



PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET

Welcome to Salisbury Heights Primary School

The consent forms listed below are required to be signed and returned to the school:

- Student Internet and ICT code of conduct
- General permission slip/walks/photos
- Student code of conduct

Information about the school is available on the website www.shps.sa.edu.au this includes policies.

Please ensure you provide a current email address and mobile phone number as we use both of these for communication. The newsletters are emailed and SMS is used for reminders and messages.

The booklet included provides information about the daily running and organisation of the school.

If you have any further questions please make an appointment with the Principal Katherine Holman.

SCHOOL DAY

- 8.35 Teacher on Duty
- 8.40 Classrooms open
- 8.50 Lessons Start
- 10.40 Recess
- 11.00 Lessons Start
- 12.40 Children eat lunch
- 12.50 Lunch Play
- 1.20 Lessons start
- 3.00 Dismissal

Bank Days:

Commonwealth: Thursdays

Newsletter:

Fridays-odd weeks

Assembly:

Wednesdays- 9.00 am

Items to be completed and returned :

- Student Code of Conduct
- Permission form
- Using the School Computer network and Internet

More School Information

- Canteen Price List
- School Account (EFTPOS available)
- School Bank - please see front office for form
- School Plan
- Uniform Price List
- Dental Clinic Phone Number 82509254

ACCIDENTS AND SICKNESS

Minor first aid can be treated at school. In the case of major injury or acute illness an ambulance will be called out and parents immediately notified.

If children become sick at school, parents will be contacted and requested to collect their child from school. Students who are collected early must be signed out in the front office.

We appreciate prompt notification of change of contact details in order to contact you as quickly as possible.

If children are unwell it is strongly advised they do stay at home to recover.

ASSEMBLIES

Whole school assemblies play an integral part in developing a school ethos and provide opportunities for students to present information before an audience

Whole school assemblies are conducted every Wednesday in the hall. Parents are always welcome to attend.

ATTENDANCE

The school monitors attendance and lateness. Parents are required to send a note to the teacher to explain the child's absence. It is a legal requirement that we record reasons for absence and lateness.

Long periods of absence due to family reasons eg vacation need to be negotiated with the Principal.

Children, who leave before 2.15, will be recorded as being absent for half of the day. All 'Early Departures' are recorded.

Parents of students arriving late or leaving early need to sign in or out at the Front Office.

BANKING

Children are able to bank at school with either Bank SA or the Commonwealth Bank. Books are collected in the classrooms. Bank SA to finance office and Commonwealth to resource centre.

Please check the Appendix Sheet for the relevant days. Forms are available from the front office.

CANTEEN

Our canteen follows the DECD healthy eating guidelines.

The school canteen is available for lunches and recess snacks.

There are Canteen Managers to co-ordinate the canteen, but volunteer helpers are required to prepare and serve food.

Ordering and payment of lunches is completed in the canteen before school. The Canteen does not sell products before school. Prepared lunches are delivered to the classrooms at the appropriate time.

The menu and price list is included in this package and further copies may be obtained from the canteen or school office.

If parents/caregivers can spare some time to assist in the Canteen as a volunteer helper, please see the Canteen Manager or leave your name and telephone number at the school office. Volunteers are always needed.

COLLECTION OF MONEY

Payments of money are made at the finance office before school or through the class teacher if necessary. Payments can be made by parents at other times using payment envelopes, change if needed and a receipt will be issued the next day and returned to your child. The Finance Officer is available in the finance office from 8.30am - 9.30am and from 2.30pm - 3.15pm. EFTPOS is also available for payments

CUSTODY

Please notify the principal regarding any specific custody arrangements that may exist. The principal must sight the relevant legal documentation otherwise either parent may have access to their child(ren).

All information supplied is kept confidential and only discussed with relevant school personnel.

DENTAL CLINIC

All school children are entitled to free dental treatment at the SA Dental Service located at the Hollywood Plaza, Salisbury Downs.

