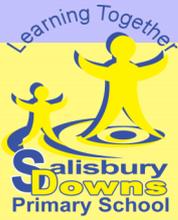


Salisbury Downs Primary School



Courage Good Manners Friendliness Compassion Persistence Tolerance



Newsletter No. 1 Term 1 Week 5 Date of Issue: Friday 4th March 2022



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2022 school year. Although the start to the year was a bit different, students returned to school and settled well into their classrooms. It meant we had to do things a bit differently but everyone got the job done. A special welcome to the new reception students, who started school this year. They have had a successful first two weeks and have quickly learnt the classroom and school routines. It was a shame that we couldn't welcome our parents into the classrooms like we would normally do, but the children showed how brave you can be. Even though they are only little, they took themselves to class with a little bit of help from the adults, when it was needed. A big thank you to our wonderful staff who worked through the many challenges of teaching and working in a different way. They designed and produced online lessons and hard copy learning packs, supported student learning at school and kept in contact with every student every day. Many thanks also to our families who supported their children to continue their learning at home and stay connected to their teacher. We know it wasn't always easy and really appreciate everything you have done. Don't forget that our See-Saw app now becomes a critical way of communicating with your child's teacher, particularly while restrictions are still in place.

NEW STAFF

We would like to welcome Fiona Reiman and Erin Reed to the Salisbury Downs community. Fiona will be teaching in G1 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and is our Literacy co-ordinator on the other two days. Erin is now in the role of Science teacher. Erin has taken the position that Kieran Eldridge held last year as he has moved into a year 5/6 classroom teaching role in the Blue Unit.

In the very near future we will be announcing a new teacher for year 1/2 students in G4. Karina Robinson has made the difficult decision to take her maternity leave earlier than was expected due to the outbreak of Coronavirus. On behalf of everybody in the community we wish Karina and Shane all the best for the birth of a little girl in the near future.



Fiona Reiman



Erin Reed

NEW FRONT OFFICE

Construction of our new front office space is well and truly on its way. This change has been a long time coming and will create 2 separate working spaces for front and back of school workings. It will allow for more space for both school staff and our parents in an inviting and functional setting. Once this is opened, it will also add another level of security to our site as all of our gates can be closed during the day. Students will enter the back of the building to their own dedicated counter when needed.

We will keep you up to date with the progress of this build



Front office progress



Community Chat



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, shorts, skirts or skorts Please help to support this and let's all be proud of our school.

Cheryl Taylor

WELLBEING COORDINATOR

COVID

As everyone would know, SDPS has had a large number of positive cases of Covid in both students and staff. In fact, I am currently sitting at home working, as I am Covid positive myself. In addition our Deputy Principal, Travis Renshaw is at home isolating due to being a close contact. Let's hope he doesn't return a positive test. Our Wellbeing Leader, Cheryl Taylor has also been away from work and only just returned. In addition this we have many teachers and support staff who cannot be at school due to various Covid impacts. This just shows the impact that this can have on all of us. I am doing as much as I can to support the school from home, but I do apologise if I cannot give the same attention to things as if I was on site. I would like to thank the wonderful team back at school for everything they are doing to keep SDPS smooth sailing.

This is a good time to remind ourselves that we need to keep ourselves safe and please make sure you don't come to school if you are feeling unwell and make sure you monitor any symptoms.

HAS ANYTHING CHANGED?

The Covid situation reminds us all that the contact between school and home very important. Have you changed address? Has your phone number/s changed? Does the school have your latest email address? We are continually updating our Family Information but need your assistance in keeping your information current. If any of your details have changed please let us know via the front office or your child's teacher.

Community News

GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council is the major parent decision making group in the school. The roles and responsibilities of the Council include approving and developing school policies, approving site improvement plans and helping to decide what will be the school's learning priorities, approving budgets, fundraising, hiring of facilities, supporting the development of the grounds and facilities, management of OSHC and most importantly finding ways to support our families to take part in their children's learning and the school. The Governing Council meets twice per term, currently after school on a Monday. You do not need to have any special qualifications etc. In fact, the more people who are able to join the Council, the more likely we are of being truly representative of our community. There are many vacancies on the Council this year. We have had a few parents show an interest in joining the Governing Council but we always welcome more. If you would like to nominate for Governing Council please phone the front office or attend the **Annual General Meeting on Monday 28th March 3:30 – 4:00 followed by a general meeting**. If you want to find out more information about the Governing Council please contact me via the front office.



SCHOOL MATERIALS & SERVICES FEES 2022

Please note that the fees have been set at the minimum amount of \$253 for 2022

The Front Office is open for payment between 8:30 and 3:30 Monday to Friday. Please remember that we offer various payment options to ease any financial burden for all families. Materials and Services Fees can be paid with Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS, and Bank deposit.

For those wanting to set up a bank deposit the details are as follows: (Please ensure your child's name and description e.g. fees are clearly stated on your description)

Bank: Westpac
Account Name: Salisbury Downs Primary School
BSB Number: 735-047
Account Number: 07-1284
Description e.g.: (Joe Blogs – 2022 fees)

If you would like to make payments via instalments please come into the office and fill out the Agreement for Payment by Instalments Form as soon as possible.

School Card – This scheme provides financial assistance to eligible families to cover the cost of education expenses.

School Card applications must be done every year. If you believe that you may be eligible for School Card, please return completed forms to office

For any enquiries regarding Material and Services Charges or School Card, please contact Tanya Hopkins in our front office.

HAT REMINDER:

Term 1 is a hat wearing term. We have given children some 'back to school' time to get organised and settled, but now it is time to make sure that everyone has a hat and is wearing it outside. Wearing hats 3 out of 4 terms has always been part of the SDPS SUNSMART policy. Hats are also a requirement for PE, and any outdoor activities. Children cannot play without a hat and must remain underneath the shade of the veranda of the units. The shade does not include things such as trees, shadesails and so forth. If your child does not have a bucket style hat please purchase one from the front office for \$7.50. Teachers will send home reminders as needed. Thank you for your support in keeping children safe, cool and 'sunsmart'.



Salisbury Downs Primary School

Playgroup

in the Orange Room

Days 8.40 - 10.00am
(During school term)



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

Cancelled until further notice

Ages 0-5

For more information call 8258 7560



Salisbury Downs Preschool
has vacancies for 2022.

If your child is turning 4
before or on April 30th
please come and enrol them for
preschool as soon as possible.

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**GOVERNING COUNCIL
AGM– Monday 28th
March 3:30-4:00pm
Followed by an
ordinary meeting**

SAFETY CONCERNS
There are an increasing number of parents walking with their children or allowing their children to walk through the staff carpark. Our carparks, all carparks, should be considered a road. Please remind your children to keep to the paths when leaving the school grounds. Many children are of a height that drivers cannot easily see them and, although we encourage parents not to park in the staff carpark, we can have trades and couriers on site at end of school time.

Thank you!

Canteen News
**School Canteen is open
Tuesday– Friday**
Canteen accepts cash only

Coming Events
Public Holiday– Monday 14th March
Anti-bullying Day—Friday 18th March
Harmony Day—Monday 21st March
Sports Day– Thursday –14th April
Good Friday– Friday 15th April -
**AGM and Governing Council Meeting—Monday 28th
March 3:30-4:00**



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