Dear Families,

I hope you have been enjoying the short weeks and the long weekends with your families.

Many families took the time to pay respect at local ANAZAC Day services. More than 40 students marched with the school or with local groups such as Scouts. I was delighted with the way our children conducted themselves. They were a credit to their school and families.

I am looking forward to the NAPLAN testing next week. Many years of learning are reflected in the school results. I note that there have been some very solid results in years past; however, I think we can do much better. I look forward to seeing the results soon and celebrating achievements with teachers and students. At the next P&C Meeting, I will share some past NAPLAN results from the school, outlining some of our plans to improve our results.

Congratulations to our interschool sports teams who are performing very well on the District stage. I note the very successful (and fun!) Gala Day last week. Our District Cross Country team did very well yesterday, placing 2nd in our school division. Dylon in particular ran strongly, placing 9th in his age group. Exceptional considering the large number of students who competed!

Please remember that school photos are coming up on Wednesday 25th of May. I am excited to be having photos of my new school community. If you have missed your envelopes for payment, please contact the teacher or the front office.

I have also had the pleasure of meeting many families and community members in the past 3 weeks. You have shared, informed, opened doors, explored ideas and given me many things to think about. While I was excited about a new school to lead, now I am VERY excited about the possibilities of our school for the future.

If you have concerns, ideas, suggestions or particular issues at school, please don’t hesitate to contact me, make time to meet and talk. It is my job to listen, respond and lead school improvement. If I don’t know what the problems are, I cannot assist you to solve them.

Very soon we will all be in Winter Uniforms. I notice that jackets and jumpers are starting to be worn to school. Can you please ensure you are considering the school Uniform Dress Code when purchasing these and not allowing your child to wear a non-uniform item to school?

Your child is part of Team Salisbury. Are they in the uniform? Even once a week sports teams insist on a uniform. Be part of our team with pride!

I also notice that lost property is also getting a bit full. We will only keep lost property for so long. Then it will be donated to charity. Caring for and tracking personal belongings has to be practised. Insist your child checks for any missing items. Please name all school items.

Want to know exactly what our school policy is? The Uniform info links are below:
https://salisburrs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx

We will start the installation of wireless upgrades this month. It will bring connectivity into the classrooms we have previously not been able to afford. A 50% subsidy will assist us here with this significant expenditure. When completed, I will let you know further details, including how this will assist us to move into robotics and coding and other specialised technology programs. Watch this space!

Have a great week and take care of each other. Accept nothing but the best!

Darren Ball - Principal
Did you know the recommended amount of sleep for a child between the ages of 5-12 is 10-11 hours? This equates to a bed time of 7 or 8pm if they get up at 6am.


**Have a good breakfast**
- A healthy sustaining breakfast ensures they have the lasting energy to remain focused and keeps their brain alert.
- Avoid breakfast drinks and cereals which are high in sugar as these will give children (and adults) an energy burst which dies off quickly and won’t have the sustained effect to carry them through to the end of the testing time.
- Life Church will be running the school Breakfast Club on the testing days to support our students, outside the hall. A big thank you for this extra service.

**Keep calm**
- Stress, anxiety and over excitement can all detract from a child’s ability to cope and remain focused.
- Avoid discussing the testing at length or setting expectations and be supportive by wishing them well and having a good day.
- Avoid over stimulation with audio, video/TV or games in the morning before the test day so they remain calm.

We are bound by national regulations around the days and sequence for the testing. Students who are absent on a testing day but turn up for other days of the week will be required to sit a make-up test, unless we have a formal withdrawal in place.

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Next Tuesday from 2-3pm we are lucky enough to have Scooter Skills training offered by the Brisbane City Council for some Prep to Year 3 students. If you have not signed your child up for this training and would like them to participate it is not too late. Forms are available from the office. Students will be required to bring their own scooter on the day.

We are due to have Bike Schools training this Friday for students in years 4-6. Thank you to the seven students who have signed up. I will do a final call out to see if we can get some more students attending so we can meet the minimum numbers for it to go ahead.

**House flags made by May**

It was great to see the sporting House spirits high at our recent Cross Country day. The houses, Nathan, Chandler and Griffith, will soon have their own official flag kindly made by our staff member May. She has donated her time to creating these special flags for the sports captains to use at school events. Don’t they look great!

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

*Wednesday 27 May 2015*

For the convenience of our school community advancedlife have now introduced Online Ordering. School photos can now be ordered and paid for using a secure online Web Portal. *Please note:* Photos can still be purchased using an envelope.

The preference of our school is that Orders and Payments be made through the Web Portal as this reduces the administration and associated order issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on Photo Day.

To place your order visit [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code - [KND DB4 WW4]. A full set of instructions on how to order can be found on the back
of the order flyer. The order code can also be found printed on the envelopes supplied by advancedlife. Please be aware that

1. Sibling/Family Photos may be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photography day, **Online Orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off 48hrs before our photography day** to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling Photos can still be ordered after the Online cut-off date by collecting an envelope from the office in the usual way and returning the envelope on photo day with payment enclosed.

2. All Online Orders should be placed **on or before our day of photography. Please Note: Once orders are closed a LATE FEE will apply.**

3. The Online code above Web Portal may also be used to order **previous years’ sports and other group photos** at any time.

All Online Orders placed through the Web Portal will be returned to school for collection.

