Dear Families,

Many thanks to all who took the time to complete the school opinion survey online. We value your feedback and look forward to addressing concerns about how we operate and where we need to improve our school.

Students and staff have also provided us with feedback and I look forward to receiving the full report from this important survey.

Later in the term we will undertake a more comprehensive consultation across the school. We will use the feedback we are receiving to construct a 4 year plan to improve our school operation. This plan will be focused on student learning outcomes.

Our school improvement agenda in 2016:

- Reading
- Personalised Learning (Learning support, Gifted education, Individual Plans)
- Positive Behaviour for Learning

School Uniform – NO HOODIES!

Can I please be very clear that hooded jumpers are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn to school. This has been the established standard here at Salisbury SS for some time and I do not expect that this will change.

Hoodies may be a great fashion statement, but they are not part of the uniform. If you play with the Broncos, you can’t wear the Titans jersey on the field. Make sure your child is part of the team. If you don’t have a school jumper, please ensure that you choose a jumper in school colours.

Further uniform policy guidelines can be found on our website.

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. If you don’t call us – we are required to contact you. It is surprising how many families cannot be contacted on the numbers we have on file.

I note that many families change numbers or have different work contact details. Can I ask that you provide your current details so we can contact you in the event of absence or the unlikely event of sickness and accident?

Attendance

If you’re not at school – you are missing out on learning. The average attendance rate across the state is approximately 93.5%.

If your child is attending less than this – please consider what the effect on their learning is.

Teacher Relief Staff

I would like to commend the teaching staff on the low rate of absences in 2016. In Semester 1, there was the lowest rate of “sick days” for many years. The commitment of staff is commendable.

Relief staff are also used to release teachers from class to lead school improvement strategies and in 2016 for the Learning to Read professional development series. These absences are kept to a minimum and most professional development is completed by staff outside of classroom contact hours.

I would also like to confirm with families that we select our relief staff carefully. Your feedback regarding relief staff and their effectiveness, suitability, personal interaction style and much more is greatly appreciated.

Our customer’s opinions are highly valued – you and your children are our customers!

Thanks you for your support and feedback in this area.

Darren Ball – Proud Principal of Salisbury S.S

HOC NEWS

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN results went home at the end of last week and we were very impressed with how our students performed. We achieved 100% of students above the National Minimum Standards (NMS) in year 3 for the Numeracy and Grammar & Punctuation tests and over 90% above NMS for the other tests. This is a fantastic result. Year 5 achieved 93% above in Numeracy, 90% IN Reading and Writing and very close to 90% in the other tests. Well done to all Year 3 and 5 students.

Year 6 Students go to Parliament

Our Year 6 students have an exciting excursion planned for August 16th to Parliament House to coincide with their English and SOSE units. 6B are investigating Political and Economic Systems and the different levels of Government as well as looking at information reports. They will get to see parliament in action and visit the Botanical Gardens before returning to school to participate in the RACQ Streets Ahead program in the afternoon. I encourage all
Year 6 parents and caregivers to support this excursion to help deepen the students’ understanding on how our Governments are organised and work in action.

**Learning Support**

Learning Support covers a wide range of programs in any school. At Salisbury our Learning Support is managed by Ms Mac Araya as our STLaN (Support Teacher for Teaching and Learning) and it is delivered in the classrooms by herself and our teacher aides Kellie Murdoch, Cath McCartan and Clarissa Lawrence. Learning support does not just provide intervention for those students who require extra instruction and assistance to review and learn Curriculum concepts and content but also those who learn at a faster rate and need extension beyond the concepts taught.

Students are identified for support either by direct teacher recommendations, parent/caregiver discussions or targeted assessment processes. Students are often unaware they are receiving support because we endeavour to align intervention with regular class lessons and activities and not have them identify with receiving additional support.

As part of our whole school identification we have assessed all Year 2 and 4 students in Mathematics and Reading. Our support team will work with teachers and these students across Term Three and Four to deliver an array of intervention to assist with not only NAPLAN preparation for next year but also core curriculum work this year. The aim of any intervention program is to engage students in either smaller group or individual instruction to either consolidate core content understanding and application or, for those requiring extension, compacting general curriculum delivery to enable additional higher order thinking opportunities which build deeper understanding.

**AST targets**

Our Active School Travel program is now been running for six months and we are tracking well against our target of 70% actively travelling across the whole school. Our student council have set an additional goal of every class achieving 70% and we saw three classes last week achieve this last week with PO, 2L and 6B and our whole school result was 65% ... only 5% off our goal!

**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 year.

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.

**STAFF CAR PARK**

Parents, Carers please note that the car park is for STAFF PARKING ONLY – NO PARENTS are allowed to park in the school grounds without prior permission from the office. Do not drive into the School Car Park to drop off students.

When walking your children through the Lillian Avenue Entrance, please do not walk through the car park but use the concrete walkway provided. All children are precious and their safety is of utmost importance.

**PARKING ON CRIPPS STREET**

There have been complaints from the Crossing Supervisors and parents regarding parking on Cripps Street. The designated area is for parents to drop-off their children not to park their cars and drop students to their classes.

It makes it very difficult for other parents to simply drop their children if there is another car occupying the spot. There is No Parking in the area with yellow lines. The area is policed regularly and fines are imposed.

**BOOK FAIR**

It’s official! Our small school bought $4000 worth of books, at this year’s Bookfair! That means our school library can access $800 worth of resources from Scholastic’s catalogue. That is such a jump from last year’s total. Thank you everyone for your continued support for our school library, for books and for reading! As I write this, I can hear an impassioned voice, belonging to one of our teachers, declaring, and I quote, “READING! That is the key to everything!” Never a truer word was spoken! Judging by your support, it is easy to see that, at Salisbury we all embrace this knowledge! Thank you so much again!

