

Dates to Remember

Week 7

Monday 11th March
Public Holiday

Tuesday 12th March
Pupil Free Day

Week 7, 8 & 9

NAPLAN Testing

Week 9 & 10

Parent / Teacher
/Student
Conferences

Friday 29th April
Good Friday
Public Holiday

Week 10

Monday 1st April
Easter Monday
Public Holiday

Week 11

12th April
Early Dismissal
1:55pm

Term 1, Week 6 Assembly Award Recipients



A Note From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It's hard to believe that we're already half way through the first term of 2024!

Firstly, thank you to all the families who attended our Acquaintance Night and Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Week 5. It was a hot one, but it was great to see so many familiar faces and meet some new ones. Your involvement in our school community is greatly appreciated and we look forward to seeing you at future events.

A reminder that the new smoking bans stipulate that school grounds and within 10 metres of our boundary are smoke and vape free areas. SA Health launched an online portal for members of public to report breaches of this legislation. You'll find the link to this portal in the previous communication sent home last week. Thank you to all community members for being vigilant and supporting our school and its surrounds in being a smoke and vape free zone.

As many families would have noticed, the fence along the median strip of Bagster Road has been erected and is looking fantastic. This was over 12 months in the making and we love the increased level of safety that it provides for our students and families.

A Note From the Principal continued.....

Happy Haven OSHC have agreed to explore the need for an OSHC service among Salisbury North families. The proposed service would provide a bus service that would enable students to access the Happy Haven OSHC located at Riverdale Primary School. Happy Haven have created a short two question survey which has been emailed out to families in order to gather necessary data to begin operating. Please complete the survey at your earliest convenience!

I would also like to remind parents and guardians that the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing will begin on Wednesday of next week for Year 3 and Year 5 students. These tests provide important information on your child's academic progress and it is important that they attend school on the scheduled testing days. Please ensure that your child is well rested and has a healthy breakfast on these days.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. Together, we can create a vibrant and thriving learning community for our students.

Monday and Tuesday of next week are the Adelaide Cup public holiday and student free day. Enjoy a safe and restful long weekend. See you back at school on Wednesday 13th of March.



Sincerely,
Stefan Parente

A Note from the Student Wellbeing Leader

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PASTORAL CARE WORKER (PCW)

KOUNKIA (KOOKIE) HEAN

My name is Kounkia, but you can call me kookie and I'm the Pastoral Care Worker here at Salisbury North Primary School. This year, I will be working Wednesday and Thursday. A little bit about me is I love playing basketball and footy so you can always find me at the oval or courts. One thing I'm passionate about is I love being creative, whether that is graphic design, photography or fashion. I'm super keen to meet everyone and to see young people grow in their learning and character.



A Note from the Assistant Principal

Dear families,

I would like to take this opportunity to provide some information about the readers your child may be receiving for practise at home. There is a specific purpose for the type of reader your child is receiving which I will explain in this piece.



We are using an evidence-based synthetic phonics approach to learning to read. This means that your child will learn phonics skills in a sequential and systematic way during class time. They will learn the 44 sounds in the English language along with the letters that represent those sounds. As they learn new sounds and letters, they will apply this knowledge through reading enjoyable books called 'decodable books'. Once teachers feel confident students know their sounds, a book will go home that contains these sounds, so students are able to practise.

What are decodable books?

Decodable books only contain words that can be read using the skills the students have been taught up to that point. For example, the first set of books the children read (in our program) is based on only needing to know the sounds for the letters s a t p i n. Therefore, only words using these sounds are used in the books. The only exception to this would be the use of some high-frequency words that may not be easily decodable at that point but are required for the sentence. For the next set of books, children also learn the sounds for the letters c, h, e, r, m, d. They continue in this way until all 44 sounds have been learnt, practising their new phonics knowledge as they go. As children progress higher up through the program, they learn different spellings for sounds they have already learnt (alternative spellings).

Decodable readers are best because students have the sound knowledge to confidently 'attack' the word and attempt to sound out as they can recognise the sounds, having learnt them in our phonology lesson at school. When a child is expected to read books that are not decodable, they often become frustrated and start guessing words, thereby developing poor reading strategies.

Reading the same reader

When ready, children must be taught knowledge of letters and sounds and the skills of sounding and blending. But this is not enough to know how to read.

