



Term 3 Week 4

14 August 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora and greetings from your school.

Strike action

A reminder that members of the NZEI (the primary teacher's union) are holding a full day strike tomorrow, on August 15 and that the school is closed as a result. We regret the inconvenience to parents and caregivers but feel strongly about the issues confronting schools at the moment.

Current trends indicate that schools will have a real challenge on their hands to provide quality teachers in your children's classrooms in the near future. The number of applicants for teacher training has dropped alarmingly, the number of young teachers leaving the profession in the first five years is a great concern and the lack of relievers for daily or short term work is a big worry. Something needs to be done to attract more teachers and a decent salary increase and better support for children with learning and behaviour issues would be a good start.

Attendance matters

You will have seen your children's attendance on their reports at the end of last term. It's frightening to realize that if a child's attendance is less than 90% each year then they will miss a full year's schooling by the time they reach Year 11. The odd day off here and there soon adds up. Children, who have frequent absences, soon start to fall behind. All families need to make sure that all absences are for genuine reasons only.

On a similar topic, frequent late arrivals in the morning can affect the learning of all the children in the class, particularly if the teacher has to stop teaching to repeat directions for latecomers.

Parent/caregiver survey

The results from our parent/caregiver survey last year indicated that there was room for improvement with our student reports. As a response to this, and also in response to the scrapping of national standards, we developed a new report, which was issued for the first time at midyear. We would appreciate parents/caregivers completing a short survey (included with this newsletter) to provide feedback on the new report.

Whanau Hui

We are holding a Whanau Hui with our school's Maori parents/caregivers here at school in Room 3 at 7:30 next Monday evening, 20 August. This is a good chance for whanau members to get together, hear what is happening at school and give us helpful feedback.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*Keep your face always to the
sunshine and shadows will
always fall behind you.*

- Walt Whitman



Robin Harris, Principal

CALLING FOR SAUSAGE SIZZLERS Tm4.

Please keep an eye on SchoolStream and the notice home, for support for Term 4 Friday Sausage sizzles.

The PTA thanks all those parents who have come forward this year. The children enjoy their Friday Sausage and your support makes this possible.

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

Come to our **Paws for Books** BOOK FAIR!

Choose from a huge selection of books at the Fair!

Date **MONDAY 20-24 AUGUST** Time 8:30 to 9:00
2:30 to 4:30

Place **SALFORD SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Every purchase earns books and learning resources for our school!

SCHOLASTIC

Books featured include: *WYRD*, *the BAD GUYS*, *STOM GATES*, *BISCUITS BANDS AND BICYCLES*, *PEARL*, *MY OLD MAN HE PLAYED RUGBY*, *groovicorn!*, *WHERE'S KIWI NOW?*, *THE MAGICAL UNICORN*.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Kia ora koutou,

We are now well in to term three and it is lovely to see Spring is almost here.

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who responded to our Inclusive School survey. It was heartening to learn that all of you see Salford as a caring School. Overall, your comments were positive but there are some areas where improvements can be made. We see the main themes as communication, documentation and training. Robin and staff will be discussing these areas this term and will come back to the Board with recommendations. Thank you again for contributing; we are always keen to hear from you.

At our last meeting, we received the whole school achievement results for the year to date. Overall, they were positive. Those areas that need improvement are already a school wide focus and we have extra support for students in maths, reading and writing. The School is also investigating other support/resources for children who need extra help. The Board was very pleased to see how much resource, time, and effort has gone in to such support in the past year. This term and next, the School is also looking at boys' achievement and what we can do to boost achievement levels for them. You may be aware that this is an issue nationwide so the Board will be interested to see what is put in place, and whether it works.

We continue to welcome feedback/engagement with our Maori families and another meeting is being scheduled shortly. These are low key and simply a way to get your ideas and feedback.

Finally, we thank you for your understanding of our decision to close the School on Wednesday. This was a health and safety issue. I know you will support our wonderful teachers in their difficult decision to strike.

Kind Regards,
Mary.

REMINDERS

- Daily—Heat-ups - see website.
- **Wednesday**—Subway Orders (Order by 9:00am at the Office)
- **Friday** - PTA Sausage Sizzle—\$2.00 each
- 14 Aug—ICAS Maths
- 16 Aug—Speech Cluster Finals
- 17 Aug—Miniball Registrations close
- 20 Aug—Book Fair Opens—Library
- 20 Aug—Whanau Hui—7:30
- 20/21 Aug—El Gregoe Magic Show 1:40
- 21 Aug—Governance Meeting-7pm
- 22 Aug—New Entrant Information Evening—7:00pm
- 24 Aug—Book Fair closes
- 28 Aug—Miniball commences
- 28 Aug—Polyfest Performance—1:10—1:30
- 29 Aug—PTA Committee Meeting
- 6 Sep—Senior School Science Fair 5.15 to 6.15pm
- 6 Sep—ALL Celebration Evening 6.30—7:30pm
- 11 Sep—Whole School Photos
- 11 Sep—Year 5 Netball Tournament
- 12 Sep—Year 6 Netball Tournament
- 16 Sep—Tis the Season—ILT Singout
- 20 Sep—Term 3 Disco
- 25 Sep—Governance Meeting –7pm

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

EPRO 8 2018 Team—Henry, Joe, Felix and Andrew made it through to the Finals. Well done



Congratulations to the following students in the Senior Syndicate Speech Finals

Year 4, 1st Place: Madison Stephens
Year 4, 2nd Place: Harris Lindsay

Year 5, 1st Place: Lachlan Checketts
Year 5, 2nd Place: Madison-Grace Brown

Year 6, 1st Place: Madison McDowell
Year 6, 2nd Place: Kleo Hollands

Special Certificate of Achievement:
Natalia Peek and Allie de Clifford

Representing Salford at the Cluster Speech Finals:

***Madison McDowell
Lachlan Checketts***

ROOM 1 NEWS

Room 1, have been busy with Fire wise programme, learning their home addresses and Buddy Reading with Room 8.

The junior school have been taking part in the Fire wise programme. As an introduction to the children's learning some fireman came to Salford school to talk to us about the jobs the fire brigade carry out. The children were lucky enough to get inside the fire truck and have a turn with the fire hose.

Room 1 have been learning their address just in case there is ever a fire at their house and they have to ring 111.



Buddy Reading

Every Friday morning Room 1 gets together with our buddy class Room 8 and we read together, practise our spelling and sing together. Thank you Room 8 for helping us with our learning.



Please cut and return to the Office:

“PAWS for BOOKS” - Book Fair - 20—24th August 2018

Name of Parent		
Contact Number		
Email address		
I can assist on the following days/times: <i>please tick</i>		
Day	8:30 to 9:00am	2:30 to 3:15pm
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

**New Entrant & Prospective Parent
Information Evening**
 Wednesday, 22nd August 2018
 7:00pm - Room 10