On a different note, Scholastic have asked if we would like to run a Christmas fair at the end of this year! Please feel free to let me know your thoughts on this.

**Book Week**

Term three is a wonderful time for libraries and reading AND for celebrating authors and illustrators and the wonderful books they produce each year! Our Book week parade is on Friday, 26th August! That’s the end of this month! The theme is AUSTRALIA – STORY COUNTRY! So, costumes are easy! In addition to favourite book character costumes, children can come dressed as an Australian person! So that means, an indigenous Australian, a convict, a bushranger, a soldier, an Australian sportsperson, an Australian bushman, a swagman, a farmer, or even just your everyday Australian clothes. Scouts, Girl Guides or Cubs uniforms could be worn, too.
It’s going to be a wonderful celebration of books and reading and competitions too, so stay tuned for more ideas and information.

Cheers everyone,  
Kaley and the Library Team

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**GRADUATION FUNDRAISING**

Exciting Year 6 Graduation Fundraising events....

19 August

Careflight Helicopter Morning

Di-Bella Coffee and a selection of Savouries will be available for sale from 8.30am

The Pie/Lamington Drive has started with letters to families in today’s newsletter. We are also getting forms out to the Community. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please pass on Pie Drive Forms (available at the Office) to your friends and neighbours. Money and forms back by Friday 19 August. Delivery Monday 29 August.

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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

Is this true? Enjoy your iced coffee! 😊

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**RECIPE FOR ICED COFFEE**

1. Have kids
2. Make coffee
3. Forget you made coffee
4. Drink it cold

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**P&C NEWS**

Thank you to all contributors to the recent P&C meeting.

An amazing effort has been made by the fundraising team and volunteers to date! With all their energy and efforts they are on target to deliver great results for our school.

The **Monster Raffle** is still live with all funds raised above committed funds going to the hall fan project. Please send in your tickets and see if your neighbours would like a chance at winning one of the amazing prizes. There are more tickets available at the office.

Grants have been arriving to the P&C account in the form of Lords Mayor Grant and Lions International Grant. Thank you Haydee for making these happen!!

The P&C have been working hard and fast to ensure the delivery of the ANZAC grant with plans in place to deliver a beautiful chair to the RSL park in Salisbury. Did someone say ‘working bee’? More updates to come as this project reaches its final stages.

Swim Club is getting ready for the warmer weather with coach hiring. Keep your eyes open for more news on dates for sign up and the start of Swim Club!

Other items under discussion at P&C are;

- the possibility of a opening building fund with the Bendigo Bank. As our little school heads towards a very important birthday - 100 years. We would love to provide great facilities to our students and have the school looking its best.
- There was healthy debate regarding the possibility of a tennis club for Salisbury State School with information provided by Tennis Qld. Thanks John for arranging the guest speaker.

Our next meeting is set for **Monday August 15th 6:30pm in the Library**.

We would love more members of our community to join the discussion regarding these items and more.

You can keep up to date through the P&C Facebook page - Salisbury State School P&C - like us and keep in the know.

**Email:** secretarypandcsalisbury@gmail.com

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

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.

Opening times: 8:20 – 8:50am

Fri 12 August

Fri 26 August

Fri 9 September

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Away at Conference (1-4 August)

If you were looking for me this week and didn’t see me around, it’s because I’m at the Scripture Union QLD Conference with some 700 chaplains and SU Staff. It will be 4 days of training, team-building, professional development and multiple cups of coffee!

Have an awesome week ☺  
Chappy Angeline
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 prevolved 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
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 at the latest as 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

PCYC NEWS
Hi everyone!
Another very busy time at Salisbury SAC.

We have begun our ‘Wednesday Cooking Classes’ with 10 families enjoying dinner on us every Wednesday. The children love every aspect of these classes especially the finished product where they get to show their parents what is for dinner. These classes have been extremely popular with the families and the feedback from them has been awesome!

Art and Crafts activities:
Painting (paint me paintings, hand/foot print paintings pattern paintings); experimenting with clay; making cars from large cardboard boxes; sewing buttons on hessian, and much more.
It is great to see the children contributing such great activities to our program.

The children were introduced to the carpentry table where they took to the hammers and nails like real professionals. It was awesome to see the children taking into account the safety aspect of the activity by wearing their safety gear.

Polydron has taken construction to a new level – (a teaching resource for 2 and 3 dimensional geometry) that helps children develop their skills about spatial awareness.

This construction has been a highlight with the children spending many hours building some spectacular pieces.

Until next time

Kaye and the PCYC team 😊

SUNNYBANK HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE
High School Experience Day – Thursday 18th August
Sunnybank SHS will be holding a High School Experience Day on Thursday 18th August 2016 to give your primary school students an experience of High School. This day is intended for current Year 5 and Year 6 students who are interested in enrolling at Sunnybank SHS and is designed to enable the students to feel more confident, prepared and looking forward to the transition to High School. It will be an enjoyable and invaluable experience as the students participate in activities from different faculties throughout the day. The day will begin at 8:45am and conclude at 2:45pm. Morning tea will be provided and parents are welcome to stay for the morning session. Students will need to bring their own lunch and please make your own arrangements for drop off and pick up of your child.
For more details please phone 3323 8111 or email admin@sunnybanshs.eq.edu.au

Maggie’s Markets @ Salisbury Community Sports Club
STALLHOLDERS NEEDED
As part of our ongoing commitment to develop our relationship with the local community, we propose to conduct a market
SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2016
From 8am to 12 noon @ Ainsworth Street, Salisbury
Phone 3277 2274
Anyone who would like to conduct a stall is most welcome and can contact us by email maggiesmarkets@gmail.com or Phone: Hazel 0466 389 690