For any information or change of appointment times, please contact the Clinic on 8250 9254.

DOGS AT SCHOOL

While we understand that most dogs are friendly pets, for the safety of our students, staff and school community, dogs are not permitted on school grounds unless they are visiting with their owners as part of a special school program.

FEEES

School Fees are set annually by the Governing Council and are payable at the beginning of the school year or at the commencement of your child's term. Payments by instalments can be arranged by contacting the finance office.

School Card applications are available from the Schools' Finance Officer, who can provide further details of fees etc.

All enquiries are treated in confidence.

It would be appreciated if payment of the voluntary gap could be made once School Card approval has been granted.

EFTPOS is available for payments

HOT WEATHER POLICY

As all classrooms are air-conditioned, there will be no whole school early dismissal during hot weather.

When the temperature is predicted to be 37 degrees or more at **(Elizabeth)** weather temperatures will be monitored as to whether play will be outside. When the temperature is 38 degrees or above students will remain in air-conditioned classrooms at break time.

All lunches and drinks are kept inside the buildings. All classrooms have access to a fridge.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Children who are ill with an infectious disease are not to attend school. The recommended minimum exclusion periods from school are as follows:

CHICKEN POX: Stay at home for not less than 5 days, exclude until fully recovered.

CONJUNCTIVITIS: Stay at home until there is no discharge.

GERMAN MEASLES - RUBELLA: Stay at home for 4 days after the appearance of the rash or until a medical certificate of recovery has been obtained. Because of possible effect on pregnant women, please notify the school immediately German Measles has been diagnosed.

HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE: Stay at home until all the blisters have dried.

HEADLICE: Stay at home until the infection has been treated. It may be necessary to repeat treatment after 7 days.

IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES): Stay at home until the sores heal or are treated and properly covered with a dressing.

INFECTIVE HEPATITIS: Stay at home until a medical certificate of recovery is obtained and not before 7 days.

INFLUENZA: Stay at home until the symptoms have disappeared.

MEASLES: Stay at home for not less than 5 days from the appearance of the rash or until a medical certificate of recovery is obtained.

MUMPS: Stay at home for not less than 9 days, exclude until fully recovered.

PAVOVIRUS (Slapface): Not infectious once the rash appears. Children do not need to be excluded from school.

RINGWORMS: Stay at home unless the ringworm is treated and covered.

SCABIES: Stay at home until the day after treatment has commenced.

WORMS: When threadworms are present, treat the whole family with a worm medicine. Repeat in 2 weeks.

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that all children's personal belongings e.g. clothing, books, hats etc are clearly marked.

Lost Property, which cannot be identified, is stored in the front office. Unclaimed property is regularly donated to charity.

MEDICATION

A doctor must complete a confidential Health Care Plan form if a student must take medication in school time under staff supervision.

We would like to remind parents that any medication taken for the 1st time can cause a reaction at any time, and is best taken at home.

Any medication stored at school must not be expired and in original packaging from pharmacy.

MOBILE PHONES

Student mobile phones will need to be handed into the class teacher so they can be locked away during school times.

If parents need to be contacted during the day for any reason this will occur through classroom teachers or office staff.

We ask all parents and caregivers to revisit with their children appropriate use of mobile phones. Children are not to take photographs of other students without their permission. It is a good idea for parents and caregivers to regularly check the way their children are using the Internet and phones and make sure There are rules; guidelines and supervision.

NEWSLETTERS

School Newsletters form an important part of school parent communication.

The newsletter is emailed to all parents who provide an email address. It is also published on the school website www.shps.sa.edu.au and can be down loaded. A copy can be collected from the front office. Any special arrangements please see the front office.

NO HAT NO SUN POLICY

As part of our school's "No Hat - No Sun" Policy, all children must wear a wide brimmed hat in terms 1 and 4, for activities where they are exposed to the sun, including recess and lunchtimes.

Students without a suitable hat must stay in a designated shaded area in terms 1 and 4.

