



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are well into the home straight now in the 2017 school year with only a couple of weeks to go. And what a superb spell of weather to end the year! It's been great to see so many parents/caregivers at the swimming pool and thanks for all your help there. (N.B. Last day for swimming is this Thursday.)



Thanks to our trustees - Mary, Darren, Greig, Nicola, Sreeraj and Nicole - for their efforts in 2017. We have an excellent, committed Board of Trustees. A special thank you to Mary, our chairperson, who is providing outstanding leadership of the Board. Thanks also to the PTA for their support of the school in so many ways this year. Thank you to the staff for their positive, hardworking and caring approach which has helped make 2017 a very successful year.

Thanks also to our students for being such a great bunch to work with. A special thanks to our Year 6 students for being very reliable in carrying out your school responsibilities and for being very positive role models for the younger students. We will miss you and wish you well at high school.

### **Farewells**

Farewell to teacher aide Christine McFarland, teacher Kris Gray and part-time teacher Nichole Finlay. Thank you for all you have done for the school and best wishes for the future.

### **End of year celebrations**

The PTA Christmas Carol Night is on Wednesday 13 December. This year, we are holding a hangi. Children will be learning about the tikanga involved in a hangi as well as helping to prepare the food. Please note that 6 December is the last day for hangi orders. Hangi food will be available from 4:30 pm onwards (all going well...). Children will be performing Christmas carols, in their house groups this year, from 6pm onwards.

The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will be held on Thursday, 14 December starting at 1:00 pm. This assembly draws a large crowd of parents and whanau of our Year 6 students. Space for other adults is a bit limited. We keep the Year 1 classes (Rooms 9, 10, 11 and 12a) in their classrooms as there is insufficient space for all students to attend.

### **Class lists**

2018 class lists will be published online Monday 11 December and children will have some time with their new teachers the next day. We have taken careful consideration of parental requests and I know you will understand that not all requests could be granted, given the limited range of options in some cases.

### **Survey**

Thanks to all parents/caregivers who responded to the parent survey. The results will be shared with you before the end of the year.

Best wishes for a lovely Christmas and a happy end to 2017. We hope you have a great holiday and enjoy being with your families.

We look forward to having all your children back next year, refreshed and primed for learning.

Regards, *Robin Harris, Principal*



## 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)
- **NOTE: No Sausage Sizzle for the remainder of the year.**
- 6 Dec—Hangi orders close
- 8 Dec—Year 4-6 Reports home
- 8 Dec - **Certificates** Assembly
- 7/11 Dec — Swimming Ends
- 12 Dec—Governance Meeting
- 13 Dec —Carols and Hangi Evening
- 14 Dec — Leavers Assembly 1:00pm
- 14 Dec—Last Day for After School Care
- 2018—30 Jan—First Day for Students
- Yr 6 Camp—Bannockburn—20 Feb to 23 Feb 2018

**Keep visiting the website for regular school updates and messages being loaded to School Stream**

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the end of what has been a very busy – but successful – term. It's been lovely to see so much support for the various activities that have taken place and many have commented on the happy and supportive "vibe" in the school.

From the Board's perspective, the year has been a successful one. We have had very positive reports on various programmes the School runs to help students who may need extra support in reading, maths and writing. These programmes have helped our students improve and, most importantly, have boosted their confidence and desire to learn. Next week, at our last meeting of the year, we will look closely at the goals set in January and the School's overall achievement results. We will consider this information, together with the results of the recent community survey, and then meet again in January to set the goals for 2018. Your input in to these is important so thank you for taking the time to provide feedback.

Inextricably linked with students' learning is the PB4L programme – Positive Behaviour for Learning – which the School introduced at the beginning of the year. We are very pleased with the way the Programme has started, and the way the students have got on board with it. It has also added a healthy element of competition in to the House system which everyone seems to enjoy. The programme takes a few years to become fully established and we will continue to monitor it next year. At this stage, though, it is all positive.

ERO also visited and its report was a positive one.

