



Dear Parents and Caregivers

A lot of surprises since the last newsletter. I was disappointed with the All Blacks losing although I was happy for the Irish team. I was startled with Donald Trump winning the American presidential election. And now we have had a huge earthquake that has affected such a large part of the country. I think we all feel real sympathy for the earthquake victims but also a pride in that good old Kiwi "can do" attitude that we can sort it out. Resilience is a great quality to develop in our children, to know that things might be bad at the moment but we can fix this problem.



Wattie's "Cans for Good" promotion

Thanks for your donation of cans for the Watties - Salvation Army foodbank appeal. As usual, this community has been very generous in supporting a worthwhile cause.

School survey

We are working on collating the results of the parent survey and will get a summary of the results to you soon. There were a very high number of responses so well done, parents!

Class organization 2017

Our staff organization for next year is as follows;

- **Senior Syndicate** - 2 parallel Year 5-6 classes (about 20 Y6 and 8 Y5 in each class), one straight Y5 class and one Y4 class.

- **Junior syndicate** - one Y3 class, one Y2-3 class (about 15 Y3s and 8 Y2s), two Y2 classes, one Y1 class, one Y1 new entrant class and another new entrant class to start later in Term 1.

If you would like to make us aware of any educational or social factors you would like us to consider in placing your child in a class, please communicate in writing to admin@salford.school.nz with "2017 classes" in the subject line (before 21 November). Please note that we are not asking you to pick class teachers. You will appreciate that class organization is a complex job with many factors to be taken into account.

Sports teams

I've been lucky to see a good number of sports teams in action recently. Coaches and managers, a big thank you for doing a great job assisting sports teams – your involvement will have life long benefits for many children.

What's happening

Room 3 and a group of Y5-6 children took part in a powhiri at Donovan School yesterday. They did a great job representing the school. A special thank you to Phoenix for an excellent speech during the ceremony.... The Board of Trustees really appreciated having so many people escaping the din of the disco last week and sharing a cuppa with them. Strong community engagement is one of the key outcomes the Board is aiming for. Classes are now in preparation mode for their acts in the "Spaced Out" production on 7 and 8 December. ... Our Teacher Only Day went really well. We have been working on curriculum development since the middle of the year and this day was a great opportunity to progress curriculum planning and to start to explore new directions to provide the best educational deal we can.



Thought for the day

"Act the way you'd like to be and soon you'll be the way you act." ~ Leonard Cohen. RIP

Regards, Robin

LUCKY BOOK CLUB—Issue 8

Closes 2 December sharp.

REMINDERS

- **Pita Pit Orders—Monday** (remember these are now ordered online)
- **Subway Orders—Wednesday** (Order by 9:00am)
- **Sausage Sizzle—Friday—\$2.00 each**

- **21 Nov**—Emails re class organization due in
- **21 Nov**—Governance Meeting
- **22 Nov**—Orange Parade—Yr 6
- **24 Nov**—New Entrant/Prospective Evening
- **2 Dec**—Lucky Book Club Issue 8—closes
- **7 Dec**—"Spaced Out" - School Production
- **8 Dec** - "Spaced Out" - School Production
- **14 Dec**—Xmas Carol Evening
- **15 Dec**—Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- **16 Dec**—Last day Term 4—finishing 12:30pm

Keep visiting the website for regular school updates

PTA NOTEBOOK

Disco

Many thanks to all the helpers, staff and families who attended the Disco last week, we look forward to working with the New House Captains in 2017, to work on some ideas to improve it. We successfully trialled cut up apple, free with any food purchase, and I believe the Board Of Trustees, Cake and Hot Drink running at the same time as the disco was a great success. **\$235.50** was raised for the Ronald McDonald House Southland.

We extend a grateful thank you to Kathy Sutherland for helping us this year.

Our last meeting for the year is **Wednesday 30 November, 7:30pm** Salford School Staffroom. Please feel free to attend and see what we are currently working on. Recent topics have been Child and Pedestrian safety on Salford Street outside the hall, and also vandalism prevention measures. We extend a grateful thank you to Kathy Sutherland for helping us this year. We shall also be sadly fare welling Ainslie Bruce, who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes and helped immensely to smooth the transition of a new PTA team. Thanks for the friendship you have extended to so many Ainslie.

Christmas evening

Wednesday 14 December 5:00 pm onwards (subject to change). The PTA traditionally organises a fun hour with a few treats thrown in as a way to celebrate the year that has been. This is an ever changing event, however one constant is that you can sit back from approx. 6:00pm and be entertained by the talented children, whilst catching up with friends, and making new contacts. We shall be putting a notice out next week asking for donations of baking/Christmas treats so the adults don't miss out on the treats. The PTA shall purchase fresh fruit on the day and if you would rather donate a couple of dollars to help with that it would help the pennies go further. Once we have finalised the independent food vendors, we shall advertise some food options, if you would like to purchase from them, or bring your own picnic.

Stay Safe everyone!
On Behalf of the PTA
Adele Beck

READING BOOKS—Please double check around home for school reading books and have these returned to Classroom Teachers as soon as possible. As we draw the school year to a close, we are asking you all to assist us to find missing resources.



PTA UNIFORM SHOP 2017

As we approach the end of the school year, families are reminded if they are replacing uniform, leaving Salford, or have uniform at home that isn't being worn anymore, and would like to donate this to the PTA for sale it is well received.

Items can be dropped into the Office.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS— End of Financial Year - 31 December 16

Salford School's financial year ends on the **31st of December** and we ask for your assistance to ensure all outstanding fees for Uniform items, Camps, Activity Fees and After School Care are cleared by this date. If you require additional time to clear, please contact admin@salford.school.nz in an email with the subject line "ACCOUNTS 2016".

Activity Fee payments—in 2016 have covered additional stationery needs, bus travel to venues for sports and class activities and cultural performances for visiting groups. This fee meant that children didn't need to bring in odd amounts of money and permission slips to participate. Please assist us to ensure your children can participate fully in cultural, sporting and social activities.

Voluntary Donation—in 2016 this was reduced with the introduction of the new activity fee. We are very grateful for the support we received. The money collected enhances our learning programmes at Salford. This is a voluntary payment.

After School Care/Uniforms/Camps etc—are independent services provided and these accounts need to be cleared, or arrangements to clear need to be discussed prior to the end of the financial year for accounting purposes.

**YEAR 5 STUDENTS
prepare for their
responsibilities in
2017.**

On Tuesday the Year 5 students learnt how to do Road Patrol with Constable Fenton Herrick. He showed them the “do’s and don’ts” of road patrol and some quick tips to help with the signs. Each student was buddied up and able to demonstrate their new skills. They are now looking forward to taking on this responsibility in 2017.



GOLF

On Monday the 7th of November I played in a golf tournament with three other Salford children. It was held at Green Acres golf course which is near Invercargill. The other three children were Ryan, Nick and Blake. We played with other teams from Southland. We played six holes of “Ambrose golf” and it took our team twenty five shots all together. It was a nice day and we all enjoyed playing golf for the day.

By Emma, Room 7