Hats are not required in terms 2 and 3.

NO SMOKING

It is DECD policy that schools are non-smoking environments.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

This facility is available for parents and caregivers both before school and after school. The income level of the families determines costs. A director is employed by the school governing council to manage the centre and parents and caregivers form a management committee to support the running of the OSHC.

A Vacation Care Program also operates from the centre in the school holidays. Enrolment forms are available from the OSHC building.

PARKING

Please adhere to parking regulations around the school. The Salisbury Council may fine people for parking infringements.

The Staff car park is not to be used for dropping off or collecting children.

POLICIES

All school policies are available from the school website (www.shps.sa.edu.au) All policies are passed and reviewed by the Governing Council and staff. Copies are available on request.

RECEPTION INTAKE

From 2014, South Australia will have the same first day of school for all children - the beginning of Term One. Having the same first day of school will ensure that every child is guaranteed four terms of Reception before they go on to the rest of their primary schooling. It will also mean a more stable environment for children with fewer changes to classes throughout the year.

Where a child turns five before May 1, they will start school on the first day of Term One of that year. Where a child turns five on or after May 1 they will start school on the first day of Term One the following year.

The minimum age for starting school will be four years and eight months from 2014. This change brings SA into line with other states and territories.

Proof of Age- at the time of enrolment parent/guardians are required to provide proof of their child's birth age. The following documents will be accepted by schools in this regard: Passport or Birth Certificate or Official Centrelink documentation stating the child's name and birth date.

REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

Our reporting system is based around:

- An Information Night early in term 1
- Parent/Teacher Interviews twice a year
- Mid Year Report in term 2 and End of Year Report in term 4

The timing of these will be advised through the School Newsletter or circulars.

If you have any concerns about your child's progress during the year, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher.

RESOURCE CENTRE

The Resource Centre has computerised catalogue and borrowing facilities available for children, parents and teachers.

Students are able to borrow before and after school, at lunch times and at times organised by the class teacher. Parents are welcome to assist their children before and after school.

There are a number of books, videos and other materials that may be of interest to parents. You are most welcome to borrow these for home use. Borrowed materials are to be returned to the 'Returns' box in the Resource Centre.

Students are encouraged to use a library bag to transport their books.

SCHOOL BUS

Children who live at Hillbank are able to use a SERCO bus that picks up from, and delivers students to, a School Bus Stop on Target Hill Road.

Although this is not a DECD bus, students are expected to behave in a responsible, safe and considerate manner and parents are encouraged to support this expectation.

SHPS GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council is comprised of elected parent members, two staff representatives and the Principal.

Members are elected at the Annual General Meeting for a two-year term.

Meetings are held 2 x per term on Tuesday week 3 and Week 8 from 7:30 to 9:00pm

SCHOOL CROSSING

The school crossing on Target Hill Road has been provided to ensure the safety of all people. Students are expected to use this crossing and parents are reminded to set a positive example for children by using the crossing at all times.

Senior students are trained by the Police Traffic Division to act as monitors and many of them volunteer to be on a roster to operate the crossing before and after school.

SCHOOL WATCH

Salisbury Heights Primary School is part of the School Watch Program. Community Members are asked to report any inappropriate behaviour that they see e.g. vandals, graffiti etc to the police by dialing 131 444

SPORTS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: All classes R-7 conduct regular classroom Physical Education activities and fitness sessions.

S.A.P.S.A.S.A.: (South Australian Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association). Our school is a member of the local district and we participate in special events and carnivals during the year. These include athletics and swimming

SPORTS DAY:
Held annually with whole school involvement.

SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY:
This is part of our school's Physical Education Program and all children are required to participate. Students up to Year 6 take part in a week's program at the Elizabeth Aquadome. Students in Year 7 are involved in an aquatics program.

Times and other details are advised through separate notices.

