

Dates to Remember

Week 6

SSO Week

Friday 30th August
Pupil Free Day

Week 8

Wednesday 11th
September
Governing Council
Meeting
5:45pm - 7:30pm

Friday 13th September
Sports Day

Week 9

Tuesday 17th September
Go Foundation
Excursion

Friday 20th September
SAPSASA Tag Rugby

Week 10

Friday 27th September
Last Day of Term
Early Dismissal 1:55pm

Congratulations to our Term 3, Week 6 Assembly Award Recipients !



A Note From the Principal

Hi Salisbury North Primary School Community,

Can you believe it's already Week 6? The term is flying by!

A huge thank you to all the families who came out to our Book Week celebrations and morning tea. The student work in the library looks fantastic and has really brightened up the space. It's wonderful to see so much creativity on display!

We've also been working on some new signage for around the school. After getting feedback from the Governing Council, staff, and students, we've finalised the designs and are really happy with the outcome. We're hoping to have the new signs up by next term.



A Note From the Principal continued.....



Uncle Robbie and Aunty Deb have translated the names of our main learning areas into Kaurna, which will also be included on the signage. They are also working with our Aboriginal students to rename the Nunga Room. We're seeking a name that displays the proud culture of our Nunga Students while reflecting the use of the room and how students and community members feel when they come into the space. We'll be seeking community and staff feedback on the name soon, so keep an eye out!

Exciting news for our Junior Primary nature play space—we've partnered with Simon from Climbing Tree Creations. He's already begun working with our students and staff to gather some initial ideas for his design. The kids had some fantastic suggestions including cubbies, sand, and water play areas. Simon will now create a base design and return for further consultation, which we'll then share with the wider community. It's shaping up to be an amazing space for our kids! See the photos below to see how our primary and junior primary students worked together to work through this process together.



There's lots of exciting things happening around the school, and we'll keep you updated along the way. Thanks for your continued support!

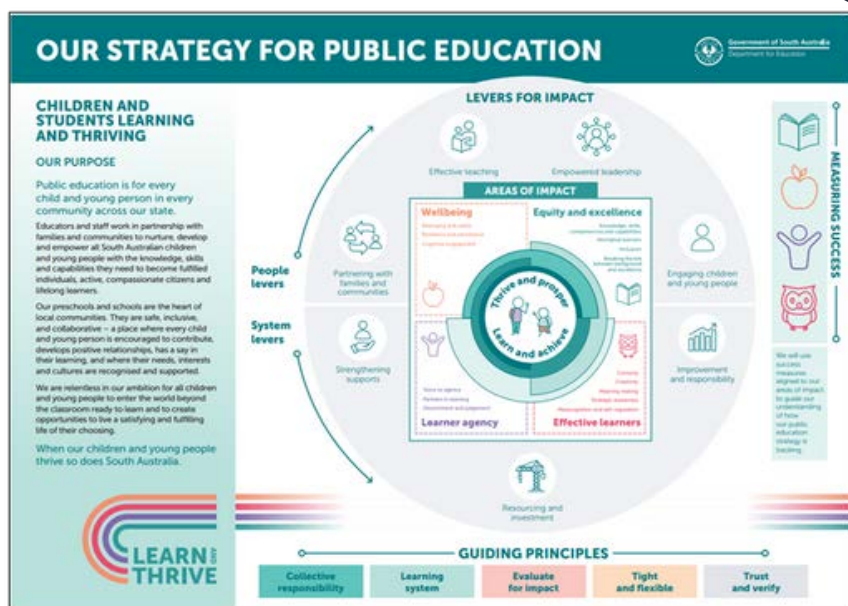


Kind regards,
Stefan Parente



The DfE Strategy for Public Education at SNPS

The Department for Education (DfE) has rolled out its new strategy for public education. It puts students at the centre and its tag line is "Children and Students Learning and Thriving". There are 4 Areas of Impact (AOI) which are Equity and Excellence, Wellbeing, Learner Agency and Effective Learners. This model considers all students needs and allows us to make decisions that support our students and community best. To help familiarise staff with the new strategy, we decided to reflect on initiatives that we're proud of and that have had a positive impact on our students.



