



Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora and welcome to the 2018 school year. We already have two weeks of school under our belts and the year is shaping up nicely. It's always great to see the children back looking refreshed and ready for learning.



Welcome back to Tegan Smithies, after a few years away travelling and teaching elsewhere. Tegan is teaching in Rm 3. Welcome this week to a new part-time teacher, Kelly Godsall-Folster. Kelly will be teaching Literacy to small groups in Year 2/3; this is a new initiative to try and make sure learners get the chance to catch up in reading and writing, early in their schooling at Salford.

Thanks to all those parents and caregivers who came to the Meet the Teachers Evening on the first Thursday. The rain that day obviously put a number of people off. It's never too late to pop into the classrooms and make yourself known to your children's teachers.

Mathematics professional development

Our major curriculum professional development focus this year and next is on Mathematics. Our teacher only day was on Maths and we are working with an adviser (Averil Lee from the University of Otago) to review our teaching and ensure we are up to date with the latest developments in this area.

Reporting to parents

The National Standards system has been scrapped by the new government so we will be looking at new ways to report to parents in this area. Our parent survey last year revealed a lower rating for reporting to parents/caregivers than other areas so we will be looking to find out more from parents about what they want in this area. We have decided to ditch learning journals in line with the new government's encouragement to spend more time on teaching and less on assessment; the learning journals were quite time-consuming for teachers.

I look forward to seeing you around the school and invite your support and involvement in the school in 2018.

Robin Harris
Principal



REMINDERS

- Daily—Heat-ups - see website.
- **Wednesday**—Subway Orders (Order by 9:00am at the Office)
- **Friday** - PTA Sausage Sizzle—\$2.00 each
- 12 Feb—Summer Football restarts
- 14 Feb—Touch starts
- 20 Feb—Cricket starts
- 20 Feb—Year 6 Camp to Bannockburn.
- 23 Feb—Year 6 Return
- 27 Feb—Governance Meeting
- 28 Feb—Internet Safety Sessions Yr 4-6 with John Parsons..
- 28 Feb—Cyber Safety Presentation—3:15pm
- 14 Mar—NZ Playhouse—Red Riding Hood
- 15 Mar—Seniors—Phoenix Zone Athletics Day at Waverley
- 15 Mar—Juniors—Phoenix Zone Athletics Day at Salford

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

ACCOUNTS REMINDER

The schools financial year ended on the 31st of December. Please arrange to finalise payment on all outstanding accounts. Donation Statements will be sent to families before the end of February for your 2017/2018 IRD Claim. Remember you can claim 33% of voluntary donations made to School.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS DETAILS:

We are starting to receive a small number of postings back at school with families having shifted during the year. Please remember to update your details at school if:

- 1) You have shifted
- 2) You have a new cell phone or email address
- 3) You wish to change your emergency contact numbers

This can be done by either coming into school or by using the School Stream app.

PTA NOTEBOOK



The PTA team welcomes you to join us at our first meeting of the year on

Wednesday 14th February 2018 at 7.30pm,

in the school staff room. We will be discussing the year ahead, including playgrounds, Friday Sausage Sizzle, Community Cuppas, fund raising etc. We are always looking for more people to join and help us, and we're still looking for a President to take the lead. So please, if you're interested, come along!

And speaking of our renowned Friday Sausage Sizzle – we need your help to get keep this going in 2018. Please register your interest via School Stream, or return the form to the office asap. Many hands make light work!! It will only take up an hour or two of your time.....cooking sausages and handing them out to hungry children.

Thanks for all the generous donations of food, including baking, chocolates and fruit for the Christmas Carol evening last year. Much appreciated.

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia ora,

Happy New Year; I hope you all enjoyed the good summer.

In January, the Board had a weekend workshop to discuss the School's goals for the year and to think about changes to Salford's Charter. We will be finalising this at our February meeting and it will then be available on the School's website. We also used the session for self-review and professional development. In terms of the Charter, we aim to formulate a document which reflects the Community's vision for its students and the annual plan is one of the ways we seek to implement that vision. The aim is to help all students reach their potential and there is always a focus on providing extra help to those students who need it. We are very lucky to be able to provide greater resource in this area in 2018. Community engagement is again an ongoing focus for the Board and we welcome any suggestions or ideas you have in this regard.

One of our members – Sreeraj Balachandran- is moving to Australia for work which has created a vacancy on the Board. We opted to fill the vacancy by selection rather than election as we wanted a person with finance/accounting skills. We also wanted someone with children in the junior school, so they can stand again at next year's election, the idea being that some continuity in Board members is a valuable thing. There is a process we have to go through before making the selection a formal one and you will have seen the notices already about that. I will update you on this when the process has finished. Thank you Sreeraj for being such a great trustee; we will miss your support and good humour. All the best to you and your family.

The Board has also discussed the issue of activity fees and donations. The School is no longer charging an activity fee so will be ever more reliant on your donations to provide extra funding for school resources. Salford relies heavily on these donations and they benefit our children. Some of you may have heard about the Government's plans to pay \$150 for each student but that plan has not yet eventuated, making the donation just as important as ever. We have set the donation at a reasonable level. Part of it is also tax deductible—process for claim can be found on the IRD website—<http://www.ird.govt.nz/income-tax-individual/tax-credits/donations-taxcredits/donations-taxcredits>

Just a reminder that our key documents, including our Complaints Policy, are on the school website. I hope the term is off to a good start for everyone.

Kind Regards,
Mary.

STUDENT ENROLMENTS 2018—Do you have a younger child starting school in 2018. Please call by the Office and pick up an enrolment pack as we need enrolments in now to enable effective planning in Term 4 for 2018.

ROOM 6 NEWS

At Salford School we have four values: Respect, Responsibility, Work hard and Care for others. These values are important to all of us and we hope to show them every day in all the things that we do. We have created a Values Donut in our classroom, which shows some of the simple ways we can show these values.



With Miss Fannin, we have used the symbol of the whale to show that when we demonstrate all of our school values we will stand strong and can take on anything. Treating other people the way they deserve to be treated is a sign of respect. Looking after your own belongings is sign of responsibility. Giving 100% effort and showing perseverance is a sign of working hard and helping someone when they need it shows that you care.

SPORTS UPDATE:

- **Summer Football**—is underway—This is the second section of the 2017 competition.
- **Cricket** - We have a Year 1/2 Team and currently confirming a Year 3/4 Team.
- **Touch**—We have a Year 1/2 Team and a Year 5/6 Team and we will be contacting all players who have registered for Year 3/4.

CYBER SAFETY

Presentation



Are you a parent/guardian concerned about how your child uses the internet or mobile phone?

Cybercrime is a very real issue facing families in NZ, but there are easy practical steps to help prevent it. (ORG) invites you to a presentation on the issues and dangers associated with the inappropriate use of computers, mobile phones and the internet.

VENUE: SALFORD SCHOOL

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, 28TH
FEBRUARY AT 3:15PM**

Hosted by NZ Cyber Security expert John Parsons who gives you real life examples of children who have been affected by cybercrime. You will leave with the knowledge to help, support and protect your family.

Topics covered

- Online grooming
- Sexting
- Damaged reputations
- Cyber bullying
- Reputation Management
- Learning to repel and report
- Future proofing for employment



Educating young people to understand the value of identity is the first step to using ICT safely.

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