Dear Families,

What a hot Summer!

Staff are being very particular about your child’s well-being in this heat. Some lessons were learnt last year as the temperature rose. Please provide your teacher feedback if your child complains of heat. Thankfully we are swimming in PE and not playing run around games. Please ensure that your child has a hat for outside. No hat = no play! Teachers are providing regular water breaks and a water bottle is welcome in classrooms to keep children hydrated.

This year we have air-conditioned the Prep classrooms and we hope to do more each year. The size of our rooms require commercial units and these are very expensive. $35 000 + was spent on the 2 Prep rooms. We continue to invest in your child’s health and well-being.

Enrolment Growth

Our school has exceeded 250 enrolments. We are growing. Salisbury SS may never be huge, but I believe confidence in our school’s ability to achieve excellent student results is strong. Talented teachers, support for quality teaching by Administration and focused learners are all contributing to positive outcomes for kids – and THAT’S what we are here for.

Explicit Improvement Agenda

We have 3 MAJOR focus areas in 2017:

1. Reading
2. Personalised Learning
3. Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Dogs on Site

Please be aware that there is a NO dogs on site rule at our school. Many children are scared – even of small fluffy puppies. Some have significant allergies to dogs. I am aware that in many cases where things go wrong with dogs at school, it is often the dog that pays with its life. Don’t let this happen to your best friend. Leave them at home please.

Attendance

In 2017 high attendance will be rewarded with acknowledgements at our school. If a child has more than 10 days off in a year, it will have a significant impact on learning progress. It is not okay to stay home for birthdays or “just because”. Attendance of all children is being tracked. If a child is absent, we will also be calling before lunchtime to confirm parents are aware.

If children don’t attend or are late every day, it is difficult to support their learning or justify support for learning. The beginning of the day is often a highly focused teaching time and children will miss key learning. Consistent attendance at school is also the first preparation for working every day. If you can’t attend school each day, how will you hold onto a job? Building good life habits starts today.

For absences of 2 weeks, families must by law apply to the Principal for an exemption. You can do so through the office, however, approval is not automatic. Children are expected to be at school and learning. Only some reasons for absence are approved by the Principal and must align with the Education Act.

Families with high absences should expect a call this term from the Principal. We are here to help support families to remove the blockers from attendance. Support comes first. We are proud of the positive partnerships we create with families.

Have a brilliant day, a fantastic week and stay cool!

Your Proud Principal,
Darren Ball

What a great start to the year. The students have settled into their class routines, teachers have completed initial observations and testing to inform their teaching and have started most subject area units.

Classroom Spotlight – 3UD

3UD have been looking at Biological Sciences focusing on diversity and interactions with the living world. Mrs Dreis takes both 34UD and 3K for Science and this week they were engaged in a highly interactive lesson where they used observations to categorise different items and group them. The students worked in groups discussing and comparing their observations then bought their work together as a class to reflect and review their collective work. Great work!
We have some important dates to put in your diary.

- Thursday 9/3 – Class Learning Walks: 9-11am
- Wednesday 22/3 – Class Showcase/Harmony Day
- Wednesday 29/3 – Parent-Teacher interviews

Class Learning Walks
This year we are holding Class Learning Walks each semester for parents, and other family members, to come and see classes in action. This is not a time where teachers and students set up special events to show, but rather an opportunity for anyone interested to have a look and see how our classes operate. The Learning Walks will be conducted by myself, Mr Ball and Mrs Lewis, and groups will be taken to various classes to see the every-day learning that goes on in Salisbury. This is a great opportunity to see not only your child’s class in action, but also get a sneak peek into other classes in the school and see the variety of learning that occurs. More information will come out before the 9th of March.

Class Showcase – Harmony Day
Following on from last year’s successful Class Showcase event our first one for the year will be in week 9. We are combining this event with Harmony Day. Each class will perform an item. We welcome any parents also wanting to perform and showcase their abilities! Students will be able to dress in a national/cultural costume to recognise and celebrate Harmony Day as well for this event. The Showcase will be from 2-3pm.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
These will be held on the last Wednesday of the school term. Online booking will be open in the weeks leading up to this date and notification will be given when this is available for parents to access.

Kids are Keeping Cool!
It was great to catch some of our students finding shady, cool spots around the school grounds during break times these last couple of weeks. I spotted these two reading under the Fig tree.

Water, Sun Safety and Food
In this warmer weather please remember to provide a water bottle for your child and the wide brimmed hat for sports and break time. Sun screen will be provided for all classes and parents are welcome to supply their own if their child has skin sensitivities to some creams.

Lollies/sweets of any kind are not permitted at school. Please refrain from putting lollies or chocolates in your child’s lunch box. While it is lovely for children to receive a treat, sugar intake can greatly affect concentration levels and some behaviour which adversely affects learning.

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.

SWIM PROGRAM
Swimming classes commenced on Monday 30 January. Don’t forget your togs, bathing cap, goggles, towel, and SUNSCREEN! Swimming is a major part of our HPE program and we expect every student to participate. If your child is unwell, has an injury or open sore, and is unable to swim on a given day, please write a letter to your child’s teacher explaining the reasons for their non-participation.

BATHING CAPS FOR SALE IN THE OFFICE
LATEX SWIM CAP: $3 - KIDS Lycra SWIM CAP: $5
Students are not permitted to make phone calls to parents if they forget their swimming gear.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL
Active School Travel has started once again for 2017. Every Tuesday we encourage students and families to actively travel to school, whether it is by walking, scooter or skateboard, bicycle, carpool or public transport. If your child actively travels to school they will get a stamp in their passport and can earn prizes.