Together, we analysed and reorganised the feedback into the Areas of Impact and domains to create "Learning and Thriving at Salisbury North" documents, which will be proudly displayed in the Staff Room and around the school. It was a fantastic way to celebrate the positive impact staff, students and community members are already having and reflect on what a special place Salisbury North PS truly is. Keep an eye out for these posters in the front office area soon!

Staff then used the Area of Impact action cards to reflect upon strengths and areas to work on, considering potential quick wins and long-term initiatives. Leadership is analysing this feedback, little by little, each Leadership Meeting, which has proved helpful to understand staff perception and consider next steps for our site.

Long term, our current site focus areas of Academic Achievement, Student Support and School Culture will be used alongside the Strategy and provide the bedrock for our site's updated mission statement, which we will create alongside students, staff and the community.

Watch this space for how we will move forward with this Strategy together!



A Note from the Assistant Principal

Next week is the beginning of PAT Testing. As we approach this testing period for the PAT Maths and PAT Reading, I would like to provide you with an understanding of what these tests are and how they play a role in supporting your child's educational growth.

What Are PAT Maths and PAT Reading Tests?

The PAT (Progressive Achievement Tests) are standardised assessments designed to measure student performance in key areas of learning. Specifically, PAT Maths focuses on mathematical skills and knowledge, while PAT Reading assesses reading comprehension and literacy abilities. These tests are used across various schools to gauge how well students are progressing in these fundamental areas.

Testing Period

This year, our PAT testing will occur from Week 7 to Week 10 of this term. During this time, students will complete these assessments under standard conditions. The tests are carefully timed and designed to be age-appropriate, ensuring that each student's performance is a true reflection of their abilities and understanding.

How We Use the Results

The insights gained from PAT Maths and PAT Reading help us support and enhance your child's educational journey. Here's how we use the results:

1. Tracking Growth: The PAT assessments provide a clear picture of each student's progress over time. By comparing current results with previous ones, we can identify areas where a student has shown achievement and growth and areas where additional support may be needed. Achievement is a point-in-time measure that evaluates how well students perform against a standard. In contrast, progress is measured by how much "growth" students make over time, typically from one year to the next. Both measures are important, but they provide different information which we will be looking at in relation to our site.

2. Informing Instruction: Teachers use PAT results to tailor their instructional strategies to better meet the needs of each student.

3. Setting Goals: The data from these assessments helps us set realistic and achievable goals for each student. By understanding their strengths and areas for improvement, we can work together to set objectives that encourage further learning and development.

A Holistic Approach to Assessment

It's important to note that PAT Maths and PAT Reading are just one part of our comprehensive approach to monitoring student growth. In addition to these assessments, we use a variety of other methods to gain a well-rounded understanding of each student's progress.

Preparing for the test

Please encourage your child to approach the tests with a positive attitude, reminding them that these assessments are just one way to help us understand their learning journey. Please also ensure they get a good night's sleep before their test days to help them stay focused.

We appreciate your continued support and involvement in your child's education. If you have any questions about the PAT Maths and PAT Reading tests, please feel free to speak with your classroom teacher or myself.



Kind Regards,
Brooke Scott

Student Support Services Parent Forum Survey

Student Support Services at the Para Hills Education Office works with preschools and schools where there are children and young people who have particular educational support needs. To further support parents and families, we are planning a series of free, accessible parent forums to help inform and support parents and the local community on a range of topics including supporting children with a disability and complex behaviour.

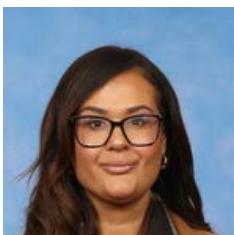
To ensure we provide the most relevant and useful sessions we ask that you complete a short online survey by scanning the QR code below.



Thank you for taking the time to complete this short survey.

