



Kia Ora te whanua

Good afternoon Salford School



The second last newsletter for the year.

Sincere thanks to all the people who helped with spreading the bark chips around this week. It was a big job as there was a lot of bark chips. The playground looks neater and the landing areas below the equipment are much safer with the extra layer of fill. Sincere thanks also to the women who helped with the library stock take.

Achievement data for the year show pleasing levels of achievement.

**Reading 88% of children are achieving at or above the National Standard.  
Maths – 92% of children are achieving at or above the National Standard.  
Writing – 86% of children are achieving at or above the National Standard.**

### 2016 reporting systems

Next year reporting to parents for Y1,2,3 children will be changed to meet the requirements under National Standards. We are required to report to parents at half yearly intervals for the first three years of school around their birthday and at the six month anniversary of their birthday.

These children will have a learning journal that documents their progress and each child will have a parent/child interview with the teacher sharing their progress around their birthday and half way in between. This means no written reports for these children mid year and end of year.

It also means as much or slightly more work for the teachers but it is spread out during the year and parents have an on-going record of progress and achievement. At this stage Y4-6 students will continue with the existing system.

### Activity fees /Donations

Thank you to all the families who have paid their school donations this year. Donations are voluntary but also a much needed addition to the school budget when it comes to providing even some basic equipment for the school.

I have been very aware we have been asking parents (particularly senior students) for money frequently this term for a variety reason - bus fares /activities/Marae visit etc. A number of children forget to bring money etc and teachers are paying at times to ensure children don't miss out.

There are no visiting theatre groups, performances during the year. Exposure to these groups is an important part of the learning process.

Next year it is planned to charge one lump sum at the beginning of the year to cover all the costs that crop up during the year and not have parents constantly finding \$2 here or \$5 there. We would also drop the voluntary donation to take into account the activity fee.

For example – Y1/2/3/ Activity Fee approx. \$15.00 per term - which would cover 1 visiting performance –approx \$5.00, art materials, \$5.00, whiteboard pens, tissues (currently in the stationery list) and \$5.00 bus fare for a school visit outside the classroom once a term.

Y4,5,6, Activity Fee approx. \$20.00 per term which would be the same as the junior school but include an entry fee. These are rough estimates of the costs.

The school donation would be dropped to \$25 per term - \$100 per year. This would equate to approx. \$160 per year for a junior school student (combined donation and activity fee) and approx. \$180.00 a year for Y4,5,6.

The advantage is that even combined it is the same as the current \$180 per year for the school donation for seniors and at \$160 for juniors. (Approx figures only at this time)

## REMINDERS

- **Pita Pit Orders—Monday (In by 9:00am)**
- **Sushi Orders—Tuesday—(in by 9.00am Monday if possible)**
- **Subway Orders—Wednesday (Order by 9:00am)**
- **Sausage Sizzle—Friday—\$2.00 each**

**10 Dec—Christmas Evening (PTA)**

**11 Dec—Reports home**

**3 Dec— Governance Meeting—6.00pm visitors welcome**

**15 Dec—Year 6 Graduation—1.00pm sharp**

**16 Dec—NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

**16 Dec—Last day for term**

**NOTE—(For forward planning)**

**Start date 2016—2 February—ALL STUDENTS**

**Keep visiting the website for regular school updates**

All the children will be getting planned experiences each term without costing parents any extra. While the donation continues to be voluntary, we would expect all parents to pay the activity fee because it is incurring actual costs. We are always happy to have direct debits for money owing to the school.

A very sincere thank you to all the families I have met over the past six months for making me feel so welcome.

Salford is an awesome school with excellent staff and great students. I feel very privileged to be part of such a positive learning environment. I wish everyone seasons greetings and hope you all have a very safe and fun filled holiday.

See you all on February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016.

Regards

Pam



## LOST PROPERTY

Again this term there appears to be an inordinate amount of property. Please check your children's uniform items, and check the lost property box in the Photocopy Room before the end of term, as all items are cleared at the end of the year.

