Dear members of our school community

What a fantastic place Salisbury State School is in which to work, learn, play and celebrate.

Welcome back to all our returning families. We hope that your break was restful and recharging in preparation for 2016 teaching and learning programs here at Salisbury State School. Welcome to our 50 new Prep families and thank you for making Salisbury your choice of schools. Welcome to our other new families from year’s one to six and again thank you for choosing Salisbury.

We have some new staff this year. Gary Sinnott is leading the teaching and learning program in one of our 4/5 classes and Ronel Du Toit specialises in special education and this year will be providing whole school support. Jo Nehmer is our Guidance Officer this year again providing whole school support and Amelia Kennedy is our Speech and Language Pathologist. Fiona Brayne is a district relief teacher based at our school.

Staff returned to work in the week prior to students. Professional Development undertaken included work on Reading, Writing, Spelling and whole school consistent approaches to acknowledgement and correction of our students.

I worked with all staff around my priorities of high expectations of ourselves, each other and our students, proactivity in terms of student correction, collective responsibility in terms of all students and consistently high levels of student engagement.

Last week I met with all students and talked about what I will see when I see them ‘switched on to their learning’, my expectations around the wearing of full school uniform, our ‘no hat no play’ rule and the fact that if a child is relocated to another class as a result of continual reminders around classroom expectations; that in every situation this will result in the student’s playtime taken up talking through the issues with their teacher along with a notification sent home.

I spoke to students about our focus on Nothing But The Best and that it takes me 18 steps from the front gate to get to the words ‘Nothing But The Best’ etched into our path leading to the front office. I asked classes to break down what ‘nothing but the best’ and our four values ‘care for self’, ‘care for others’, ‘care for proper ty’ and ‘care for learning’ and list what this looks like at Salisbury State School.

Some ideas were:
Try hard, try your best, play with others, never give up, share, put your hand up, don’t argue, follow directions, hands, feet and putdowns to yourself, whole body listening, concentrating, playing by the rules, being a good sport, helping others, using equipment responsibly, giving things back when borrowed, only running on the grass, staying clam, using appropriate language, helping our friends be the best they can be, eat brain food and stay hydrated, wear full school uniform, and enjoy ourselves. These ideas are part of the reason that Salisbury State School is no longer a good school moving to great, but instead a great school moving to greater.

At Salisbury State School we have an explicit improvement agenda that guides all we do this year and in to the future. Our five areas are:
• Consistent and Whole School Practices
• Implementation of the Australian Curriculum
• Value Added Collaboration
• Data Collection

In terms of, Where (do we want each individual child to be?), How (will we get each child to their individual goals?) and How (will we know when each individual child reaches their goals?)
• Positive School Environment

A big thank you to parents/carers for ensuring your child/ren commenced school wearing full school uniform (including black shoes and white socks) and for making sure your child had the necessary equipment to start the school year. Please ensure all belongings are named. I have asked all students not wearing a Salisbury State School hat, that are available from our uniform shop, to please talk to their parents and carers about the purchase of one as soon as possible.

Thank you also to parents from year’s one to six for organising a waiting and pick up area at the end of the day. I ask that parents wait outside classrooms and our office area leading up to 3pm.

Parents are invited to attend a Meet and Greet next Wednesday 10 February from 4.30 – 5.30pm. The aim of the Meet and Greet is to meet your child’s class teacher as well as have an opportunity to be informed about the curriculum, homework requirements, behaviour expectations and routines and transitions. This is invaluable as it keeps you abreast of the learning your child is acquiring.
Teachers will run two identical sessions. The first session will commence at 4.30 – 5.00pm. The second session will commence at 5.00 – 5.30pm. This will provide families with more than one child an opportunity to attend more than one Meet and Greet session.

At Salisbury State School we believe communication between home and school is paramount. We urge you to join us and look forward to your participation.

This newsletter is of course our more regular, fortnightly means of communication. Please ensure you read this so you stay up-to-date with what’s happening in our school. This newsletter is also available on our website.

School Assemblies will also be held weekly. They will be held on a **Monday afternoon at 2.30pm**. We welcome your attendance.

Congratulations to Jayden on receiving our Gotcha Award at this week’s assembly. Congratulations to the following students who received Achievement Awards also at this week’s assembly:

Emma, Noah, Ella, Noel, Elsie, Tadhg, Rose, Joshua, Max, Zechariah, Chase, Beela, Belle, Richie, Kayla, Jacob, Shirley, Vincent, Kallum, Mindi.