A Note from the Student Wellbeing Leader

Throughout Week 5, a colouring in competition was run in the library at play times. Congratulations Xiara, Devika, Ivy, Ngaih Kim and Amuthan who received a special prize at the Week 6 Assembly.



Regards
Vicki Warrick
Student Wellbeing Leader

Book Week 2024

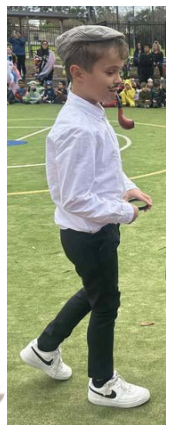
“Reading is Magic”

On Friday 23rd August, we had the pleasure of celebrating Book Week 2024 with our much-anticipated annual Book Week Parade, and what a magical experience it was! This year's theme, "Reading is Magical," truly came to life as students, teachers, and staff alike embraced the enchantment of literature. From the moment the parade began, it was clear that our community was fully immersed in the spirit of this year's theme. The school grounds transformed into a vibrant tapestry of colors and characters, with children proudly donning costumes inspired by their favorite literary figures. We saw everything from whimsical wizards and daring heroes to mythical creatures and beloved storybook characters.

A big thank you to our Book Week committee, teachers, parents, caregivers, and families. who made our parade truly magical.

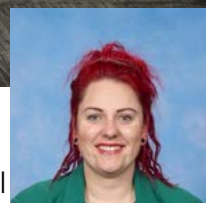


Reading is Magic





Regards
Julz Teague
Assistant Principal





national science week



We are excited to share that our Science Week was a tremendous success! The students had a fantastic time exploring the wonders of science through various hands-on activities. One of the highlights was an amazing Bubble Show incursion, where the children were mesmerized by giant bubbles and learned about the science behind them. In the classroom, we conducted some exciting experiments, including creating "Elephant Toothpaste" and a "Rainbow in a Jar." These activities allowed the students to observe chemical reactions and the fascinating properties of liquids.



Warm regards,
Abby Wang

national science week

On Tuesday of Week 4, we got to see
Marty McBubble present his

The Scientific Bubble Show



School Events & Other News

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Term 3 Events Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	22nd July	23rd July	24th July	25th July	26th July
	Assembly	101 days of school			Life Education
Week 2	29th July	30th July	31st July	1st August	2nd August
	Life Education	Life Education	Life Education	Life Education R2 & R4 Patch Theatre Excursion	Life Education
Week 3	5th August	6th August	7th August	8th August	9th August
	Assembly				SAPSASA Track and Field
Week 4	12th August	13th August	14th August	15th August	16th August
	Science Week	Science Week Mid year Receptions School Photo Day	Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30pm Science Week	Science Week	Science Week
Week 5	19th August	20th August	21st August	22nd August	23rd August
					Book Week Parade SAPSASA 6 a side soccer
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 @ El Shaddai	Year 5/6 Camp @ El Shaddai	Year 5/6 Camp @ El Shaddai
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			SAPSASA Tag Rugby
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	Children's Uni Excursion Wonderers			
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	Children's University Graduation	
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		Salisbury High Yr 6 ATSI students Transition Day JP Nunga Health Checks
Week 6	18th November	19th November	20th November	21st November	22nd November
	Assembly		2025 Reception Visit 9am - 12pm Nunga Graduation 4-6pm		
Week 7	25th November	26th November	27th November	28th November	29th November
	Pupil Free Day	Nunga Go Foundation Excursion Salisbury High Parent Information Evening 6pm-7pm		Twilight School Concert	School Closure Day
Week 8	2nd December	3rd December	4th December	5th December	6th December
	Swimming Years Rec - 5 Year 6 Salisbury High Transition	Swimming Years Rec - 5 Year 6 Salisbury High Transition	Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30 pm Swimming Years Rec - 5	Swimming Years Rec - 5 Year 6 Transition for Golden Grove, Paralowie & Parafield Gardens High Schools	Swimming Years Rec - 5 Year 6 Transition for Golden Grove, Paralowie & Parafield Gardens High Schools
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