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**CARNIVAL BOOK CLUB**

We are excited to announce that, once again, we are running Carnival Book club at our school. The catalogues are on the way, so as soon as they arrive, I will send them home. You might even receive two copies, as there are always enough for each child in the school.

As per usual, there is a wonderful range of books to choose from, at a variety of prices. Book Clubs such as this one are a great way to actively encourage voluntary reading at home. Encouraging reading at home ensures that children are not only interested in reading, but really enthusiastic about it.

So keep an eye out for the catalogues, which should be making their way into your homes very soon. As an added bonus, 20% of all the proceeds come back to us to purchase new resources for our library.

Thanks so much everyone. **Kalek and the library team**

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**SECOND-HAND SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

The Office would appreciate receiving second-hand school uniforms (if they are not being used) for up to Year 3 from families. These uniforms are provided to students who enrol from the women’s shelter and also used when students have little accidents. Please drop them off at the Office. Many thanks.

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**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. Or you can make an EFTPOS payment at the School Office.

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.

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**CHAPLAIN’S CORNER**

**Food for thought**

“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.” C. S. Lewis

**We all need a Tree!**

Recently I read a story about a tree and I thought it was worth re-telling ...

“I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit and his ancient one tonne truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

'Oh, that’s my trouble tree,' he replied 'I know I can’t help having troubles on the job, but one thing’s for sure, those troubles don’t belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again.' ‘Funny thing is,' he smiled, 'when I come out in the morning to pick ’em up, there aren’t nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before.’”

How true it is that though we can’t help having troubles with work, they don’t belong in the house. Let’s create a “trouble” tree to hang out our troubles before entering the house!

**Chappy Angeline**
**P&C NEWS**

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

The opening hours are listed below but as this room is also being used to process school banking, Amanda will be there most Friday mornings from approximately 7:30am.

Opening times:
- Fri 13th May 8:20-8:50am
- Fri 27th May 8:20-8:50am
- Fri 10th June 8:20-8:50am

**FUNDRAISING**

**Fundraising – Drinks Donation Request**

Our next events are our annual Bunning’s BBQ on Sunday 29th May 2016 followed closely by the Disco on Thursday 16th June 2016.

In early May we will post our request for volunteers for both events and welcome your help for 1-2hrs.

As we appreciate many of you are unable to help with time would you please consider donating a carton of drinks to be sold at the events?

We have a specific list (brand and quantity) we need to provide and the list is currently posted on the office door.

If you can help by donating a carton please list your support OR contact Mel Trembath on 0405 844 372. We will arrange to collect from your home address.

Thanks very much, **Melinda Trembath**

**PCYC NEWS**

Hi everyone!

We have had a fabulous start to the term here at PCYC with the most exciting being that we had an under the sea theme fortnight and have introduced cooking lessons on Friday afternoons.

During our Under the Sea theme days the children participated in lots of craft activities including collage fish, pipecleaner octopus, 3D beach collage with real sand, easel painting and mermaid decorating. We also read stories, researched sea animals, looked at shells under the microscope, made playdough sea creatures, played in the sandpit and discussed the importance of looking after our oceans. The children absolutely loved it.

Every Friday we now have cooking lessons for those children who have selected to participate. The children make their own meals following the recipes and get to take home their masterchef creations to provide dinner for their family. So far we have cooked chicken minestrone soup, spaghetti bolognese and quiche. This week we have rice paper rolls on the agenda and they’re sure to be a hit!

If you are interested in enrolling your child, you can do so at [https://salisburypcyc.hubworks.com.au/](https://salisburypcyc.hubworks.com.au/), by visiting us (we are in D block), calling 3276 7232 or email salisburyysac@pcyc.org.au and we can give you more information. We would love to meet you! **Kaye and the PCYC team 😊**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**AUTUMN FEST**

**SATURDAY 14th May 9am to 1pm**

Sausage Sizzle - Coffee shop - Bouncy Castle

Entertainment Coopers Plains State School Choir at 10am

Art show Homemade Cakes Children’s Activities

Bargains Galore from our Thrift Shop Books Plants

Handmade Craft Lucky Door Prize Information stalls

For more information contact: Ph: 3274 3240

St David’s Neighbourhood Centre

68 Orange Grove Road, Coopers Plains

**GUITAR LESSONS**

At Salisbury State School

Group: $19.95/lesson (Groups of 2)

Private: $35.00/lesson

Email: virtuosodrumschool@gmail.com

tervuosoguitarschool@gmail.com

Phone:

Call Dave on 0400 723 100 or Baise on 0448 620 396


**BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL LIBRARY NEWS**

Gold Star Reading Club for primary school children commences in Libraries on Tue 6 May.

Membership is FREE.

Children will be rewarded with exciting monthly incentives – a bookmark, a bubble pen and a library bag.

Little Stars Reading Club for children aged 0-5 years commences in Libraries on Tue 6 May.

Membership is FREE.

Record your book sharing with your child to collect exciting monthly incentives – a rhyme time booklet, a coloured crayon kit and a library bag.

This year both program runs from Tuesday 3 May through to Saturday 30 July.


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If you would like to advertise your business, event or organisation in the newsletter please send your details to Melinda Trembath at [melindas@melindasgfg.com](mailto:melindas@melindasgfg.com) or call 0405 844 372.