

Newsletter Term 2, Week 9 2025



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A Note From the Principal

Dear Families and Caregivers,

As Term 2 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our staff, students, and wider school community for their support during my time as Acting Principal. It has been a privilege to step into the role, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We now look forward to welcoming back Stefan Parente in Term 3 and continuing our shared work in supporting student learning and wellbeing.

Mid-Year Reports

Teachers have been working on the mid-year reports for students.

You'll find a summary of your child's learning journey so far in the report comment. It will explain their progress in literacy and maths, noting what they're doing well and where they're continuing to grow. You'll also get a sense of how your child engages with learning — such as how they participate and relate to others.

Reports will be released at 2:55pm on Thursday 3rd of July (Term 2, Week 10).



Absences

1 day absent a week = 40 days a year (almost a term)

Over the primary school years = 1 and half missed years

Including secondary years = 2 and a half missed years

Lateness

15 minutes late each day = 8 days a year

30 minutes late each day = 16 days a year

Achievement Honesty Respect Responsibility Teamwork

Dates to Remember

Week 10 Thursday 3rd July School Photos

Friday 4th July Early Dismissal 1:55pm

Term 3

Week 1

Monday 4th August School Photo Day

Assembly Classes Presenting LHJ, LHK & Y2

Week 3 Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th August Year 5/6 Camp

Week 6 Monday 25th August Assembly Classes Presenting Y1 & Y4

Friday 29th August Student Free Day A Note From the Principal ...

Attendance

At Salisbury North Primary School, we believe that every day counts. Regular attendance is crucial for your child's academic success and overall development. Here's why attending school every day is so important:

- 1. Consistent Learning: Each school day offers new learning opportunities. Regular attendance ensures that your child doesn't miss out on important lessons and activities that build upon each other.
- 2. **Social Skills:** School is not just about academics; it's also a place where children develop essential social skills. Regular interaction with peers helps children learn teamwork, communication, and problem-solving.
- 3. **Routine:** Attending school regularly helps children establish a routine, which is vital for developing discipline and time management skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.
- 4. **Building Confidence:** Consistent attendance allows children to participate fully in class activities, helping them to build confidence in their abilities and fostering a sense of belonging.
- 5. Future Success: Studies show that regular attendance is linked to higher academic achievement and better career opportunities in the future.

We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable due to illness or family emergencies. However, we encourage you to prioritise your child's attendance. If you have any concerns or need support, please do not hesitate to reach out to us so that we can work together.

New StaffImage: Sarah Friend
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Mid-Year Reception
TeacherImage: Sarah Friend
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Science TeacherImage: Sarah Friend
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SSOImage: Sarah Friend
Madison Otterburn
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SSO

We would like to welcome 4 new staff members for Term 3

A Note From the Principal ...

Service Recognition

I am delighted to congratulate 4 staff members who have reached a significant milestone working with the Department for Education.

Congratulations to two of our SSOs, Jacky Dayman and Zoe Irvine for achieving an incredible 10 years of service with the Department for Education. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to two of our teachers, Lisa Russell and Andi Dokas who have each devoted 20 years to educating and inspiring our students. Their unwavering hard work and loyalty significantly enrich our school community.



Jacky has worked at Salisbury North PS since 2013, spending most of her time in the Junior Primary classes. Jacky is also one of our SSOs who provides literacy intervention to our students. Jacky spends most of her weekends in her garden at home and often spends time working in the gardens at Salisbury North Primary School, tidying garden beds, moving mulch and maintaining the vegetable patch. When Jacky first began her role at our site, she operated the Stephanie Alexander Garden program.Many students have enjoyed helping Ms Jacky in these spaces. Jacky is also very creative and has made many items for school stalls, morning teas, SSO Day, Teachers Day and provided art and craft ideas for students to make for special occasions and our Christmas Concerts.



