



SALISBURY HEIGHTS

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NEWSLETTER



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Diary Dates 2017

| Term 1 | |
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| 3 rd -7 th Apr | Interview Week |
| 4 th Apr | Late Night Interviews |
| 5 th Apr | Academic Improvement Awards |
| 12 th Apr | Academic Excellence Awards |
| 13 th Apr | End of Term 1 – Sausage Sizzle - 2pm Dismissal |
| 14 th Apr | Easter Good Friday |
| Term 2 | |
| 1 st May | Start of Term 2 |
| 9 th -11 th May | NAPLAN |
| 16 th May | Governing Council |
| 19 th May | Cross Country Meet |
| 26 th May | Sports Day |
| 2 nd June | Tour of School |
| 6 th June | School Photographs |
| 8 th June | School Photo Mop Up Day |
| 9 th June | Pupil Free Day |
| 12 th June | Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday |
| 14 th June | Athon |
| 20 th June | Governing Council |
| 21 st June | Social Responsibility Awards |
| 28 th June | Academic Improvement Awards |
| 5 th July | Academic Excellence Awards |
| 7 th July | End of Term |

Assembly Class Items for your Diary

| Term 1 | | |
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| 10 | 5 th | Rooms 26, 28 & 31 |
| 11 | 12 th | Awards Only |

From the Principal – Katherine Holman

Next week is Parent Teacher Interviews. This is a really important opportunity for you to discuss your child / children's learning with their teacher/ teachers. It also gives you information of how you might be able to support learning at home and give the teachers any information that might be helpful to support your child / children to achieve their best. It also allows you to clarify any issues that may have arisen over the term such as homework expectations or any other routine or procedure that you are unclear about.

We have had a great take up of booking on line for interviews. If you have not managed to get onto SENTRAL please see Pauline at the front office and she will support you to set up your access. After Friday you will need to see the teacher directly to book any interview times as the registration period closes at 5.00pm on the 31st of March.

Seesaw program

Several of our classes have set up class seesaw pages. This is a closed forum that allows the teacher to share information with the parents in their class. It allows the teacher to communicate with photographs and information with everyone in the class that has signed up or just with individuals. Parents can also post comments, however these need to be approved by the teacher prior to them being posted so they can be viewed by others. Parents can give permission for other family members to join for example grandparents. Tania Woolgar showed the Governing Council the program last week. The feedback from the Governing Council and parents who are on the program has been very positive with many families saying they are really enjoying seeing snippets of what is happening at school. Please let your class teacher know if you are enjoying the program and what it is you like about it. This information helps us improve our communication with families.

ATTENDANCE - Amber Arruzzolo – School Counsellor

As a school we are still continuing to focus on 'unexplained attendance and lateness'. Our process of sending home yellow notes (for absence) and purple notes (for lateness) to

families asking for explanations of absences continues to improve the attendance of individual students and our record keeping procedures.

This year we will continue focusing on students that regularly have a day off a week for example – as these regular absences add up quickly and students miss out on a large amount of their learning. Teachers will ring home after 3 days if you haven't contacted the school in the meantime. Please call the front office or send your child with a note on their return to school so that roll books can be amended.

Our process at the end of each term is to send a letter to families where children have had 5 or more days absent (explained or unexplained) documenting those absences. This is to highlight that this can become an excessive amount and keep people aware. Exempted absences are still included in this. We are aware of illness etc and it is a measure to inform families about total numbers of days.

We thank you in anticipation for your support in getting your children to school and on time.

A GUIDELINE OF HOW MUCH LEARNING TIME CAN BE MISSED WITH REGULAR ABSENCES:

| If your child misses.... | That equals.... | Which is..... | and over 13 years of schooling that's... |
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| 1 day per fortnight | 20 Days per year | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1.5 years |
| 1 day per week | 40 Days per year | 8 weeks per year | Over 2.5 years |
| 2 days per week | 80 Days per year | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 years |
| 3 days per week | 120 Days per year | 24 weeks per year | Nearly 8 years |

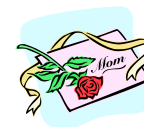
Parking

Can parents and caregivers please not park in front of or in private driveways of the schools neighbouring houses. Residents are continually frustrated because they can't get into or out of their driveways at school drop off and pickup times. Please show respect when parking and allow enough space so you don't restrict the residents from entering or exiting their premises.

Mother's Day Stall - Parents & Friends

ALERT! ALERT!

Parents and friends are once again planning the Mother's Day Stall for 2017.



We desperately need a person or people to coordinate our team of volunteers. We are also looking for people to join the group.

This has been a terrific service for the children and school community and we would not want to see it disappear.

Viv Petronio has done an excellent job of coordinating the Mothers and Father's Day Stalls in previous years and is wanting to had the role over. She is willing to support the new person/people by sharing her expertise.

Please contact the Front Office and leave your details if you are interested.

