Welcome Back to 2017

The teachers have been back for a week or more now and are prepared and excited to welcome you all back for an amazing 2017. I am very proud of what teachers have in store for you all in 2017. Classrooms have been cleaned, prepared and set up for the year. Many classrooms have new furniture. New technology (iPads, interactive whiteboards, laptops) have been purchased and teaching resources are arriving in the school to enhance your child’s learning. Mrs Manning has been working tirelessly to make sure the “what” and “how” of teaching ensures each child reaches their own potential.

In 2017 our School Improvement Agenda will focus on 3 very important topics:
1. Reading
2. Personalised Learning
3. Positive Behaviour for Learning

Welcome to our new families and students, particularly the Prep students starting in 2017 for the very first time. I encourage all families to work closely with teachers, communicate well with each other and raise issues as they come along. Children progress best when we are all on the same page.

We already discussing dates, sports, Arts programs, Chess Club, Sporting Schools programs, Instrumental Music, Performances, NAPLAN, Year 5/6 Camp to Mapleton and so much more. Many students will be receiving permission forms this week. Please return these as quickly as possible to make sure your child does not miss out.

A Calendar for 2017 will be sent home soon. Prior to publishing and popping dates on the website, we will meet with the P&C to ensure fundraising, community events and more are well co-ordinated. While some changes are inevitable during the year, we will at least have a clear calendar to start with! P&C meet next week on Monday 30th January in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

Through 2017 we have a number of information sessions scheduled, (e.g. parent teacher interviews, PBL). We hope you will make the time to come along and find out how your school is operating. If you have any questions, queries or problems remember to start with your class teacher. However, I am available as is Mrs Manning should you have a query you think needs to be raised at the Office.

Welcome to our new Staff

In 2017, Mrs Lewis has agreed to be our Support Teacher and work across all classes in 2017. We all know what a quality class teacher Sue Lewis is and her skills will be put to great use supporting children AND teachers. At Salisbury SS, our staff are provided with Coaching and Mentoring to ensure the best outcomes for each child from teaching and learning.

We have 2 new classroom teachers in 2017 and a Visual Arts specialist trial program will operate in the junior school. We welcome the following teachers to the Staff Family.
- Crystal Palmer – Year 5P
- Taylor Callow – Year 1C
- Louise Carius – Art Specialist (Junior School)
- Rhiannon Dalton – Students with Disability Teacher

Currently we are waiting for staffing to be confirmed on Day 8 (the enrolment census from which we receive staffing and resources). We do not anticipate any changes to classrooms at this time. After Day 8, I will confirm this in the newsletter and let you know about any additional staff or changes.

Have a great week and I hope to see you all during the term.

Tuckshop starts WEEK 2

Please be aware there is NO tuckshop in Week 1. With the Australia Day public holiday on Thursday, there is not enough time to order and replenish stock after our summer break. Healthy food takes time to prepare. Our convenor Shelly along with her dedicated and much appreciated volunteer crew will open for business on Friday 3 February of Week 2.

Date Claimers (Term 1)

These dates are DRAFT dates. After consultation with the P&C next week, a full term / year calendar will be sent home to every family. Some dates may change as the year progresses.

- Week 1
  - 26th Jan – Australia Day Public Holiday
  - Week 2
    - Student Leadership positions announced
  - Week 3
    - Student Leaders Conference (TBC)
    - Parent Teacher Information afternoon 3:30-4:30pm
  - Week 4
    - 13th Feb National Apology Day
    - 16th Feb Leadership Badge Ceremony
  - Week 6
    - 1st -3rd March Qld Principal’s State Conference
    - 3rd March – Clean Up Australia Day
    - 4th March – Chrome St Festival
  - Week 7
Principal’s Challenge
6th – 8th March – Year 5/6 Camp
9th March Class Open Day
• Week 8
17th March National Anti-Bullying Day
Sat 18th March Moorooka Laneway Festival
13th / 14th March School Cross Country
Gala Day 1
• Week 9
Wed 22nd March – Student Showcase
Fri 24th March – Harmony Day
Fri 24th March PBL Reward Day
• Week 10
Dance Incursion
27th – 29th March Metro Music Camp
Wed 29th March Parent Teacher Interviews

Staff 2017
PRINCIPAL - Darren Ball
HEAD OF CURRICULUM - Anita Manning
PREP O - Serena Ohnsorge
PREP F - Christine Fern
1C - Taylor Callow
1R - Julia Ruddock
2M - Erin McConnell
2P - Emiliano Prianes
3K - Andrew Kerswell
3/4UD - Katie Dries/Annette Underwood
4/SS - Gary Sinnott
5P - Crystal Palmer
6B - Luke Brady
Library - Kaley Lehane
Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy – Sue Lewis
Special Education Teacher – Rhiannon Dalton
Guidance Officer – Gillian Johns
Speech and Language Pathologist – Amelia Kennedy
SPECIALIST TEACHERS – Piers Kwan (HPE)

