



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Kia ora. This week we celebrate the work of our young artists in the Mad Hatters' Art Exhibition. You are warmly invited to the opening of the exhibition at 5:30 pm on Tuesday evening in the hall. The kapa haka group and the choir will perform at the opening and local artist, Kay Ward, will open the exhibition. A lot of thought and effort has gone into creating the artworks on display and we hope you can take time to view it. The art will be on display in the hall until Thursday afternoon.

### Help with reading

We have a number of parents/caregiver who are doing a great job hearing children's reading in the morning before school. If you are able to join the ranks for 10-15 minutes before school in the morning in the Year 1-3 classes, please make contact with the classroom teachers. It doesn't have to be every day. I'm sure you would find this a very satisfying experience which should boost the children's reading skills and confidence.

### Three way conferences

It was great to see the high attendance levels at three way conferences for the junior classes last week. **We do expect all families to attend.** (N.B. In Y1-3 classes, there are two conferences for each child each year, approximately every six months. In Y4-6 classes, conferences are held late in Term 1 and early in Term 3).

### What's been happening

The senior syndicate children held a Science Fair recently after their science unit on "Fair Testing". Many of the children worked very hard on their experiments and were very proud to explain their findings to the large group of parents who attended the reporting session. Congratulations to AJ, Jayden, Bolu, Isaac, Harriet, Grace, Nic Ryan and Noah for their success in the Southland Science Fair)...

We marked Maori Language Week last week with a number of fun activities. We are encouraging children to use Maori greetings and common phrases so that they become a normal part of school life here at Salford....Thanks for your support for the middle syndicate in their fundraising for their chosen charities (as part of their financial literacy study); there was lots of excitement around the food and white elephant sales.



Regards, *Robin Harris, Principal*

## TEACHER ONLY DAY MONDAY 16TH OF OCTOBER 2017

We will be holding a Teacher Only Day on Raising Student Achievement on Monday, 16 October 2017, the first day of next term.

Our focus will be on  
Identifying and catering for children with learning difficulties.



We celebrate **222**  
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## REMINDERS

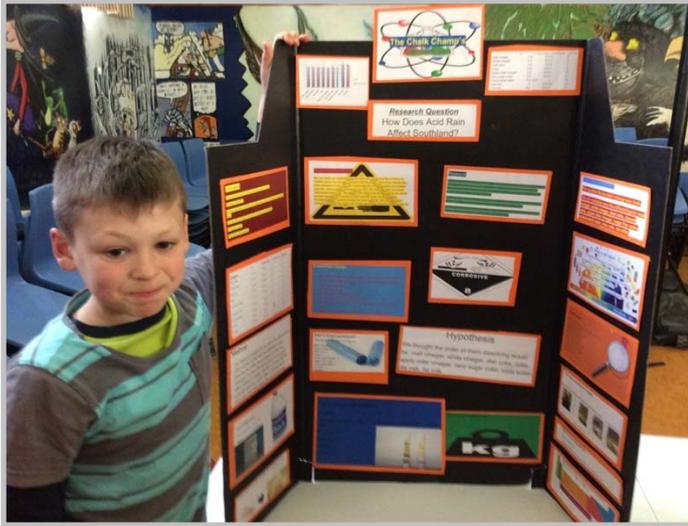
- Daily—Heat-ups - see website.
  - **Monday**—Pita Pit Orders (remember these are now ordered online at "LUNCHONLINE" [www.orders.lunchonline.co.nz/home](http://www.orders.lunchonline.co.nz/home))
  - **Wednesday**—Subway Orders (Order by 9:00am at the Office)
  - **Friday** - PTA Sausage Sizzle—\$2.00 each
  
  - 19-21 Sep - Mad Hatter's Art Exhibition - Hall
  - 22 Sep—Room 8 Assembly
  - 26 Sep—PTA Cuppa Catchup
  - 28 Sep—Disco  
Juniors—6.00 to 7:00pm  
Seniors—7.15—8.15pm
  - 29 Sep—VALUES Assembly
  - 29 Sep — Photo Orders close (School)
  - 29 Sep - End of Term 3
  - 16 Oct—Teacher Only Day (NO STUDENTS)
  - 17 Oct—Start of Term 4—All students.
  - 18 Oct—PTA Committee Meeting
  - 23 Oct—Labour Weekend
  - 24 Oct—Share the Road Presentation
  - 13 Nov—Swimming commences
  - 29 Nov—Life Education Mobile Classrm
  - 8/11 Dec—Swimming Ends
  - 15 Dec—Leavers Assembly—Last Day of Term.
- Keep visiting the website for regular school updates and messages being loaded to School Stream**

## Southland Schools Science and Technology Fair

Each year The New Zealand Aluminium Smelters Southland Science and Technology Fair is held.

Topic ideas can range from, Behavioural Science, Biochemistry, Medicine, Health, Botany, Zoology, Earth and Space Science, Computer Science, Environmental Science to mention a few.

Competing at the fair was a way for the children to learn about overcoming difficulties in conducting their experiments.



## SPORTS UPDATE:

**Calling for Registrations now:**

**Cricket—Term 4 2017 and Term 1 2018—**  
Registrations close—17th October. Games commence 30th October.

**Summer Football—Term 4 2017 and Term 1 2018—**  
Registrations close—17th October. Games commence 30th October

**Tee ball and Softball—Term 4 2017 and Term 1 2018**

These are PANTHERS/SALFORD teams and will play on a Saturday morning.

