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 parents and members of our school community for joining us last week to congratulate our 2016 school leaders. Leadership at all levels, at Salisbury State School is:

- having a vision, sharing that vision and encouraging others to support your vision while creating our own
- motivating a team to work toward a goal
- the art of supporting others by equipping them with the tools they need to reach their potential
- stepping out of your comfort zone and taking risks

At Salisbury State School our leaders:

- listen, inspire and empower.
- Energise others to dream more, learn more and do more.
- Walk beside and guide fellow students

Congratulations again to all the students who were chosen as 2016 school leaders.

Whilst on the theme of congratulating students I would like to congratulate Naoise and Bella T for being selected in the Districts Swimming. Kee was selected to contest at the Regional Soccer, and Regina, Isabella, Ching Chi and Jazmine in Choral Music. These are wonderful achievements. There are currently a lot of District Trials coming up over the next month. Please let me know of any representation your child is doing outside of school.

Congratulations to all staff and students who attended Gala day last Friday. The hot and sunny conditions tested all that attended and I thank all students for the fantastic example that they set for Salisbury State School.

The current focus for our behaviour expectation is ‘keep hands, feet and put downs to ourselves’. Please talk to your child about alternatives to using these when solving conflict. Physical aggression towards others is not and will never be tolerated at Salisbury State School. Severe consequences will apply.

Thank you to those parents who consistently send their children to school every day and on time. There is a direct correlation between attendance and results. When students are late into class this interferes with the teaching program and therefore hinders students’ learning. Please be respectful to others’ learning and ensure your child is in class on time, every day. A high level of attendance is giving your child the best opportunity possible. 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 State School our aim is to have all students with a greater than 95% attendance.

I attended the region’s Principal Meeting on Monday. The theme of this meeting is that every school has a moral imperative to ensure every child is succeeding. The direction from regional office is to ensure each school has a narrow and unrelenting focus. At Salisbury State School our focus is unrelenting and narrow – our school’s reading program. Teachers meet with myself and Mrs Manning on a regular basis to analyse data and develop plans that map out plans that outline strategies to assist with moving every child forward. Please ‘check in’ with your child and ask about what they are currently learning in their reading.

It is fantastic news that on March 21 Channel Ten will be crossing live from our school for their evening weather. This day also coincides with Harmony Day – a celebration of multiculturalism. We have a number of activities planned from 4.30pm. Please let me know if you have any ideas or are able to assist on the night.
I am again asking that parents supply their child with a school hat – available from our uniform shop on a Friday morning for $8.50.

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

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Thanking you for your support

Scott Padgett

HOC NEWS

The AST Crew Launches Active School Travel
The Active School Travel Crew were special guests at assembly on 23 February when they launched Active School Travel. Walker, Ryder and Scoot told students how they can actively travel to school this year by walking, cycling, scootering, carpooling or catching the bus, and how to travel safely.
They also saw some of the great rewards they can earn as they get stamps on their Active Travel Passports.

Active School ‘Travel Tuesday’
We had a fantastic turn out for our first ever Active School Travel Tuesday with many students arriving either on a bike, scooter or walking. Some made the extra effort with parking a few streets away and walking some of the distance to school instead of driving right up to Cripps Street.

It was wonderful to have student, parent and community support for our launch day on Tuesday. Emma from Food Connect (also a Salisbury parent) donated a large box of delicious fruit for our Active Travellers. Craig Wood from the Queensland Teacher’s Union helped with the early set up to support teachers, Stacey Hall from the Brisbane City came to congratulate our Active Travellers and cheer them on with some wonderful give-aways to our bike and scooter riders from Cycling Queensland. A big thank you to everyone who helped make our first travel day special for all students.

Our student councillors will be surveying all students to help determine our winner of the Active School Travel Trophy. Each week on assembly they will announce the focus for the next Travel Tuesday and present the trophy to the winning class. This week 4SK received the trophy for being the class with the most Active Travellers in our surveys completed in the lead up to our Active Travel launch to get our starting data. Already almost half our students travel to school in an active way. We are looking at increasing this percentage through our three year program.