The knowledge and skills must be practised over and over to achieve mastery. We provide the same reader over several nights so students can become fluent in reading the words. The aim is to have them sounding out the words less and less each time they read. This is part of building their word recognition and word reading fluency.

How can you help?

To support the learning in the classroom, we recommend listening to your child read every school night. It only takes a minimum of 5 to 10 minutes a night. If you are struggling to get your child to read at home, start by getting them to read only a page and slowly increase the amount. Learning to read, is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children.



Brooke Scott
Assistance Principal

A Note from the Student Wellbeing Leader



Did you know Salisbury North Primary School is a partnership school of The Smith Family?

At The Smith Family, we believe that education is one of the world's most powerful change agents. That's why we focus on helping young Australians to overcome educational inequality caused by poverty.

As a national, independent charity, every day we work with thousands of children and their families to help them unlock better futures for themselves.

We offer a Learning for Life program to support students to participate fully in their education. This is done by providing innovative, evidence-based programs and emotional, practical and financial support through their schooling and tertiary education.

If you are interested, please speak with Vicki who can assist you in being referred.

New Flags

On Tuesday of week 6, we had Matt Burnell, a Federal member of Parliament come to Salisbury North to present brand new flags to our school. The SWAT members met with Matt to hoist our counties flags with pride.

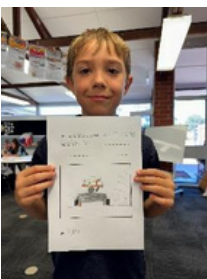
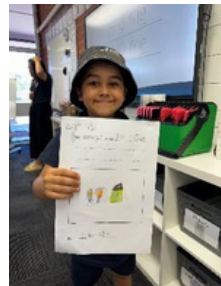
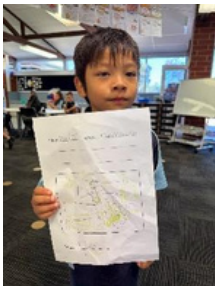
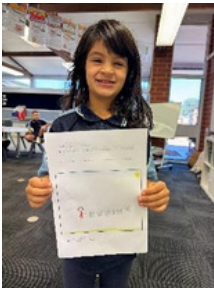
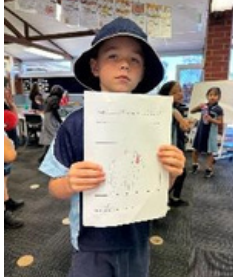


Vicki Warrick
Student Wellbeing Leader



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In G1, we have been learning about our emotions and when we might feel those emotions throughout the day.



School Events & Other News



In Word Study lessons, we have been learning to write sentences using our spelling list words and including conjunctions.



In Paired Reading Fluency we are focussing on reading with accuracy expression, and rate.



In Numeracy warm-ups, we review past topics to make sure we have learnt it.



What's been happening this term in

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At the end of the week we have Friday Fun to celebrate our positive behaviour.



By the Year 3s and Mrs Dokas



School Events & Other News



On Tuesday a few of our students went on a Go Foundation excursion to the Adelaide Zoo.



Term 1 Events Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	29th January	30th January	31st January	1st February	2nd February
	Assembly	Premier Reading Challenge Begins			
Week 2	5th February	6th February	7th February	8th February	9th February
Week 3	12th February	13th February	14th February	15th February	16th February
	Assembly				
Week 4	19th February	20th February	21st February	22nd February	23rd February
Week 5	26th February	27th February	28th February	29th February	1st March
		Acquaintance Night Governing Council AGM			
Week 6	4th March	5th March	6th March	7th March	8th March
	Assembly Aquatics - Year 6	Road Crossing Monitor Training Yrs 5/6			International Women's Day
Week 7	11th March	12th March	13th March	14th March	15th March
	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	Pupil Free Day	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN
Week 8	18th March	19th March	20th March	21st March	22nd March
	NAPLAN	NAPLAN SANFL & AFL Incursion Rec to Year 2 Yr 6 Nunga Charter Ambassador Program	NAPLAN Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm -7:30pm	NAPLAN Harmony Day	NAPLAN
Week 9	25th March	26th March	27th March	28th March	29th March
	NAPLAN RAA Street Smart for Students Assembly Parent Teacher Conferences	RAA Street Smart for Students SANFL & AFL Incursion Rec to Year 2 Parent Teacher Conferences	RAA Street Smart for Students Parent Teacher Conferences	Parent Teacher Conferences	Good Friday Public Holiday
Week 10	1st April	2nd April	3rd April	4th April	5th April
	Easter Monday Holiday	Parent Teacher Conferences RAA Street Smart for Students SANFL & AFL Incursion Rec to year 2	Parent Teacher Conferences	Parent Teacher Conferences	Parent Teacher Conferences
Week 11	8th April	9th April	10th April	11th April	12th April
		SANFL & AFL Incursion Rec to Year 2			End of Term Early Dismissal 1:55pm