**Volleyball—Term 4 2017—**registrations close 19 October.

Registrations Look for the School Stream registration forms and these are also downloadable from our website, or can be picked up from the Office.

**We will need coaches for all teams.**

## WHOLE SCHOOL

### Mad Hatters Tea Party Art Exhibition

Children's' Art will be on display in the School Hall from 3.00pm **Tuesday 19 September until 5.30pm Thursday 21 September.**

There are some wonderful creations so please come along and have a look .

**Disco**  
**28TH SEPTEMBER**  
**Be a Super HERO**  
**YRS 0 - 3**  
**6PM TO 7PM**  
**YRS 4 - 6**  
**7. 15 pm - 8. 15 pm**  
**Diabetes NZ**

**IT'S OUR GRAND OPENING**  
**MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY ART EXHIBITION**  
**TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER**  
**SCHOOL HALL**  
**5.30PM**

## ***Kia ora from the BOARD OF TRUSTEES.***

I hope everyone is well after what seems a long winter this year, with lots of bugs doing the rounds. It is lovely to see spring has arrived and the end of a long term is in sight.

The School seems in very good heart. The Values programme is proving successful; it is now a matter of constantly reinforcing it and making sure it becomes fully embedded in the School's culture. Robin and the Staff are working hard on this, and the students have done a great job in kicking things off to a good start. As a Board, we are pleased with how the initial phase of this programme has gone.

It has been heartening, too, to see lots of parent and caregiver support at various events this term. Thank you for helping out during school activities and outings, and for all the other contributions you make. Community support and engagement is crucial to a strong school culture.

Community engagement is not just about parents and caregivers supporting the School and their children but also how the School communicates with you about your child. The latter is also a key focus for the Board and we have drawn up a Community Engagement Document so we can better assess this aspect. We want all parents and caregivers to feel comfortable in the School and comfortable talking to teachers and Robin, if you have any issues you want to discuss about your child's progress. Feeling comfortable communicating with the School is incredibly important for your child's success. If you have anything you wish to say about this, or any suggestions to make, the Board welcomes your feedback.

Over the last term, the Board has had teachers present to it on programmes designed to help students with their reading and writing. Jan Bartlett and Natalie Kerr gave a very informative presentation on the Reading Recovery programme. Obviously, all Schools in NZ are constrained by funding and resources when it comes to such programmes, and the number of children who can enrol in them. The Board is therefore very pleased that Salford has been able to place more children on the programme this year. Megan Roulston gave an excellent presentation on the Writing programme running in the senior school to accelerate students' progress in this key area. The results were impressive and she will report to the Board again next term on how the students can maintain the progress they have made to date.

Finally, I would like to mention ERO's recent report. It is available to read on the School's website. ERO's focus was on how Salford is doing since it has returned to self-governance, after a long three year statutory intervention. ERO spent two full days at the School. They talked to all staff at length and to Board members at length. They left no stone unturned! The Board is therefore very pleased at the positive report. A huge amount of work has been done since Robin came on board as Principal in mid-2016. As I have said before, Salford is incredibly fortunate to have someone of Robin's experience and calibre at the helm. It is obvious he has done a huge amount of work to steady the ship and steer Salford in a new and positive direction. As a Board, we very much enjoy working with him. His collaborative and constructive approach make the job easier.

ERO's positive report also reflects the hard work and dedication of all Salford's staff – the teachers, teacher aids, administrative staff and caretaker. We are lucky to have a team of people at Salford who are dedicated to our students and, as ERO notes, work together well. They showed good humour and commitment over the challenging period of the intervention. Since the School's return to self-governance, and Robin's appointment, they have further shown their commitment to our students. On behalf of the Board, thank you.

Nga Mihi. Mary.

## ***PTA notebook***

The PTA is pleased to once again offer its support to the House Captains for the school disco. It is to be held in the final week of Term 3, on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. The theme is 'Be a Super Hero' and your gold coin entry will support Diabetes NZ. Years 0-3 can dance their capes and wings off from 6pm-7pm, and Years 4-6 get to move and groove from 7.15pm-8.15pm. Various food items and glow products will be for sale on the night – so bring your coins!!

The next Community Cuppa is to be held at 9am on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. Call into the staffroom for a cuppa, cake, catch up, and the chance to make a new friend or two. Pre-schoolers more than welcome.

The teachers, Board of Trustees and PTA have all committed to the landscaping plan for the sandpit area. We wish to provide an enhanced play and learning area for the children and community. Thanks to Sandra who has been instrumental in getting the necessary information and liaising with the Landscape Designer.

A big thank you to Rebecca for all the time she has given to run the Friday PTA Sausage Sizzle. Your help has been appreciated. We are looking for someone to take over Rebecca's role – anyone able to help would be welcome to join in on Friday's at the school hall from 11.30 to 1pm.

Thanks also to Gavin for co-ordinating the School Photo helpers.

The PTA's next committee meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 18 October at 7.30pm** – all welcome.

We are still looking for a President and Vice President so if you're interested in filling either of these roles please come along to this meeting, or approach Adele to discuss what the role involves.

On behalf of the PTA Committee  
Gillian

# Out and About at Salford in the last two weeks.

Pillow People from Room 3 at  
their Assembly on  
Friday.



Students in Manapouri  
House enjoy a Pizza Treat  
as the winning House—T2.



Gymnasts at the 2017  
Gymsports Festival.



Salford School Science  
Fair—Fair Test