A reminder that School Banking is on Fridays and that information is available from the school office. There is an ‘information session’ this Friday morning in D Block outside our Prep room.

A reminder that there is no tuckshop this week as we are waiting to replace one of our fridges.

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Thanking you for your support,

Scott Padgett

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**HOC NEWS**

It was wonderful to see all the students arrive at school with their book packs last week and show that ‘Care for Property’ at the start of the New Year. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers for making the effort to ensure children started in such a positive way with all their equipment ready.

**Reading**

Our big focus this year is literacy with a specific focus on Reading. The class timetables have been aligned to enable lower school (Prep to year 2) to have the whole of first session free from interruptions for their Literacy Block and middle and upper school (years 3-6) have all of middle session free from interruptions for literacy. As a school we are working with two philosophies – Learning to Read (L2R) and Reading to Learn (R2L).

Learning to Read is a differentiated and levelled process by which students are modelled, supported and are provided independent review, consolidation and extension work in the core reading strategies to help them read words, comprehend meaning at an increasingly deeper levels and to critically analyse and reflect on content read. Each class has a half hour specific Reading session every day. Teacher aide time is allocated around these times to provide support for all levels of reading capabilities and volunteers are most welcome in all classes to help with groups.

Reading to Learn is a process of supporting all children to engage with year level texts encountered in any subject. It involves modelling, breaking down texts into parts to analyse and ensure meaning is made as well as replicating similar texts through writing. Spelling, grammar, punctuation and vocabulary knowledge are all drawn from presented texts through this process and are taught and practiced in context. If you would like to know more about Reading to Learn please visit their website: [http://www.readingtolearn.com.au](http://www.readingtolearn.com.au)

**Spelling** – this year Spelling may look different for your child. Through the Reading to Learn program there are no set weekly spelling lists for students to rote learn and be tested on. Each class will follow a set progression of spelling strategies and this will be taught explicitly in class. Words for the week’s strategy are added to the class Word Wall, which is up in every class this year, and can be added to the student’s Spelling Journal, which every student has. Homework may include practice tasks where the spelling focus is worked with in a number of different ways, instead of rote learning a set list for a test. In this way students learn the strategies and ‘Spelling Knowledges’ and are able to apply them to a variety of words, both known and new words they come across, instead of just remembering a set list of words. Spelling competency will be tested with all students to track and monitor progress against year level expectations and forms part of their Writing assessment.

**Volunteers** – if you want to volunteer as a general school helper for Reading, our Specialist Teacher for Literacy and Numeracy (STLaN) Mac Araya is managing how volunteers are used. Mac is with us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in her STLaN role and manages support for students which includes extension programs. You can email her at maray4@eq.edu.au or myself at abing5@eq.edu.au

**Active School Travel – We’re In!**

This year, Salisbury State School has been selected as one of 16 new schools joining Brisbane City Council’s Active School Travel program.

Active School Travel promotes clean and green, active and healthy school travel modes such as walking, cycling, carpooling and public transport.

By leaving your car at home, at least one day a week on our active travel day, we can improve road safety, improve our health and fitness, reduce traffic congestion.
at the school gate, and create a cleaner environment for our students. How can you lose?

Brisbane City Council’s Active School Travel crew will visit our school assembly to launch the Active School Travel program on 22 February, so come along to learn more about the program. Our official launch date will be Tuesday March 1st.

Look out for the Active School Travel crew and start thinking how you can use your car less travelling to and from school this year.

We are seeking a parent or community member (or more than one!) who would be willing to help be our community liaison for the Active School Travel program. The commitment would be to attend meetings (estimated 2-3 throughout the year), provide a parental/community perspective for the activities we will look at running and help promote the program. This does not have to be a big commitment and it would be great to have a parent as part of this exciting school venture.

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.

We would ask parents to please support this scheme as soon as possible so that your child’s classroom is well resourced.

LIBRARY NEWS
Hi everyone!
Here we are at the beginning of another wonderful year at Salisbury. This is just a quick note to introduce myself to all our new parents. My name is Kaley Lehane, and I am Teacher Librarian 2 days a week, and English as an Additional Language Teacher 2 days a week here at Salisbury. I also have a small team of teacher aides who provide valuable support in our library. If you haven’t yet visited, feel free to come in, before or after school and meet us.