Zoe has worked at Salisbury North PS since 2023, also beginning her journey at our site in the Junior Primary space. Zoe now works to provide 1:1 support for students. Zoe has a great sense of humour and has a passion in supporting students to achieve success. The students enjoy hearing stories about the adventures her many Guinea Pigs have. Zoe makes delicious fudge in a range of flavours and enjoys bringing fun to the school as she supports celebrations throughout the year. You will often see her wearing themed shirts and accessories which students love to ask about.

A Note From the Principal ...



Lisa Russell began working at Salisbury North Primary School in 2009. Her classrooms were places of warmth, consistency, and curiosity, where students felt safe, seen, and supported. It was no surprise that her students absolutely adored her. Lisa brings deep knowledge and expertise in curriculum and best practice, paired with a calm and confident approach to her teaching. She has an incredible ability to form strong relationships

where with both students and families. Lisa now leads our Intervention program, her skills, care, and high expectations continue to make a difference for our students. We thank Lisa for her ongoing commitment, professionalism, and the many ways she contributes to the life of our school.



Andi Dokas began her time at Salisbury North PS in 2015. Andi has worked across our Junior Primary classes and is currently one of our much-loved Year 3 teachers. Over the years, she has built strong connections with her students, creating classrooms where children feel supported, capable, and encouraged to grow. One of the many things Andi is known for is her great sense of humour — something both students and staff thoroughly enjoy. Her ability to bring energy, fun, and positivity to each day is part of what makes her such a special part of our school community.

Mid Year Receptions

Over the last 4 weeks we were delighted to welcome our 30 new Mid-Year Reception students to their transition visits. We are working closely with all Kindergartens to ensure a smooth transition for these students. During the first visit Leadership were able to share school operations with families and during the second visit, some of our Reception teachers were able to share about the type of learning experiences the students will participate in. The final two visits provided time for students to experience school life and the structures and routines within the classroom. The last visit included outdoor playtime, giving students the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the play areas. It was also a lovely chance for many older siblings to spend time with their younger, mid-year siblings.



Nature Play News

I am excited to announce that there will be some movement in the Nature Play Space with construction starting during the holidays, with work continuing in Term 3.

Watch this space

Brooke Scott Acting Principal

A Note From the Assistant Principal

Celebrating Cultural Connection and Learning: GO Foundation Day at DATACOM

On a vibrant day filled with learning and cultural connection, students gathered for their second GO Foundation Day at DATACOM. This event was a unique opportunity for students to engage in enriching workshops and connect with their heritage, guided by esteemed leaders and mentors.

The day commenced with a warm welcome from Uncle Patrick, who led the students through a series of exciting workshops. His sessions were designed to inspire and educate, providing students with hands-on experiences that deepened their understanding of cultural practices and traditions.

A highlight of the day was the yarning session with renowned figures Michael O'Loughlin and Adam Goodes. Both Michael and Adam shared their personal stories and insights, fostering an environment of open dialogue and mutual respect. Their presence was not only inspiring but also served as a powerful reminder of the importance of community and cultural pride. Students also had the opportunity to engage in creative activities, including body butter and painting Kaurna shields. These activities allowed students to express themselves artistically while learning about the significance of these cultural symbols. The painting of Kaurna shields, in particular, was a meaningful exercise that connected students to the land and its traditional custodians.

The GO Foundation Day at DATACOM was more than just a day of workshops; it was a celebration of culture, identity, and community. Students left the event with a renewed sense of pride and a deeper connection to their heritage, ready to carry forward the lessons learned into their everyday lives. This event exemplifies the power of education and cultural engagement in shaping the leaders of tomorrow. As students continue to participate in such enriching experiences, they build a foundation of knowledge and respect that will guide them throughout their lives.







A Note From the Assistant Principal ...





Empowering Connections: AFL Training and Breakfast with Paralowie Stars at Salisbury North Primary



Salisbury North Primary School recently hosted an inspiring morning as the Paralowie Stars Aboriginal girls visited to lead an AFL training session for our Year 5/6 Aboriginal girls. This event was a fantastic opportunity for students to engage in physical activity while building connections with role models from the community. The morning kicked off with an energetic AFL training session, where the Paralowie Stars shared their skills and the Our passion for game. students eagerly participated, learning new techniques and gaining confidence on the field. The session was not only about sports but also about fostering teamwork and resilience.

