grounds without permission. Also there is NO photography at the school pool.

**MUSIC CONCERT 2016**
On Wednesday, 23 November, the Salisbury Primary Performance Groups presented their end of year concert. Apart from a brilliant performance experience for students, opportunities like this allow us to connect with parents, friends and the wider community.

As most of you are aware, I am constantly proud of our musicians and am excited to take them to outside of school music events. 2017 is looking like an incredibly busy year for our music groups.

A big thank you to our instrumental teacher, Mrs Lyndall Faragher, for her performance with our band members.

*Cathy Clark-Edwards*

**CHAPLAIN’S CORNER**

**Food for thought**
“Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others.” – *Winston Churchill*

**Bike Project**
The program ended last week with a competition for the “fastest” and “slowest” rider. Dylan was the fastest and he won himself a helmet. Tallan took his time to finish the race and won a $20 voucher to be spent at a bike shop. When all the participants were asked to comment about the program and lessons learnt, they said, “team work is important because you accomplish much more when working together; it was fun; it was educational; we can take a wrong turn in life but there is always an U-turn; I16900 have learnt to fix tyres, put a bike together and can fix my own bike.”

Thanks to Russell and Jamie, our facilitators who have done an amazing job!

**Transition programme**
Moving on to a high school can be a daunting experience for some students. The visit of the three chaplains from the local high schools provided the opportunity for our year 6’s to ask questions and raise any concerns about the transition. From the engaging interactions, it looked like everyone had a worthwhile time.

The end of the year is only about a fortnight away. ☺ We can do it! Let’s keep on keeping on!

Warm regards,
Chappy *Angeline*

**P&C NEWS**

⭐ A HUGE thank you to all the event crew that made the movie night smooth sailing. Thanks goes to all our sponsors DNA Automotive, Place Annerley, Mark Ward Real Estate, Property Network, LJ Hooker Salisbury, Ray White Innerly and Jumping 4 Fun, And a very big thank you to all the families friends and neighbours that supported our school event. It was a fun night with a great result for our new building fund.

☑ Thanks for the support of our day meeting. We had a good turn out and were able to discuss and vote on some issues before the end of the year. P&C are aiming to have more day time meetings through 2017. These will be advertised ahead of time.

.stem Salisbury Sate School is looking for a casual Tuck Shop Convenor. As our school grows and the tuckshop service is more in demand P&C voted to formalise the position of convenor on a casual basis. An EOI is included with this newsletter. The deadline for submission is 7 Dec to *secretarypandcsalisbury@gmail.com*

♀ Salisbury Swim Club is busy busy this term. They held their first mini meet with the Moorooka Marlins at Morooka School pool, with very positive and successful feedback. Salisbury is set to host the next meet in Feb 2017 - Go Scorpions. The Swim Club end of year function is booked in for Saturday 3 December. It is always a great time so come along if you can.

♀ Chrome St Festival 2017 organisation is under way - Salisbury Sate School P&C have been invited to have a stall at the event - no decision has been reached as yet.

♀ Tennis - has replaced the second net for the year making. So both courts have new nets. The final survey
results regarding interest to become a club and join Tennis Qld are being collated now. More information to come in next newsletter.

Our next meeting is set as **Monday 30th Jan 2017**. This will be an evening meeting. *Hope to see you all there.*

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**Opening Times**  Term 4
- Fri 2nd Dec 8:20-8:50

**Opening Times**  Term 1 2017
- 23 January 8.20 – 10.30
- 27 January 8.20 – 8.50
- 3 February 8.30 – 8.50

I will be in the 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

**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**

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

Congratulations to our school bankers for working towards their saving goals! School banking is not about making large deposits, but building good saving habits and growing financial intelligence.

The term 4 lucky prize winners were drawn on parade on Monday and 1st prize went to Patrick (Sibling). The runner up prizes went to Stephen (3M), Christian (2L), Cassandra (3M) and Lheydee Ann (Sibling). Congratulations to all prize winners.

School Banking is not only available to students currently attending school but is also available to their younger or older siblings as well. You can open accounts at any time through your local Commonwealth Bank branch or our next Account Opening Day at school will be in Term 1 2017.

In 2017, we will no longer be using the Dollarmites tokens to track deposits for school banking. Children can choose to track their deposits independently, but we will still continue to keep electronic records of the number of deposits made and include an order form in the deposit book when the banker has earned a prize. These rewards and certificates are presented at Parade.


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Don't forget to submit your bank book to your teacher each Thursday. If you have lost your deposit book or require a replacement book or folder, the School Banking team have these available. Please pop a note in the grey school banking satchel or visit the Uniform Shop 8-8.30am Fridays with your query.

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**SALISBURY SCORPIONS SWIM CLUB**

Scorpions had a great start to the Swim Season this term. We got to vote on a new club logo – this little guy looks friendly but check out his pincers!!!