Spelling word walls and journals
This week I wanted to share the wonderful work being done in classes with our new Spelling program. Each class has their own ‘Spelling Word Wall’ and an individual student Spelling Journal. The spelling focus is explicitly taught and students work around the strategies and concepts for that focus, identifying words they know and words they find in texts which fit the focus for the week. These are recorded on their class Word Wall and in their individual journals.

By studying the spelling area, rather than learning a set list of words, students learn to apply spelling strategies and identify patterns to new words when they are reading and when working out how to spell in their writing. They are not limited to the set words on their learnt list but rather gain a deeper understanding of how the complex word patterns and meanings are used in English.

Each class’s Word Wall may look different because it is owned by the whole class as a working space for Spelling. Here are some examples of the wonderful spelling work being done.
REPORT FROM GALA SPORT

Last Friday 26/02/16 the junior and senior t-ball and softball girls played at gala day. Senior girls won all 4 games we all played great.

The junior girls t-ball played against Sunny bank, Yeronga, Algester, Robertson, they won 2 games tied 1 game and lost one game sadly but they played great.

Mia and Jazmine

Junior Boys

Last Friday the Senior and Junior soccer teams went to Sunnybank hills for Gala Day. The junior team played against Robertson and they won. Then they played Warrigal and lost. Then they played Yeronga and lost sadly. But at least they tried their hardest and good luck for next time!

Senior Boys

The senior boys’ team played against Warrigal and we won. After that game we played Sunnybank Hills but we lost. For the last game we pulled our team together and we beat Robertson State School. At the end of the day everyone played their best and to us we’re all winners and hopefully we train hard enough that we will beat the other teams next time. Good Luck Salisbury.

Josh and Ethan

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. To date only 32 students have paid.

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.

By now, you will know that we have some exciting plans for Harmony Day this year!

Harmony Day celebrations will run in conjunction with Channel ten’s Weather cross, between 4.30 and 5.30pm.

If you are able to offer any help either with the activities outlined in the Harmony Day letter:

* henna hand painting,
* thong throwing,
* face painting,
* rock painting,
* bean bag throw,
* hair braiding,
* making Harmony Day biscuits,

please contact Kaley, Kellie, Jenny, Clarissa or the Office.

We are also having some “food tasting around the world” and we are calling on any willing cooks amongst our community to come and provide samples of tasty food from all over the globe. In the past we have had food from Japan, India, China, Tonga, Iraq, Italy, Spain, and Australia. ! Mr Padgett will be cooking up a storm of sausages, for everyone to try too.

We have shared delicious food at our Harmony day picnics and we would love that to continue this year. So do contact us if you can help and come along and join the fun!

Thanks so much
Kaley, Kellie, Megan, Clarissa, Chloe, Jenny

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.

Many thanks to Mel Trembath for her fantastic effort in making the cake for our School Leaders Induction Ceremony. All will agree that the cake was fantastic. There were no leftovers for staff this year!!

CHORAL MUSIC

Welcome to the music program for 2016. Instrumental Lessons commenced in week 3 and all students will receive a timetable showing their lesson times for the
term. Please remember to bring your instrument to school on WEDNESDAY.

**Instrumental Teaching Schedule:**
Mrs Lyndall Faragher  Wednesday  8.00am-1.00pm
Woodwind/Brass/Percussion

**Classroom Music/Choir**
Mrs Cathy Clark-Edwards
Wednesday all day/Thursday afternoon

**Practice makes perfect – some tips**
- A little each day is better than a lot once a week
- A set time helps with organisation
- A quiet space helps with concentration
- Encouragement goes a long way (it takes time to get good)
- Support and attendance at performances make it all worthwhile.
- Rewards for a good effort.

