

Dates to Remember

Week 5

Tuesday 27th February
Acquaintance Night

Governing Council AGM

Week 6

Monday 4th March
Year 6 Aquatics

Week 7

Monday 11th March
Public Holiday

Tuesday 12th March
Pupil Free Day

Week 7, 8 & 9
NAPLAN Testing

Week 10

Parent / Teacher / Student
Conferences

Term 1, Week 3 Assembly Award Recipients



A Note From the Principal

Dear Parents and Families,

Unfortunately, I begin this newsletter with sad news. As our Junior Primary families know, and as many of our Primary families have since found out, one of our students died in the Summer holidays. Reception student Mohamad Alcharee Alhariri sadly passed away in tragic circumstances. Our thoughts are with his family and close friends in this difficult time.

While Mohamad is no longer with us, we are working to ensure that he will not be forgotten.

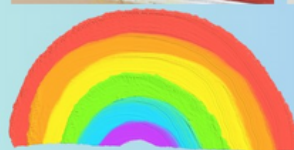
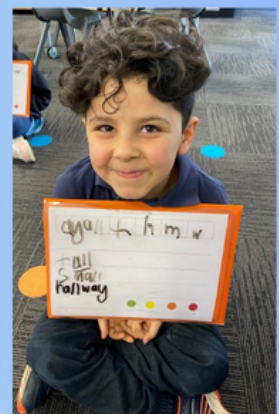
We will keep the community informed on how we honour his memory.

Mohamad,
you will be forever missed.



MOHAMAD ALCHAREE ALHARIRI

In loving memory of Mohamad Alcharee Alhariri who tragically passed away on the 31st of December, 2023. Mohamad was a loving and happy boy who always wore a bright smile. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and our school community. A very big thank you to his teacher Miss Lucy Cushway for sharing these beautiful pictures of Mohamad with us. Forever in our thoughts.



A Note From the Principal continued.....

Dear Parents and Families

As we enter Week 3 of Term 1, 2024, our students continue to further engage in their learning. As a school staff, we've set clear focus areas for 2024: Academic Improvement, Student Support, and School Culture.

Academic Improvement underscores our commitment to ensuring that every student achieves academic growth. We aim to equip them with essential skills that will not only serve them academically but also provide choices for their future. Literacy, particularly reading, remains pivotal, and we are emphasizing explicit teaching strategies to support student learning. This year, our staff will continue to enhance their abilities in supporting students in this regard.

Student Support is a broad focus encompassing the holistic development of our students in various aspects of their schooling and life. This involves cultural awareness, social skills, emotional management, and addressing behavioural needs. Our recently introduced whole-school reward system is a prime example of our dedication to fostering positive student development.

Being part of such a warm and welcoming community is a privilege. School Culture, therefore, pertains to the interactions and collaborations among staff, students, parents, and community members, all united in the common goal of supporting our students.

Our commitment to keeping students at the core of everything we do remains unwavering, and we will keep you informed about our progress in these areas throughout the year.

In other news, next week, the SNPS Principal position will be advertised for a 5-year tenure. Our Education Director, Sue George-Duif, will lead the panel process, ensuring a fair and equitable selection. A Governing Council member, staff Union representative, and a peer principal will join her on the panel. We hope for an appointment that brings consistency and stability to the role.

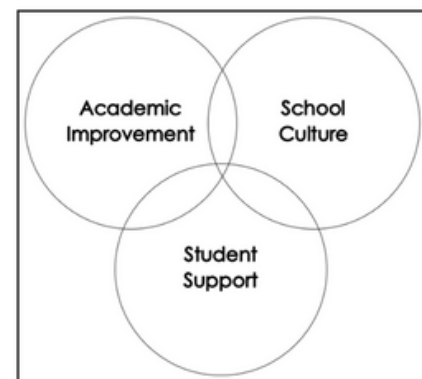
On Tuesday of Week 5, we invite you to Acquaintance Night, a wonderful opportunity for students to share their work and strengthen the bond between school and families. The Governing Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) will also take place that night, featuring the presentation of the 2023 Annual Report and discussions about the upcoming year. We will be conducting a vote for 2023 Governing Council (GC) Members and welcome new members to join us. Further details will be shared separately.