As this is the last newsletter of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the following people: all Salford's staff for another year of your hard work, enthusiasm, and good humour; Robin, for your excellent leadership of the School and your collegiality; the PTA for all your hard work in fundraising, community cuppa organising, pastoral care and all the other hidden work you do. Thank you, too, to all parents, caregivers, whanau for supporting the School.

On behalf of the Board, Meri Kirihimete.

*I hope you all have a lovely break with family and friends.*

Kind Regards, Mary.

## PTA NOTEBOOK

The Christmas Carol evening is approaching fast, as is Christmas!! Due to a change in circumstances the PTA won't be running a sausage sizzle or selling water or popcorn. Unfortunately, the Spin Spuds Man had other commitments and given the recent heat wave Invercargill has been experiencing we've decided not to pursue the Mobile Coffee Lady.

Orders and payment for the traditional Hangi meal need to be at the school office by Wednesday 6 December. You are welcome to bring your own picnic tea. Carol Performances begin at 6pm.

The PTA is planning to hand out dessert and nibble platters on the Carol night. Details of how you can donate goodies will be given via School Stream/Facebook shortly.

A reliable source informs me that Santa is frantically working on his flexibility and doing lots of stretches to ensure his throwing arm is ready for the children's lollie scramble.

On behalf of the Salford School PTA, Gillian, Committee Member

## SPORT

### Salford Sharks



Congratulations to the Salford Sharks Team – These kids were great to coach and finished third in year 5/6 pool A grade boys only losing one game all season. Lucas, James, Jacob, Nick, Bolu, Jayden, Cyrus and AJ. Ka Pai Boys Leisa – Coach

### Salford Pearls

Salford Pearls won their final t to take out 3rd place in the A-Grade Girls Basketball competition.

Jaeda, Grace, Zariah, Paige, Charlotte and Elise - awesome team game girls. Score 18-6. Angela, Coach.



## CONGRATULATIONS

to the Salford students who were selected to play in the Basketball Southland's miniball tournament on Friday. The students were: Jacob, AJ, Cyrus, Lucas, Jaeda, Zariah and Grace. This is a great testament to the students and their Coaches.

**"THANK YOU"** to all the Parents and Caregivers who came forward to Coach and Manage Sports Teams this year. Without your support, we would not be able to offer these opportunities to the children.

# Salford School Alphabet Poem

- A** for amazing teachers  
**B** for Bannockburn Camp for the Year 6's  
**C** for caring for our community  
**D** for dieing to get to school on a Monday morning  
**E** for educational activities  
**F** for a fun, friendly school  
**G** for gorgeous gardens by Trevor  
**H** for happy faces walking around the school  
**I** for internet access is great  
**J** for jolly good time every day at school  
**K** for kids playing together  
**L** for library is used as a classroom  
**M** for miniball teams  
**N** for no one stops learning at Salford School  
**O** for opportunities available for everyone  
**P** for pubertal change evening for Years 5 and 6  
**Q** for quiet times in the classroom  
**R** for room 6 is the best  
**S** for students working hard  
**T** for trusting in each other  
**U** for under the shade when you don't have a sunhat  
**V** for very helpful students  
**W** for we're the best school in Invercargill  
**X** for xciting field trips  
**Y** for year 6 students being the best  
**Z** for zipping around the school on scooters

By Students in the Senior School  
look for further poems on the website.

## After School Care

Last day for After School Care  
for 2017 is

**Thursday 14 December.**



## Traditional Hangi Wednesday 13 December

Reminder, we are hosting a Traditional Hangi on Wednesday the 13th of December. All orders with payment to the office by **Wednesday 6th Dec.**

**Meals—Large \$10.00 and Small \$5.00**

Funds raised will go toward Maori resources for the school.



## DONKEY RIDES

will again be available at the Carol / Hangi evening.

Parents and Caregivers need to stay with their children during the ride and children **MUST** wear the helmets



## End of Year LIBRARY BOOKS AND SCHOOL READING JOURNALS

Please continually check magazine racks, book shelves, toy boxes, for Salford School Reading Journals and Library Books.

- Reading Journals—return to Classroom teacher
- Library Books—drop into the library return box in the Office

The more we get back, the less we have to replace and the more we can purchase and enhance our reading experience for students.