We are in the process of installing a new system, known as Oliver VS, in our library. It’s all very exciting for us, as it promises to make so many tasks so much easier. By next week we should be fully operational! In the meantime, if you could ensure that your Prep to Year 3 children all have a library bag, we would be most grateful. We encourage all students to use a library bag, but for Prep to Year 3 it is a must!

Finally, thanks to a suggestion from one very enthusiastic parent, we have a noticeboard just inside the library entrance, devoted to our school community. If you have any photos taken in our local area, or indeed, any items of interest, or notices, regarding Salisbury and surrounds, we’d love to share them on our noticeboard.

We are really looking forward to meeting you and to seeing you again!

Kaley and the Library team

CHAPPY ANGELINE
Food for thought
“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.” Robert Collier

First Week at School
What a great first week back at school! It was wonderful to have so many parents/carers come along to the morning tea. No prep parents needed tissues! Everyone seemed to have settled in quickly. I look forward to all that 2016 has in store for us as a school community.

Twilight Community Movie
You are invited to an open-air twilight cinema showing “Inside Out”. Do bring your family and friends for a free fun family night out. All welcome!

Chaplaincy Service
As a school chaplain, I enjoy having pastoral conversations with students, staff and parents, visiting classes, meeting students one-on-one, chilling out with students during lunch breaks, participating in special events and being part of the wonderful Salisbury community.

You can find me at school on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Usually on Thursdays from 8.30-9.30, I run a coffee morning for parents/carers under the Shade Shelter in the Community Garden. Please feel free to drop in for a cuppa.

Chappy Angeline

P & C NEWS
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Hi everyone I’m Amanda and I have taken over as the uniform shop coordinator this year. Thank you Janine for doing a wonderful job with the shop last year.

The uniform shop is moving 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 12th Feb 8:30-9:00am
- Fri 19th Feb 8:30-9:00am
- Fri 04th Mar 8:30-9:00am
- Fri 18th Mar 8:30-9:00am

2nd hand uniforms
We are on the look-out for 2nd hand shirts, blouses, dresses or polos. If you have any uniforms that no longer fit please consider donating them to the uniform shop. We sell these at very reduced prices and all money raised goes straight back into supporting 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.

SCHOOL BANKING
The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program gives schools and parents an easy, fun and interactive way to teach children money management skills they'll use for the rest of their lives. The emphasis is on regular savings, not the value of the deposit (which can be as little as 50 cents) and nurturing good saving 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)

Charmaine Jones from the Commonwealth Bank will host a School Banking Information and Account Opening Session in D Block outside Prep O's classroom on Friday 5 February from 8:15am. Parents will be able to open Youthsaver bank accounts for their children. Otherwise, accounts may be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. If your children already have a CBA Youthsaver account they can bank at school.

Information packets have been sent home with every child and please remember parents must bring their drivers license to open an account for their school-age child. Accounts may also be opened for pre-school aged children, but their birth certificate will also be required.

Your School Banking Coordinators are Rachel Panousis and Amanda Haussmann. Please contact Rachel on 0448 310 806 if you have any queries.

It is great to see all the students who have become regular savers...keep up the good savings goals and habits! Don't forget to give your bank books to your teacher every Thursday!

SWIM CLUB NEWS
Scorpions Swim Club is based at the Salisbury school pool!!
We offer Learn to Swim lessons for primary aged children and younger, Squad sessions and a Swim Club on Friday evenings. Swim Club is an opportunity for children to do races at various distances (across the pool, 25m and 50m) and most importantly, have lots of fun in the water!

Lessons currently run on Monday, Wednesdays and Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings with our Head Coach, Caitlin. Lessons are $15 with Swim Club membership free with lessons (usual cost is $30 for the whole season).

We also offer Adult Swim Technique/Squad on Saturday mornings 7.30am - 8.30am (Cost is $15).

We are always keen to have new members and are having a sign-on morning near the Prep classrooms this Friday 5th February. Please email: salburyswimclub@yahoo.com.au for more information.

Helen, Sheila, Emma, Heather and Alex
Swim Club Executive Committee

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.

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.

SCOUTS
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Salisbury Scout Group!
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