Lastly, we've observed some students arriving late, between 8:45 am and 9:00 am. Timely attendance is crucial, as 5 minutes late daily amounts to 25 minutes of lost learning per week and over 4 hours per term. We appreciate your efforts in ensuring punctuality.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making the start of 2024 a wonderful experience.
Kind regards,



Stefan Parente
Principal





**SALISBURY
NORTH
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

Acquaintance Night and Annual General Meeting (AGM)

FEBRUARY

27

2024

4:00PM - 5:30PM CLASS VISITS
4:45PM - 5:45PM SAUSAGE SIZZLE
5:15PM - 6:00PM AGM

WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU

Joining our Community



Name: Julieanne Teague **Position:** Assistant Principal **Location:** Front Office

What have you enjoyed about SNPS so far?

I have enjoyed spending the first few weeks in my role visiting classrooms and getting to know, the staff, students and families.



Name: Claudine Green **Year Level:** Year 4/5 **Location:** Yellow Unit

What have you enjoyed about SNPS so far?

The Salisbury North community is so welcoming and I feel supported. I absolutely love my new team and we have planned many exciting things for 2024.



Name: Kailtyn Sparrow **Year Level:** Year 1 **Location:** Red Unit

What have you enjoyed about SNPS so far?

I have enjoyed getting to know many new and familiar smiling faces while being supported in such a warm and welcoming environment.



Name: Sarah Kamilow **Year Level:** Year 1 **Location:** Red Unit

What have you enjoyed about SNPS so far?

Since starting at Salisbury North Primary School, I have thoroughly enjoyed how welcoming and helpful everyone has been.



Name: Amber Sensier **Year Level:** Year 3 **Location:** Green Unit

What have you enjoyed about SNPS so far?

I have enjoyed getting to know all the wonderful students, SSO's and teachers, who make SNPS an amazing school. Not only have the teachers welcomed me with open arms, but so have the students.



Name: Ena Collins **Year Level:** SSO

What have you enjoyed about SNPS so far?

I like the way the school has welcomed me into their community. The staff are very approachable and the students are so well behaved, polite, and very respectful.

Welcome Back

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome back some of our returning staff.



Name: Lisa Russell

In terms 1 and 2, Lisa will work across the site in a literacy intervention role. She will be working with students across various classes.

In term 3 and 4, Lisa will return to the role of classroom teacher and will support our new receptions who start school mid-year.



Name: Casey Carbone

Casey returns to our team after taking some time off to grow her family. She re-joins us as a year 4/5 classroom teacher.

Welcome back Casey!

A Note from the Assistant Principal

Welcome to the 2024 school year! I hope you were able to relax over the holidays and make some special memories with your friends and families.

I am delighted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Assistant Principal at Salisbury North Primary School. I am thrilled to be joining such a dedicated staff and community that makes SNPS a great place for students to learn and grow.

I have spent the first few weeks in my role learning the ins and outs of the site, visiting classrooms, getting to know students and families, and many more wonderful experiences.

At SNPS my goal is to build upon and continue the existing culture of excellence and achievement, and to work collaboratively with our exceptional staff to provide an enriching educational experience for all students. I believe in fostering a positive and inclusive school culture that demonstrates both high expectations and high support for students. Students do best when people believe in them.

During my transition into this role, I look forward to working with all families. I am eager to listen and learn from you, our students, and our staff and to share my areas of strength. It is my hope that we will work together to provide students the best opportunities in preparing for the world, ready to master challenges placed in their path. My door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to stop in or call to make an appointment to discuss your concerns, suggestions, or ideas to help make this year the best it can be!



Julieanne Teague
Assistant Principal

A Note from the Assistant Principal

A Friendly Reminder for School Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Dear Salisbury North Primary School Parents and Guardians,

We have received a number of reports about road rage incidents, and local resident's driveways being blocked by parked cars during school drop-off and pick-up times. While acknowledging that pick-up and drop-off can be stressful for parents/guardians and students, it is important that we set a good example for our children.

We can do this by managing driving and parking around our school with patience and respect. By avoiding the urge to use offensive language, make threats or engage in confrontations, we create a safer environment for everyone.

Practical Tips for Positive Drop-Offs and Pick-Ups:

1. Plan Ahead: Allow extra time for drop-off and pick-up to reduce stress and rushing
2. Follow the Traffic Rules: Adhere to parking regulations around our school
3. Be Patient: Take a deep breath, and remember that we are all in this together
4. Use Kind Words: A friendly gesture or a polite comment can go a long way supporting a positive environment for all
5. Report Concerns: If you observe inappropriate behaviour, report it to the school rather than confronting the individual directly.

Additionally, we received a visit from a traffic management officer from the Salisbury Council who discussed their plans for supporting a safer pick up and drop off experience for students and families.