Commonwealth Student Banking Award Winners

Week 8 Room 10

Week 9 Room 10

Banking day is Thursday. Joining up is easy to do online or you can talk to our wonderful volunteers in the library on Thursday mornings from 9:00am.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING:

Entertainment Books – Sue McKee

The school is once again selling the Entertainment Books as a 2017 Fundraiser. The Entertainment Book is available in Hard Copy or Digital. This fundraiser brings \$14.00 from each book sold which goes to the school. Books will be available from the Finance Office for \$70.00 and will be on sale from Thursday Week 10, Term 1. Or simply go on line and order direct on the link for Salisbury Heights PS.

School Fees Are Now Overdue! - Sue Mckee

Material & Service Fees 2017 were due March 10th. Our Debt Collection Policy will now take effect. To avoid DECD Debt Recoveries being contacted please contact the Finance Office as soon as possible. Credit Card facilities are available. PayWay Application forms (Direct Debit) are only available until the end of this terms.

Part Payments: Thank you to families who have made arrangements with me regarding part payment of School Fees. Please remember it is

your responsibility to ensure payments are made on time.

School Card Applications.

Please return your School Card Application Form to the Finance Office asap.

If the School Card Unit have contacted you re: more information, mismatch information or you are not eligible and are appealing the decision please ensure you let me know so I can flag your school fees as pending. Re-assessment forms are now available from either the Finance Office or Front Office.

High School News – Hilary Brooks

On the last day of term 1, Thursday 13th April, your child will be bringing home their High School Application Form, ED 176. This form will inform you of the local High School in which your child will have a placement.

If you are intending to look outside your district please read the accompanying brochure which will outline the points that will be considered for change.

All forms **must** be returned to SHPS by 27th May.

Social Responsibility Awards

It was terrific to celebrate our students who received awards for Social Responsibility at this week's assembly.

These awards recognise children who use all their Program Achieve Keys and Habits of the Mind. These children are reliable and we can depend on them to be an asset to the classroom and show 'Excellence and Care' towards their class mates and school. The children who received this award were very excited.

Congratulations to.....

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| Bailee Kelly | Nikolaos Amanatidis | Jax Wilson |
| Vasiliki Zoumis | Chloe Atherton-Green | Riley Lucadei |
| Benjamin Pilkington | Tyler Mack | Jacob Yarrow |
| Tahana Chantrelle | Xavier Fryer | Rudraneel Saha |
| Oscar Trimper | Natasha Bartolo | Shay Pinnegar |
| Isabel Davis | Mitchell Zimmerman | |

Balancing Screen Time for Families –

Melissa Seccafien

This interactive workshop is designed to support your understanding of the effects of too much screen time on children and the impact on families.

In this workshop discover:

- The characteristics of a balanced family in our digital world

- When screen time is overused, the impact it has on the child and family
- How to develop healthy family boundaries
- An understanding of the safe use of social media

Cheche and afternoon tea provided

When: Wednesday 10th May

Where: Elizabeth Community Centre, 26 Hamblynn Road, Elizabeth Downs 5113

Time: 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Cost: FREE

For all bookings and enquiries please contact Jan Oliver at the City of Playford on 8256 0448.

Canteen Helpers – Weeks 10 & 11 – Mandie & Catherine

| Week 10 | |
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| Mon 3rd April | NOT OPEN |
| Tue 4th | Volunteers needed |
| Wed 5th | Volunteers needed |
| Thur 6th | Volunteers needed |
| Fri 7th URGENT | Volunteers needed for Hotdogs |
| Week 11 | |
| Mon 10th | NOT OPEN |
| Tue 11th | Volunteers needed |
| Wed 12th | Volunteers needed |
| Thur 13th | Volunteers needed |
| Fri 14th | Public Holiday - Easter |

Canteen News

Our Bi-Weekly Special for Weeks 10 & 11 will be Hot Roast Chicken Roll with gravy.

Easter Raffle

Tuesday week 10 to Tuesday week 11.

The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 12th April at assembly. Tickets from the canteen are 50c each or 5 of \$2.00.

A big thank you for the overwhelming donations towards our raffle.

The prizes look fantastic and we will have over 10 prizes.

Sausage Sizzle

This week we have sent out volunteer letters and order forms regarding the end of term Sausage Sizzle. If you have not received a copy or need a second we will have some left with the front office and at the canteen. We are aiming for at least 12 volunteers on the day. If you could lend us a hand it would be very much appreciated.

SRC –Amber Arruzzolo © – School Counsellor

We had our first SRC Meeting for the year. The SRC Reps from each class and the SRC Executives were excited to receive their badges at the meeting. In the meeting we talked about the rights and responsibilities of the SRC Reps in the yard and around the school and how to run a successful class meeting. I hope to meet with the students again before the end of the term – if not in the first week back.

The Year 5,6,7 Executives and SRC Reps are responsible for representing their classes, helping run whole school events like Sports Day, Assemblies, school tours etc. We look forward to a year of positive and proactive student voice.



SRC R-7



SRC EXECUTIVES



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Discover the Respite Possibilities**

“I’m an active 7 year old girl who is friendly, fun and caring. I love music, dancing and riding my bike, and never let having a disability stop me!

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