

Salisbury Downs Primary School



Courage Good Manners

n Persistence Tolerance



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back

We welcome all students, families and staff back to Salisbury Downs Primary School for the 2021 school year.

We especially welcome the 54 new students and their families to our community and trust hope that the start to your new school has been a positive one.

It has been an extremely positive and busy start to the school year, with students (and staff!) getting back into routine and working hard on building a positive culture within the classes, units and across school.

We have started the year with a strong focus on the following areas that we believe support our students to build the foundation for success at school, and in life:

- Independence
- Good Manners

A fantastic example of independence that I have noticed, as I make my way around to the classes each morning, is watching our youngest students entering the classroom at the beginning of each day.

Simple things that we take for granted, like putting your bag, drink bottle and other items in the right place, and making your way to the carpet with limited adult support can be a big challenge.

The growth that they have shown in just over a week has been amazing.

We also welcome Miss Batten and Miss Jones, who are our 2 new staff members this year.

Miss Batten has come into a newly formed Curriculum Coordinator/Blue Unit teacher role. Miss Jones is working 3 days a week in the Yellow Unit, while Miss Wilkey continues her maternity leave.



Miss Batten



Miss Jones

SEESAW

After implementing the use of the Seesaw app as our major communication tool across the school last year, we found it to be a more efficient and effective way of communicating.

There was increased engagement between school and home and a huge reduction in printing and paper wastage.

Please ensure that you are connected to your child's class through Seesaw, as we will continue to use this as our main communication tool in the school.

Governing Council AGM

Our Governing Council AGM will be held on Monday of Week 9 (22nd March) from 3:30pm in the Orange Room.

We encourage new parents to come along to find out more about the year ahead.

We are also looking for some interested parents to join our Governing Council, to be involved in decision making for our school community.

The commitment is 2 meetings per term, Monday afternoons from 3:30pm.

Meetings usually last an hour or so.

Interviews (15th—19th March)

In a few weeks time you will be invited to make online bookings for interview times with your child's teachers. Further communication will be provided in the near future.



Community Chat



WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to 2021, We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

We are looking forward a great year with lots of fun and some awesome learning happening. The school year was kick started with the 'Ripples Program', a whole school social inclusion program with the aim to establish a positive classroom culture where students feel safe, have a sense of belonging, identity, independence and mastery.

The program was developed with a focus on topics such as Community Rights, our school values of Courage, Friendliness, Good Manners, Persistence, Tolerance and Compassion.

The students have participated in activities to help reinforce the school values and create common awareness and language, and the skills that help students to live, learn, work and play well.

There will be high focus on Anti-bullying which will continually be addressed throughout the year.

The core values and behaviour expectations that were introduced during the first two weeks will be continually revisited throughout the school year.

There will be expectations that the students will be code switching from holiday behaviour to appropriate school behaviour. Code switching is changing from one behaviour to another which can be taught and takes practise. We will be practising with the students—The right behaviour at the right time: in the right place! Code switching is a sign of respect for self and others and is an important tool in being part of a safe and productive community.

Looking forward to a great year.

Cheryl Taylor

WELLBEING COORDINATOR

Why Wear Uniforms??

Uniforms have for centuries represented belonging, values, traditions and expected codes of conduct. A uniform helps foster loyalty and pride and a unified group identity. It takes little to see that a uniform gives children the perfect mechanism to display that sense of belonging and encompass our school values.

Sports clubs proudly wear their uniforms and coaches will remind players of club values and the meaning behind the guernsey before sending them off to play proudly against the opposition.

The benefits of wearing uniforms

- **Increase students self esteem** because they do not have to participate in the 'school fashion show'. Dressing alike helps students learn that what really counts is on the inside.
- **Improve learning** by reducing distraction, sharpening focus on schoolwork and making the classroom a more serious environment.
- **Promote a sense of teamwork** and increase school spirit.
- **Mask the income difference** between families. All children dress the same, whether rich or poor.
- **Improve behaviour** and increase school attendance. Some students actually skip school to avoid embarrassment about their clothing.
- **Save families time and money.** Many parents report that three uniforms cost about the same as an expensive pair of designer jeans.
- **Help school staff** quickly identify outsiders who could be a danger to students.

Let us make it that a uniform stands for values, character and that extra something that comes not from going to school but proudly belonging to our specific school, Salisbury Downs Primary School. So we will be expecting all students at Salisbury Downs to be in our colour coded uniform as agreed upon by our Governing Council.

Our uniform is navy blue tops either plain or with our school logo on it and plain navy blue pants.



term planner

Term 1 2021

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Jan	PUPIL FREE DAY	AUSTRALIA DAY	Hats On		
	25	26	27	09	29
2 Feb					Ripples Assembly
	01	02	03	04	Newsletter 05
3 Feb	Governing Council Meeting	Reception Interviews			
	08	09	10	11	12
4 Feb					
	15	16	17	18	19
5 Feb					
	22	23	24	25	26
6 Mar					
	01	02	03	04	Newsletter 05
7 Mar	ADELAIDE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY				ANTI BULLYING DAY
	08	09	10	11	12
8 Mar		←	Interview Week	→	SAPSASA
	15	16	Dental For Schools	→	19
9 Mar	HARMONY DAY		6/7 Aquatics		
	Governing Council AGM	←	Dental For Schools	→	26
10 Mar/Apr				SAPSASA Morialta Excursion Yellow Unit	GOOD FRIDAY
	29	30	31	Newsletter 01	02
11 Apr	EASTER MONDAY				SPORTS DAY
	05	06	07	08	09

Salisbury Downs Primary School
Playgroup

In the Orange Room

Fridays 8.40 - 10.00am
 (During school term)

Ages 0-5

For more information call 8258 7560

Play
 Learn Connect
 Free to attend.
 Bring along a healthy snack!

DENTAL for SCHOOLS
 South Australia

YOUR SCHOOL DENTIST

We will be visiting Salisbury Downs Primary School to provide check-ups & onsite treatment. Meaning you don't have to skip school to see the dentist! Simply fill in your form to be a part of this incredible experience.

We will be visiting on the:
15th - 26th of March 2021

- Check-up & Clean**
 Have your teeth shining bright again! We will provide a check-up & professional clean. Here we will let you know if you need any further work.
- Goodie Bags**
 All participants receive a gift bag with essentials and some extra goodies, to say thank you! You will also have a take home report to follow throughout the year.
- Visit with friends**
 Take the stress out of your dental visit by visiting with your friends and classmates. Our vehicles are fitted with movies to watch while you wait.

Like and follow us on our socials to go in the draw to win an Oral B electric Toothbrush Kit!

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CANTEEN NEWS

Miss Vesna, who has managed our canteen fabulously for seven years, has won a position elsewhere and left us.

We thank Ves and wish her all the best for the future.

We welcome Miss Connie to our team. Connie has kindly stepped in to cover the position before it is advertised soon.

Miss Connie has volunteered in both the canteen and the library and many of you will be familiar with her smiling face!

Please note that there is a new canteen price list for 2021, with slight changes to some prices—look out for it on SeeSaw soon!

Please fill out your lunch order bags in either pen or text—lead pencil can be tricky to read!

Jem Calisthenics College

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For more information contact Sonia
 0417 826 563 or
 email: jemcalisthenics@gmail.com

Coming Events

Governing Council Meeting— Monday 8th February

Reception Interviews — Tuesday 9th February

ASSEMBLY — Friday 19TH February

Public Holiday— Monday 8th March



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