Firstly, a fence along the median strip of Bagster Road will be erected in the coming months. This has been promised by the council for over a year and is finally happening! The contractors are aiming for Easter as their installation date. This will ensure that all students and families use the designated pedestrian crossings. It will also affect parking restrictions along Bagster Road and will make the Eastern side a "kiss and drop zone" with restricted hours for extended parking. More information will be sent about these changes in the coming weeks.

A pedestrian island and access ramps will also be installed next to the pedestrian gate on Rolleston Avenue. This will slow traffic down and provide pedestrians with a refuge when crossing the road. This is a long-term plan and requires community consultation before work commences. We expect this work to commence in late 2024 or early 2025.

Thank you for your cooperation supporting our positive and safe school community.

Warm regards,



Amber Kothe
Inclusion and Intervention Coordinator

A Note from the Student Wellbeing Leader

Hello to all our wonderful Salisbury North Families,

I am so excited to be back in the Student Wellbeing Role for our school over the next 3 years. Salisbury North holds a very special place in my heart, having worked here for the last 11 years. I know many of you across our site, but for those that I have not had the pleasure to meet yet, my name is Miss Warrick.

As the Student Wellbeing Leader my roles and responsibilities for our school include:

- Offer advice, support, and referral to therapeutic services available (services that are beyond school which require parent/caregiver consent)
- Encourage attendance and learning at school
- Implementing Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) whilst leading a Wellbeing action group
- Support teachers/parents in meetings if and when required
- Observations of students/offer support around the implementation of inclusive strategies for teachers.
- Lead a team of students to build their capacity in becoming leaders of our school
- Providing teaching strategies and resources regarding Social and Emotional learning

If you would like to meet with me regarding anything listed above, please ensure that you book a meeting through the front office. My office is located in the Green Unit
Looking forward to working with you and your child this year 😊,



Vicki Warrick
Student Wellbeing Leader

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)



Check out our new whole school positive reward system. Students are collecting themselves 'Value leaves' when they display positive behaviour at school e.g., hands up to speak, walking around the school in a safe manner, greeting people in a positive manner. At each Assembly, classes will empty their tokens into our school Token Tank. Once check points are achieved as a school, we will earn ourselves a whole school reward



School Events & Other News



Welcome to R2's Reception Class!

Congratulations to R2 for a fantastic start to their schooling at Salisbury North! In our classroom, we have been learning about 'big school' and have been practicing our morning routines so that we can be responsible and organised learners when we come to school.

During the first 2 weeks of this term, we spent time as a class going through Salisbury North's School Values of Respect, Honesty, Responsibility, Teamwork and Achievement. We engaged in Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) lessons that helped us to understand what it means to be respectful, to listen to each other and how to move around the school in a respectful manner.

While our tremendous new learning has helped us to settle into school, we have had 1 problem... in our new primary school we have 4 bins! Eating time was so confusing.

"Where do I put my chip packet?"

"Where does my banana peel go? In the yellow bin because its yellow?"

On our mission to understand which bin to put our rubbish in, we had discussion about recycling and waste. We each made our own 'Rubbish Monster' and filled its stomach with the right rubbish that goes into that colour monster/ bin. We would like to share our monsters with you to help everyone sort out their waste and remember which bin each item goes in!



Children's University

Our students from years 3-6 have the opportunity to be part of the Children's University (CU) program again for 2024. CU aims to encourage high quality out of school activities for children, engaging with the wider community as learning partners. The program builds confidence in learning for students where they are able to take ownership of their learning.

Students will keep a passport of their learning journey to track educational activities in which they take part in & there will be a graduation at the end of the year for students who participate in a minimum of 30hours.

The annual fee for CU is \$26.50 (inc. GST) which includes one passport per membership year (if required) Any second or subsequent passport in the same membership year will incur a fee of \$7.70 (inc. GST)

If your child is interested in being part of the CU program for 2024 please scan the attached QR code and follow the link to add their details. Registration cut off date for our school is Friday Week 5, Term 1

Any questions at all about CU please come and see Miss Warrick

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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 | 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 | RAA Street Smart for Students SANFL & AFL Incursion Rec to Year 2 | RAA Street Smart for Students | RAA Street Smart for Students | Good Friday Public Holiday |
| Week 10 | 1st April | 2nd April | 3rd April | 4th April | 5th April |
| | Easter Monday Holiday | Parent Teacher Conferences 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 | | | | |
| 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 | | | | |
| 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 |
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| 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 | | | | |
| 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 | | | 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 |