Lyndall Faragher (Music Inst)
Cathy Clark-Edwards (Music Choral)
Atsuko Ishii (Japanese)
Louise Carius (Art Specialist)

OFFICE STAFF –
LORETTA DACOSTA
ANNE HAMILTON
CLARISSE LAWRENCE
ANGELINE PANG

CHAPLAIN –
KELLIE MURDOCH
CATH MC CARTAN
PENNY MOURILYAN
MEGAN DOWSE
CHLOE CROCKER
CLARISSA LAWRENCE
CHRISTINE FITTOCK
IRA NIGAM
MARGARET JORGENSEN
SEW SAMARAKOON

TEACHER AIDES –
MAY TIOD (CLEANER)
JENNI HISC OCK (CLEANER)
KHADIJAH EDEN (CLEANER)
KIM BAILEY-JENSEN (SCHOOLS OFFICER)

ANCILLARY STAFF –
CAROLINE RYAN (CLEANER)
JENNIFER CUNNINGHAM (CLEANER)
GILLIAN JOHNSTON (SCHOOLS OFFICER)

Welcome back for the new year. We are very excited to be able to have our 11th class this year and being able to welcome two new classroom teachers, while still retaining our previous teaching staff. This enables us to reduce the number of multi-age classes we have at Salisbury and provide better student-teacher ratios in the junior years where core early literacy and numeracy skills are being developed.

Crystal Palmer – 5P
Crystal has been in Queensland for a year coming from Victoria where she taught for 5 years, including in secondary schools.

Taylor Callow – 1C
Taylor is a new graduate who was at Salisbury last year for her final prac. and an intensive internship. She is being supported through our beginning teacher program and comes with experience in child care.

As well as our classroom teachers we also welcome Rhiannon Dalton. Rhiannon will work three days a week with our Student Education Program (SEP). She also works at Greenslopes SS and we welcome her wealth of knowledge, expertise and experience with students with disabilities.

We also welcome Louise Carius. Louise will work one day a week on Thursdays to run a Visual Arts program with selected students. She brings a set of skills in this area which we are utilising to make the Arts a focus for Salisbury. For curriculum formal teaching and reporting purposes this year our focus will be on The Arts strands of Dance and Media. Louise’s Visual Arts program will not be part of curriculum reporting this year and will be linked with other units of work.

Most parents will know Sue Lewis, as a long term staff member at Salisbury. This year Sue is taking on the role of leading the Student Learning Support, with a focus on literacy and numeracy. The Student Learning Support team will work across all year levels in assisting students who not only require additional assistance in learning but also those who excel and require extension programs. The team will work in a variety of ways to suit the student’s needs, teacher’s programs and identified area of support. Mac Araya will join the team when she returns from maternity leave later in the year.
2017 focus
Our curriculum focus will be on the core subject areas of English, Mathematics, Science and HAAS. HASS stands for Humanities and Social Sciences and is the newly recombined subjects of History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship (from year 3) and Political and Economic Studies (from year 5). These are mandated core subjects from EQ which take precedent in a teacher’s timetables. Teachers will be informing parents of the genres, topics and areas of study for each of these subjects in their class newsletters.

We will also be having one non-core subject for formal teaching and reporting each term for year 2-6 students. Our subject for Term 1 is HPE, focusing on the Personal Development strand of this learning area. Students in years 2-3 will be learning about how personal identity, self-management and relationships develop through interactions in family and how social contexts shape their personal development. Students in year 4-6 will be learning how personal identity, relationships and self-management are influenced by beliefs, behaviours and social factors, and shape personal development. These are important concepts to learn about at the start of a year and are great discussion topics you can expand on at home.

Calling all Reading Volunteers
We are looking for any parents/caregivers who are able to volunteer to help with our reading programs. We run ‘Ready Reader’ program in school time, which can be very flexible to fit when volunteers are able to help, and are looking at running a before school Reading support program. If you are able to help out, even just one day a week, please contact either Anita Manning or Sue Lewis obing5@eq.edu.au slewi5@eq.edu.au

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.

P & C NEWS
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Opening Times
Fri 3rd Feb 8:20am - 8:50am
Fri 17th Mar 8:20am - 8:50am
Fri 3rd Mar 8:20 am - 8:50am

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 or contact the office. Amanda

Students are not permitted to make phone calls to parents if they forget their swimming gear.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS
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.

BATHING CAPS FOR SALE IN THE OFFICE
LATEX SWIM CAP - $3 - KIDS LYCRA SWIM CAP - $5