STAFFING / CLASS SIZES

The school's staffing and class sizes are determined annually on a formula, which is set out by DECD

The placement of students into classes takes into consideration parent preference, staff recommendations, friendship groupings, gender balance and the student's special needs.

Parental requests for consideration are presented in writing to the Principal in term 4 each year.

Once classes have been formulated it is unlikely that changes will occur except in extenuating circumstances.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

The S.R.C. meets on a regular basis during school hours to enable the students to participate in decisions about our schools.

An SRC executive group (elected by staff from year 6/7 students) undertake a range of leadership roles within the school.

SRC class members are elected by students. The SRC organises the school Disco, student casual days and Charities Day.

All classes have regular meetings to enable them to hear reports from SRC meetings as well as providing them with the opportunity to provide items for discussion at these meetings.

STUDENT REVIEW TEAM (SRT)

The SRT manages special programs including.

- Special Education
- Negotiated Education Plans
- Hearing/Vision Impairment Support
- Speech and Language
- Aboriginal Student Learning
- English as a Second Language
- Year 1 Intervention Program
- Language and Literacy
- Reading/Literacy
- Reading Comprehension Program
- Maths/Numeracy

The SRT liaises with DECD support personnel and outside agencies.

Approval of parents is sought before students are assessed and placed on support programs. Parents are always welcome to contact the school to discuss the progress of their children if they are on any of the above programs.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Yard supervision is provided in the school grounds 15 minutes prior to the commencement of lessons and for 15 minutes after dismissal. Outside these supervised times children may be placed at risk if on the school grounds.

An Out of Hours Care Centre operates within the school to cater for children who need to be supervised outside these hours.

Children waiting to be collected after school need to have a clear understanding of how they are being collected and if there are problems they must come to the office.

To further ensure the safety of children, teachers must be notified personally or in writing of any changes to the child's normal routine.

Parents/caregivers collecting students early need to sign in at the Front Office and collect a green note to give to the teacher.

UNIFORM

Students are expected to wear the school uniform. The uniform policy can be accessed on the website.

School broad brimmed hats, are available for purchase from the front office. Approved hats must be worn at recess and lunch times. Iron on logos are available for windcheaters from the front office. Uniform tops are ordered once per term.

VACATION APPROVALS

If students are to be absent for one week or more for a vacation, then a form needs to be completed. The principal approves absences from one week to four weeks. Vacation

absences longer than four weeks need to be approved by DECD.

Please collect and fill out a vacation notice form which is available at the Front Office or from the class teacher.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

As part of our school policy and Workforce Health and Safety (WHS) procedures, all visitors to our schools are expected to sign the visitors' book at the Front Office and collect a visitor's badge to wear for the duration of the visit.

This does not apply to parents delivering or collecting their students at the start and the end of the school day.

Visitors must sign out before leaving the school.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are an integral part of our school. Your participation in the work of the school is valued and greatly appreciated.

It is DECD policy that parents and guardians who volunteer to directly support their own child will no longer require a Department for Communities and Social Inclusion Child Related Employment Screening clearance (DCSI CRES). This will mean many of our volunteers can help out sooner. The DCSI CRES is the only screening clearance accepted by DECD.

A CRES clearance is still necessary for Governing Council members, parents and guardians who are volunteering at school camps and sleepovers, as well as those hosting billets and home stay students. Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and other community members also need a clearance to volunteer in schools. As has always been the case, screening clearance is not needed to attend single events or activities at our school. These include concerts, fundraisers, swimming week or sports day. The school keeps a record of those volunteers who hold a CRES clearance and their expiry dates

A volunteer's information pack is available from the front office which includes an application for clearance if required. DCSI CRES clearances could take up to 6 months to be approved and are valid for a period of 3 years. The school pays the fee for this and there is no cost incurred by the volunteer.

The school's administrative staff need to know who is in the school at any one time, especially in cases of emergency, so you will be required to "sign in" at the front office and "sign out" on your departure. Records of your work with students may also be kept to monitor their progress.