Term 2 Events Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	29th April	30th April	1st May	2nd May	3rd May
	Assembly				Year 5/6 Nunga RAAF excursion
Week 2	6th May	7th May	8th May	9th May	10th May
		Nature Play SA Incursion			
Week 3	13th May	14th May	15th May	16th May	17th May
	Assembly		Mid Year Receptions visit & Parent Information Session 9am - 10:30am		
Week 4	20th May	21st May	22nd May	23rd May	24th May
			Mid Year Receptions visit 9am - 11:25am & Parent Information Session 9am - 9:45am Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30 pm		
Week 5	27th May	28th May	29th May	30th May	31st May
			Mid Year Reception Visit 9am - 12pm		
Week 6	3rd June	4th June	5th June	6th June	7th June
	Assembly		Mid Year Reception Visit 9am - 12pm		Pupil Free Day
Week 7	10th June	11th June	12th June	13th June	14th June
	Kings Birthday Public Holiday			Nunga Go Foundation Excursion	
Week 8	17th June	18th June	19th June	20th June	21st June
		School Photo Day	Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30 pm	School Photo Day Catch Up	
Week 9	24th June	25th June	26th June	27th June	28th June
	Assembly				
Week 10	1st July	2nd July	3rd July	4th July	5th July
	NAIDOC Week	NAIDOC Week	NAIDOC Week	NAIDOC Week	NAIDOC Week Early Dismissal 1:55pm

Term 3 Events Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	22nd July	23rd July	24th July	25th July	26th July
	Assembly			Life Education	Life Education
Week 2	29th July	30th July	31st July	1st August	2nd August
	Life Education	Life Education	Life Education	Life Education	Life Education
Week 3	5th August	6th August	7th August	8th August	9th August
	Assembly				
Week 4	12th August	13th August	14th August	15th August	16th August
			Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30pm		
Week 5	19th August	20th August	21st August	22nd August	23rd August
Week 6	26th August	27th August	28th August	29th August	30th August
	Assembly SSO Week	SSO Week	SSO Week	SSO Week	Pupil Free Day
Week 7	2nd September	3rd September	4th September	5th September	6th September
			Year 5/6 Camp	Year 5/6 Camp	Year 5/6 Camp
Week 8	9th September	10th September	11th September	12th September	13th September
			Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30pm		Sports Day
Week 9	16th September	17th September	18th September	19th September	20th September
	Assembly	Nunga Go Foundation Excursion			
Week 10	23rd September	24th September	25th September	26th September	27th September
					Early Dismissal 1:55pm

Term 4 Events Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	14th October	15th October	16th October	17th October	18th October
	Assembly				
Week 2	21st October	22nd October	23rd October	24th October	25th October
			World Teachers Day		
Week 3	28th October	29th October	30th October	31st October	1st November
	Assembly		2025 Reception Visit & Parent Information Session 9am - 10:30am		
Week 4	4th November	5th November	6th November	7th November	8th November
			2025 Reception Visit 9am- 11:25am Parent Information Session 9am - 9:45am Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30pm		
Week 5	11th November	12th November	13th November	14th November	15th November
	Remembrance Day		2025 Reception Visit 9am - 12pm		
Week 6	18th November	19th November	20th November	21st November	22nd November
	Assembly		2025 Reception Visit 9am - 12pm		
Week 7	25th November	26th November	27th November	28th November	29th November
	Pupil Free Day	Nunga Go Foundation Excursion		Twilight School Concert	School Closure Day
Week 8	2nd December	3rd December	4th December	5th December	6th December
			Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30 pm		
Week 9	9th December	10th December	11th December	12th December	13th December
	Assembly		Student Moving Up Day	Year 6 Graduation	End of Year Disco Early Dismissal 1:55pm