## Lets Celebrate -

Halle Faherty for winning the Y5/6 Southland Tennis Championship.

Charlie Faherty for coming 5th in the Y5/6 Southland Tennis Championship and winning the consolation round.

Jackson Faithful for getting into the Southland U12 Touch rugby team.

Lucy Howe for completing her first half marathon in Queenstown.

The Y3/4 boys mini-ball team who won the competition. This team was unbeaten all season.

The Y5/6 girls mini-ball team who won the pool B section of play.

## Thank you afternoon tea

Parents, grandparents and support people are welcome to join the staff for a Thank You afternoon tea on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15pm

Have you helped with any school activity this – then this invitation is for you.

Children can play outside while Mum and Dad enjoy a pleasant hour with the staff and the other helpful people.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE** - there will be NO After School Care on **Wednesday the 16th of December.**

## PTA UNIFORM SHOP

All donations at year end will be greatly received.

The office will be open to receive uniforms up until the 18th of December and then from Monday 25th of January 2016.

## MINIBALL ROUNDUP FOR 2015

This years Miniball Season saw Salford entering 5 teams. The progress in all levels made by all players each week was amazing.

Two of our Teams, the Year 3/4 Boys and the Year 5/6 Girls were the "Round Robin Winners" for their pool.

A BIG THANK YOU to off of our wonderful players and coaches.



YEAR 5/6 Girls—coached by Denise Wilson

## PTA NOTEBOOK

We would like to say a huge thanks to Carol, Jenny, Greg, Steve, Rebecca, Ashley, David, Matt, and Wendy, who along with many of the senior children and teachers helped with the bigger than big job of 78 cubic metres of bark chip relocating. It is great to have that job ticked off, and also likewise thanks especially to Wendy again, and Carol, Ashley and Jenny and Lana who helped out with the library stocktake/freshen up.



Our last meeting of the year is at **First on Windsor at 7:30pm, Monday 14 December**, please join us for a "short meeting" followed by a great opportunity to discuss ideas.

We will be saying farewell to Lyndal Ludlow- (Past President), Suzette Richardson (Supervising the sausage sales until June this year), Rebecca Faithfull (Treasurer), and Sharon Leith (Organiser extraordinaire). Far beyond their labelled roles, these people have made a difference to the lives of the Salford community, and we wish them every deserved amount of happiness as they and their youngest child move onto new schools.



**Thursday 10 December for the Community Christmas evening, 4:00pm**

The PTA are

- Selling drinks, \$2 water bottle, and 50c cup of elderflower cordial.**
- Burgers \$5, and sausages \$2, for sale from 5:00-6:15pm approx.**
- The very popular free photo booth is running from 4:30-7:30pm**
- Free giant bubble making area until 6:15pm**
- Free face painting**
- A surprise around 6:00pm for everyone!**

Cash will be needed on the night please, as no eftpos facilities will be available. Bring a picnic rug or chairs for enjoying the entertainment in comfort, and please feel free to bring your own picnic tea, or top it up with something from the BBQ. (The Burgers sound like a meal on their own), also you are welcome to invite friends and family, this is a great opportunity for many people to see where the special little (and not that little anymore) people in their life spend their days.

At this stage, albeit it prematurely, can I say a huge thanks to all the people who have volunteered and helped with this, and many other PTA led activities this past year. May you, your family and friends have a safe, and happy time over the Christmas holidays.



On behalf of the Friends of Salford PTA  
[Adele Beck, President](#)

### **SALFORD STUDENTS PERFORM WELL at the Southland Primary School Tennis Championships.**

Halle - year 5/6 tennis champion and went on to the Southern Regional Competition in Dunedin.

Charly came 5th winner of consolation round and also travelled to Dunedin for the Regional Competition with Halle reaching the quarter final

**WELL DONE**