We would like to welcome our new swim coach, Jen Spencer. Jen is studying to be a teacher and has lots of experience coaching-to-swim and squad classes as well as teaching students with additional needs. Jen’s enthusiasm and new ideas will be a great asset to the club.

Friday night swim club has been well attended this season – feel free to come check it out every Friday at 6pm at the school pool. A great chance to socialise and practice racing. We will be offering Holiday Intensive lessons.

For further information, please email; salisburyswimclub@yahoo.com.au

Most excitingly, Scorpions Swim Club attended our very first Mini-Meet with Moorooka State School. Congratulations to all our swimmers who demonstrated great swimming and fabulous sportsmanship. Well done. Stay tuned for details of our next Mini-Meet scheduled on 25th January 2016

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**PCYC NEWS**

Hi everyone!

Firstly, we hope all our families enjoyed Lick Ice Cream and once again thank you to Grant (Lick Ice Cream) for making this possible as well everyone who put in an order!

Keeping the children hydrated during the coming months with summer well on the way, we have set up a ‘Drinks Station’ with ice cold water on tap. The children have been really enjoying this and using it well.

‘PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD/REN BRING A HAT (NO CAPS) TO PCYC AT ALL TIMES. IF THEY DO NOT HAVE AN APPROPRIATE HAT THEY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES’.

IT HAS BEEN GREAT TO SEE SO MANY FAMILIES GETTING THEIR VACATION CARE BOOKING FORMS IN. TO RECEIVE A FREE PAIR OF ‘PCYC SHOE LACES’ FOR YOUR CHILD/REN PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE YOUR VACATION CARE BOOKING FORM IN BY ‘FRIDAY, 22nd DECEMBER. WE DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD/REN TO MISS OUT!!
Painting and Craft has been very popular with the children this past fortnight. They have experienced some new and exciting painting/craft experiences such as ‘Nature Brush Painting’ with the children going on a Nature Walk and collecting sticks/leaves and making their own paint brushes. ‘Balsa Wood Craft’ saw some of the children really extend their creative side. (Here is a rendition of Felicity’s ‘Mini Stonehenge). It is always such a pleasure to see what the children create (they never cease to amaze us)!

Until next time
Kaye and the Salisbury SAC Team 😊

**KIDS CLUB – SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**Kids Club**
January 9-13, 2017
9am-12pm

Craft
Bible Message
Games
Morning Tea & Lunch
Songs

_Salisbury Gospel Hall_
56 Henson Road, Salisbury

Enquiries: Angie 0439 705 677 Mary 0415 394 410
kidsclub.salisburychristianassembly.com.au

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**COOPERS PLAINS LIBRARY**
If you are looking for a few things to do these school holidays. Why not go to your local library?
Some of the programs that are being held are
*Carnival Dave creative writing workshop:* 13 December 11am-12 noon
*Out of the world science show:* 15 December 2-2:45pm
*Create your own cartoon Christmas card:* 21 December 11am-12 noon

*Performance:* Red Rocket 3 16 December 2-2:45pm
*Bookings essential*

Call Coopers Plains Library on (07) 3403 1530

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TUCKSHOP CONVENOR**

Salisbury State School P&C Association is seeking a motivated and trustworthy person who is looking to fill in part of their lives working with our team in a partially paid work arrangement. The role will be paid on a casual basis, initially part-paid for 3 hours per week for Friday’s Tuckshop operational day, with a view to increase if the service grows in the future.

The successful applicant will have:
- A positive outlook, be self-directed, hardworking and personable
- The ability to encourage and lead a team of volunteers
- Good verbal and written communication skills to be utilised with volunteers, suppliers, P&C and school management
- A commitment to respect and confidentiality
- A Suitable Blue Card

**Position Description**
The Convenor (Retail Manager Level 1) of the Tuckshop you will be expected to:
- Manage and update an interesting ‘Smart Choices’ Tuckshop menu
- Order, prepare and serve food
- Manage and implement sound stock control measures to minimize wastage and loss
- Liaise with Suppliers to ensure best outcome for the Tuckshop
- Manage and support a volunteer base to ensure enough volunteers are available and to manage rosters
- Supervise, manage, and train other employees and/or volunteers
- Be responsible for correct record keeping
- Balance monies and managing petty cash purchases
- Develop and submit written monthly reports
- Assist with budget development
- Liaise with parents, students, volunteers and other community stakeholders.
- Provide advice to the management committee on the successful running of the Tuck shop
- Ensure compliance with procedures, government policies and mandatory food safety requirements where applicable
- Oversee everyday workplace health and safety

To apply for the position, please submit your resume and written application (no more than 500 words) demonstrating your interest and how your skills and experience meet the position description by Wednesday, 7 December 2016 to secretarypandcsalisbury@gmail.com
If any questions do not hesitate to contact President of the P&C, Kate Simpson at presidentpandcsalisbury@gmail.com
or Treasurer, Sonia Chaaya at treasurerpandcsalisbury@gmail.com