Each Tuesday in Term 1, Mrs. McConnell and Mr. Prianes will be conducting the “Walking School Bus”, from Russ Hall Park, on Ainsworth Street. Meeting at the park at 8:15am and we will leave at 8:30am to walk to school.

VISUAL ART TEACHER
Welcome back to an exciting 2017 at Salisbury State School. My name is Louise Carius and this year I will be teaching Visual Art classes each Thursday in the junior years (Prep – Yr 2). The art program will tie in to the classroom curriculum and will provide exciting opportunities for your children to explore their creativity. To help protect your children’s uniforms I am asking if each child can please bring in a painting smock or an old oversized shirt – one of Mum or Dad’s would be perfect. From time to time your child will come home with paint stained fingers. All the paints are non toxic and the dyes are plant and vegetable based dyes so they will wash off without harm. I hope to share some of the children’s artwork with you in future newsletters.

MUSIC NOTES
Welcome to the music program for 2017. Instrumental Lessons commenced in week 3 and all students will receive a timetable showing their lesson times for the term.

Mrs Lyndall Faragher
Wednesday 8.00am – 8:45am – Band
soon as possible so that your child’s classroom is well

Prep to Year 6.

music program, please either write a note or contact Mrs Cathy Clark-Edwards via email: cclar210@eq.edu.au

Choir rehearsals will commence on Wednesday, 15 February, at 1.00pm in the music room. This year the choir have been invited to perform at the Chrome Street Festival on Saturday afternoon, 25 February. They have also been asked to perform at the Moorooka Laneway Festival on Saturday, 18 March. Information about these events will be communicated to music students next week in a detailed letter.

Food for thought

Breakfast Club resumes Friday, 10th February, 8.00-8.45 near the oval in A Block. This is sponsored and run by a team of volunteers from Life Church.

“JOKE OF THE WEEK” COMPETITION

“Laughter is the best medicine”. When we laugh, it makes us feel good, happy and positive. Do you have a funny story or a joke to share? Why not participate in the “Joke of the Week Competition” (open to all students) and you could win yourself a prize?

Here’s how to participate:

- Write your joke or funny story on an entry form. Put your entry into “Joke of the Week” box located in the front office (Admin block). You can send in as many entries as you wish.

- The competition closes on Friday, 24th February at 2 pm. Winners will have the opportunity to share their joke/story on Monday 27th February at the Parade.

- A free meal deal voucher with compliments from the School Tuckshop OR a $5 cash prize from the Salisbury Pharmacy awaits the winner!

Have fun 😹 Laugh 🤣 Keep your entries coming! 😹

Chappy Angeline

P & C NEWS

Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on - Monday 20th February

in - the Hall, starting at - 6:15pm.

All Executive positions will be declared vacant and will be reelected at the AGM.

To vote and to hold an office you must be a member of the association. Member forms are available from the front office and need to be submitted on or before the AGM.

In 2017, we will need 5 executive members in the following positions (new and existing members can apply / reapply):

- We will also be electing the two sub-committees of our P&C and looking for interested awesome people for the Fund Raising Coordinator role.

Swim Club – has started 2017 in great form with a new BBQ. The first meet hosted by Salisbury will be held on Sat 25th Feb. Come along and cheer on the Scorpions, show your community spirit and make the Scorpions proud!

Tuck-shop – is open again for business with a new tweaked menu for 2017. Thanks to all for your ongoing
support. Of course a huge thanks to the tuck-shop team and welcome back.

Uniform shop – has been busy over the first few weeks of the term. Well done Amanda and helpers. The students are looking beautiful. P&C are researching options for suppliers to curb costs of uniforms.

Chrome St Festival – is happening on the first weekend of March. SSS P&C will be representing! We are looking for crew members for a fun day and to raise funds for our school.

Flash Day – some of you may have seen one of our lovely families have kindly offered to open their business on Feb 11th with all proceeds being donated to the P&C. Thank you Malika and Mitch from With Love Tattoo

We are looking forward to a busy, fun and productive 2017.

SWIMMING CLUB NEWS

Scorpions Swimming Club is off to a flying start this term offering lessons, squads for the accomplished swimmer and our Fabulous Friday night Swim Club. Feel free to drop by on Friday evenings at 6pm. Club membership is offered at a huge discount of $15 for the remainder of the season (Term 1). Would be great to see you there!

Bunnings at Rocklea have assisted us to continuing serving tasty tea-time treats at Club night. Thank you Bunnings for supporting our recent BBQ purchase - it’s a beauty!

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Times
Fri 17th Feb 8:20am - 8:50am
Fri 3rd Mar 8:20 am - 8:50am
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 or contact the office. Amanda

PCYC NEWS

Hi everyone!

From all the staff and children at PCYC we welcome you all to 2017 and we hope you had a fantastic break! It’s been an exciting few weeks with all our new families and children joining the PCYC family this year.

WEEK 2 SNAPSHOT:
“The best part about coming back to PCYC is the food and seeing everyone again especially the Carers” — Oliver B. and Sebastian K.

This week we welcomed everyone back from a well-deserved break with lots of getting to know you games and a quick “Safety at PCYC” session. All children came up with important rules together and chose the final 9!

It has been a lot of fun meeting and getting to know your children this week and look forward to the rest of what 2017 is going to bring.

Here’s to a great 2017, a year of many exciting new adventures at PCYC Salisbury SAC.

WEEK 1 IN A SNAPSHOT:
We welcomed a few of our new friends to our PCYC Salisbury SAC family this week.

Dress ups and home corner play was a real hit last week with a bigger and better space for the children to enjoy. A HUGE thank you to all families who kindly donated items to the children’s new and improved Café.

Until next time.... The Salisbury SAC Team