If you have a question regarding anything to do with the music program, please either write a note or contact Mrs Cathy Clark-Edwards via email: cclar210@eq.edu.au

Congratulations to Olivia Cox, Ching Chi Chan, and Isabella Kooymans-Spresser who will be representing the school at the 2016 Metropolitan Region Choral Honours Program. The program offers gifted music students and choral students the opportunity to participate in an extension choral activity under renowned Choral Directors. The camp will be held on Monday March 14 & Tuesday March 15 at the Birralee Centre, 51 Carwoola Street, Bardon, Qld and Wednesday March 16, The Old Museum Building Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills Qld.

Thanks for your support with all of our activities.

**Cathy Clark-Edwards**

**Leaders’ Induction**
What a significant day it was for the school to have all our student leaders inducted into their role and responsibilities as School Captains, House/Band/Choir Captains and Student Council.
Many parents and carers came to share in this special moment. They were later treated to a delicious cake specially baked by Mel Trembath. Thank you Mel! Congratulations, leaders on your appointment! We are very proud of you and know that you will do an awesome job.

**Chappy Angeline**

**JP AVAILABLE**
Every Tuesday, Myrla Prianes, JP (Qual) is here to certify different documents.
For Land Title Documents, here are the requirements:
Form 1 – Photo ID (Drivers Licence, Passport...) and your latest Rates Notice.
Form 2 - Photo ID and the Contract between you and the Financial Distribution/BankTraffic Infringement Notice – Photo ID and the Traffic Infringement Notice
Certifying Copies of documents – No ID needed.

**P&C NEWS**

**FUNDRAISING**

**Fundraising - Election Day BBQ**
Can you spare two hours to help raise funds for our kids?

**Saturday 19th March 2016**
7am to 5pm (School Hall)
Every helper receives a FREE delicious egg & bacon roll or sausage along with an excellent espresso coffee or soft drink!
Sign-up sheet on the office door or speak to Mel
Any questions please call Mel Trembath on 0405 844 372
Every cent we raise positively impacts your child.

**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 04th Mar 8:20-8:50am
Fri 18th Mar 8:20-8:50am
**Term 2**
Fri 15th Apr 8:20-8:50am
Fri 29th Apr 8:20-8:50am
Fri 13th May 8:20-8:50am

**Payments**
The uniform shop accepts payments via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT - Bank Transfer), cash or cheque. Please note we do not have EFTPOS facilities.

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**PREP 2017**
Enrolments are now open for Prep. Please pick up an enrolment pack from the Office or email admin@salisburys.eq.edu.au and one will be sent to you. Students born between 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2013 are eligible for Prep.

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**CHAPLAIN’S CORNER**

*Food for thought*

“Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.” – Helen Keller
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**

Well done to all the regular savers who are banking every Thursday! We had a record breaking week last week with 51 bankers, which beat the previous record of 45 bankers the week before! Let’s try and beat the record again this week. Keep up the good saving goals and 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.**

**Don’t forget to give your bank books to your teacher every Thursday!** If you have not handed it into 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.

**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.  

**Enquiries : virtuosoguitarschool@gmail.com.** Alternatively, call Dave on 0400 723 100 or Blaise on 0448 620 396.

**CHROME STREET FIESTA**

A community celebration will be held from 4pm to 9pm, on Saturday 12th March 2016. Chrome Street, in the industrial zone off Evans Road, will be closed to traffic for the family-friendly street party.
The Chrome Street Fiesta will include great food, live music, local art, workshops for children and adults, performances by local dance studios and schools, information stalls and displays of local businesses and special interest groups.

Anyone interested in being involved with the Fiesta can contact the organisers on: 0424 071 626 or timdooly@tpg.com.au

The Chrome St Fiesta is generously supported by the Brisbane City Council, the Acacia Ridge Community Branch of Bendigo Bank, and the Acacia Ridge Community Support Inc. and Rotary Salisbury.