Following the training, everyone gathered in the Nunga room for a hearty breakfast. This gathering provided a relaxed environment for the girls to yarn and connect with one another. Sharing stories and experiences, the breakfast was a wonderful way to strengthen community ties and celebrate cultural identity. The visit from the Paralowie Stars was a memorable experience for our students, highlighting the importance of mentorship and community support. Events like these empower our young girls, encouraging them to pursue their passions and embrace their cultural heritage.





A Note From the Assistant Principal ...

Celebrating Cultural Pride and Language at Salisbury North Primary School

Dear Families,

This semester, we have been dedicated to fostering a strong culture and proud voices among our Aboriginal students. We are excited to share the cultural pride and enthusiasm growing at Salisbury North Primary School, where our students are actively learning and celebrating the Kaurna language under the guidance of Uncle Robbie.

Uncle Robbie and our students have been working on renaming our Sports Day teams. The original names of our sport day teams were Bagster, Woodyates, Rolleston & Downton. These have now been replaced with names in the Kaurna language, focusing on animals that are meaningful and culturally significant.

A diverse group of students, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, collaborated to research, discuss, and select these names. They explored Kaurna colour words and animal names, and all classes participated in voting.

We are proud to announce the new team names:

TARNTA: Red Male Kangaroo

NAKUDLA: Shark

WINTA: Owl

YALTU: Pelican

Thank you for your support in celebrating and embracing our cultural heritage.



Tina Giglio Assistant Principal

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Outstanding efforts to Y2 & R6 (Dorcas & Justice representing) on winning the Assembly Engagement Award. This award is presented to a JP & Primary class who demonstrates the very best audience skills during our whole school Assembly. Excellent work G1 & Y1 (Peter & Robbina representing) on gaining the most Value Leaf Tokens across the school! G1 achieved 441 and Y1 received 512 Value Leaves! All tokens added across the school contribute to our whole school reward! Great work





Vicki Warrick Wellbeing Leader

These wonderful students across our school have received a certificate for their outstanding work in either Literacy, Mathematics or whilst in a Specialist Lesson e.g. Art, Science, PE etc. You should all be so proud of achieving this award.



At Salisbury North, we celebrated Pyjama & Crazy Hair Day on Friday the 6th of June (Week 6)!

Students reached their second whole-school reward checkpoint. At SNPS, our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) rewards are all about celebrating who we are as a school community. Every Value Leaf dropped into our Token Tank represents a moment where a student has shown one of our 5 School Values. Look at the fantastic pictures of our whole school celebration.



CHILDREN'S UNI

In Week 5, students part of the Children's University program had the opportunity to explore, learn, and navigate robotic cars (Indy Sphero's). Indi Spheros inspires imaginative, play-based learning by empowering kids to design and build their own mazes while creating opportunities for students to learn the basics of coding, solve problems, and nurture thinking skills. Students who took part in this activity during break time, earnt themselves 30 minutes in their Passports.













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Vicki Warrick Wellbeing Leader





Aboriginal Education

RECEPTION LITERACY INTERVENTION

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Mrs. Diana (AET) conducts Literacy Intervention with small groups of our Reception Nunga students. Check out what we do in our sessions...

1. State what we are going to learn



2. Review our picture deck cards



3. Practice our handwriting

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4. Write graphemes in the





5. Practice reading words

6. Pracitice writing words





















We have been working hard every day to practice our reading and spelling skills during Literacy intervention!











