Dear Families,

The end is finally here for the 2016 school year. I would like to thank you all for your support, smiles, efforts, feedback and positive energy. Salisbury State School is blessed to have a parent community that supports the mission to provide the best possible outcomes for every child, “Nothing but the Best!”

Teachers, Teacher Aides and staff across the school should be commended for their enormous energy and commitment to your children.

Congratulations to all the Year 6 graduates whom we send off to high school well equipped for successes into the future. They are a delightful group and I am sure their unique personalities will be missed in 2017. Their contribution to our school will last into the future. Many walk away with awards and achievements from 2016, but all are winners.

Finally, I make special mention of all our volunteers, business partners and community supporters without whom our work would be so much less effective and meaningful. A special thank you to Dr Moy and family, the Rotary Club, local politicians and others who continue to support our students with awards for academic excellence, recognising the talents of your children.

Finally, the Consultation Survey results will be published on our website over the holidays. A display will greet you on the first day back and a full copy will be received by each family. Your thoughts, ideas and feedback is greatly appreciated. We will form a number of committees in 2017 and you will be invited to assist should you choose to.

I look forward to an amazing 2017. We have very big plans to reach for the stars here in Salisbury. Have a brilliant holiday and I look forward to welcoming you all back fresh and energised for 2017.

Take care and best wishes. Stay safe.
Your Proud Principal, Darren Ball

The First Christmas

Christmas is just round the corner. When I think of Christmas, I think of Christmas lights, Christmas trees, family dinners, exchanging of gifts … but most of all I think of the very first Christmas where the Bible said God so loved the world that He sent His Only Son Jesus to reconcile humanity to Himself. I am one who has received God’s amazing grace, unconditional love and total forgiveness and whose life has been radically transformed! I remember Christmas with deep gratitude and thanksgiving. It holds a very special place in my heart.

I trust that you will have a meaningful Christmas with family and friends and enjoy a refreshing holiday. See you in the New Year!

Warm regards,
Chappy Angeline

P&C NEWS

We are here! End of 2016! A huge thank you to all the volunteers, families, parents, friends, and students that have been part of the P&C events, fundraising and working bees over the year.

Some of the P&C highlights for 2016 are;
- Working bees
- ANZAC Chair completion
- Install of fans in the hall
- Creation of, and great take up of, social media communication (aka Facebook)
- Change of banks to Bendigo; more services (EFTpos, community support) and better interest rates.
- Established building fund for further development of the school
- Successful community event – Salisbury Under the Stars; we raised $2000 for our new school building fund
- Fantastic year of tuck shop service and planning for 2017 has begun
- Tennis courts; looking to bigger and stronger ties to the community with club discussions still in progress.
- Garden beds .... almost complete by end of term, definitely by the end of 2016

Food for thought

“History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again.”

Maya Angelou

A Fantastic Term 4

What a wonderful term that has come and gone quickly! I enjoy being part of the many fun filled activities and special events of the last few weeks. Soon the year 6s will leave the school to embark on a new adventure. We wish each one a very bright and successful future! Remember, “Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.” (Anthony J. D’Angelo). And “do not anticipate trouble, or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight.” (Benjamin Franklin). In other words, always stay positive and enthusiastic about life 😊
Our next meeting will be Monday 30th January 2017 at 6:30pm. We would love to see new faces as well as our regular great members. Everyone is welcome; you don’t need to be members of the P&C just come along.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**Special Holiday Trading Hours**
- Monday 16 January 9:00am – 12noon
- Friday 20 January 9:00am – 12noon

**Opening Times Term 1 2017**
- Monday 23 January 8.20 – 10.30am
- Friday 27 January 8.20 – 8.50
- Friday 3 February 8.30 – 8.50

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

**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**


Don’t forget to submit your bank book to your teacher each Thursday. If you have lost your deposit book or require a replacement book or folder, the School Banking team have these available. Please pop a note in the grey school banking satchel or visit the Uniform Shop 8-8:30am Fridays with your query.

**SALISBURY SCORPIONS SWIM CLUB**

Scorpions had a great start to the Swim Season this term. We got to vote on a new club logo – this little guy looks friendly but check out his pincers!!!

We would like to welcome our new swim coach, Jen Spencer. Jen is studying to be a teacher and has lots of experience coaching-to-swim and squad classes as well as teaching students with additional needs. Jen’s enthusiasm and new ideas will be a great asset to the club.

Friday night swim club has been well attended this season – feel free to come check it out every Friday at 6pm at the school pool. A great chance to socialise and practice racing. We will be offering Holiday Intensive lessons.

For further information, please email; salisburyswimclub@yahoo.com

Most excitingly, Scorpions Swim Club attended our very first Mini-Meet with Moorooka State School. Congratulations to all our swimmers who demonstrated great swimming and fabulous sportsmanship. Well done. Stay tuned for details of our next Mini-Meet scheduled on 25th January 2016.

**KEEP AN EYE ON OUR SCHOOL DURING THE HOLIDAYS IF YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS**

**CALL SCHOOL WATCH  13 17 88**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**COOPERS PLAINS LIBRARY**

If you are looking for a few things to do these school holidays. Why not go to your local library? Some of the programs that are being held are

**Cartoon Dave creative writing workshop:** 13 December 11am-12 noon
**Out of the world science show:** 15 December 2-2:45pm
**Create your own cartoon Christmas card:** 21 December 11am-12 noon
**Performance:** Red Rocket 3 16 December 2-2:45pm
**Bookings essential**

Call Coopers Plains Library on (07) 3403 1530

**CAROLS IN THE PARK**

Saturday, December 17, 4-7 pm

Presented by Combined Churches of Salisbury and Coopers Plains at Salisbury Recreation Reserve, Ainsworth St. (Some parking off Allandale St.)

Free Sausage Sizzle, Fairy Floss, Christmas Treats, Face Painting and Kids Games from 4 pm. Free Carols Program from 6 pm.

**KIDS CLUB – SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**Kids Club**

**January 9-13, 2017**

**9am-12pm**

**Craft**
**Bible Message**
**Games**
**Morning Tea & Lunch**
**Songs**

Salisbury Gospel Hall
56 Henson Road, Salisbury

Enquiries: Angie 0439 705 677  Mary 0415 394 410
kidsclub.salisburypolisalisburychristianassembly.com.au

**Merry Christmas**