Salisbury North PRESENTS

TERM 2 TALENT SHOW Friday the 4th of July Week 10

12:15 PM

YELLOW YARD STAGE

FOLLOWED BY OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY- GOLD COIN DONATION TOWARDS WORLD VISION

Term 2 Events Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week1	28th April	29th April	30th April	1st May	2nd May
Week 2	5th May	6th May	7th May	8th May	9th May
		Nature Play SA Incursion			
Week 3	12th May	13th May	14th May	15th May	16th May
	Assembly				National walk to school day
Week4	19th May	20th May	21st May	22nd May	23rd May
	National Volunteer week		Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30 pm		SAPSASA Boys Netball
	26th May	27th May	28th May	29th May	30th May
Week 5	National Sorry Day SAPSASA Boys Football Carnival	National Reconciliation Week Morning tea for yr5/6 Nunga girls group & families SAPSASA Boys Football Carnival	Mid Year Reception Visits SAPSASA Boys Football Carnival	Year 3 &4 Nunga students REC in the West Excursion	Student Free Day
	2nd June	3rd June	4th June	5th June	6th June
Week 6	Assembly Kurna Kaaru Performance		Mid Year Reception Visit	World Environment Day	PBL Reward Crazy Hair and Pyjama Day
Week 7	9th June	10th June	11th June	12th June	13th June
	Kings Birthday Public Holiday	Year 6 Nunga students CAP excursion	Mid Year Reception Visit		
Week 8	16th June	17th June	18th June	19th June	20th June
Refugee Week			Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30 pm		
Week 9	23rd June	24th June	25th June	26th June	27th June
	Assembly	Go Foundation Excursion			
Week 10	30th June	1st July	2nd July	3rd July	4th July
		NAIDOC	NAIDOC	School Photos	Early Dismissal

Term 3 Events Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week1	21st July	22nd July	23rd July	24th July	25th July
Week 2	28th July	29th July	30th July	31st July	1st August
					World Principal Day
Week 3	4th August	5th August	6th August	7th August	8th August
	Assembly National Aboriginal Children's Day		Year 5/6 Camp	Year 5/6 Camp	Year 5/6 Camp
Week4 Science Week	11th August	12th August	13th August	14th August	15th August
		School Photo Catch Up	Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30pm	SAPSASA Athletics Excursion	
Week 5	18th August	19th August	20th August	21st August	22nd August
	Life Education SSO Week	Life Education SSO Week	Life Education SSO Week	Life Education SSO Week	Life Education SSO Week
Week 6	25th August	26th August	27th August	28th August	29th August
	Assembly			SAPSASA Soccer Excursion	Student Free Day
Week 7	1st September	2nd September	3rd September	4th September	5th September
	8th September	9th September	10th September	11th September	12th September
Week 8			Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30pm		Sports Day
	15th September	16th September	17th September	18th September	19th September
Week 9	Assembly	Junior Primary Incursion Sensory Magic	Junior Primary Incursion Sensory Magic	SAPSASA Tag Rugby TBC	SAPSASA Tag Rugby TBC
Week 10	22nd September	23rd September	24th September	25th September	26th September
		STEM Aboriginal Learner Congress	STEM Aboriginal Learner Congress		Early Dismissal 1:55pm

Term 4 Events Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week1	13th October	14th October	15th October	16th October	17th October
	Nunga Students Health Checks	Nunga Students Health Checks	World Teachers Day celebration		
Week 2	20th October	21st October	22nd October	23rd October	24th October
					PBL Incursion Infaltables Day
Week 3	27th October	28th October	29th October	30th October	31st October
	Assembly				
Week4	3rd November	4th November	5th November	6th November	7th November
	Rec - Yr5 Swimming	Rec - Yr5 Swimming	Rec - Yr5 Swimming Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30pm	Rec - Yr5 Swimming	Rec - Yr5 Swimming
Week 5	10th November	11th November	12th November	13th November	14th November
Week 6	17th November	18th November	19th November	20th November	21st November
	Assembly				
Week 7	24th November	25th November	26th November	27th November	28th November
	Student Free Day	Yr6 Nunga Graduation	Variety Christmas Party		
Week 8	1st December	2nd December	3rd December	4th December	5th December
		PBL Excursion Salisbury Swim Centre	Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30 pm	Year 6 High School Transition End of Year Concert	School Closure Day Year 6 High School Transition
Week 9	8th December	9th December	10th December	11th December	12th December
	Assembly		Student Moving Up Day Yr 6 Graduation		Disco Early Dismissal 1:55pm