

### Dates to Remember

#### **Week 4**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August  
School Photo Catch Up

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August  
Governing Council  
Meeting

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August  
SAPSASA - Athletics

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August  
Student Free Day

#### **Week 5**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Life Ed Van

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Book Week Parade

#### **Week 6**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August  
Assembly  
Classes Presenting  
Y1 & Y4

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August  
SAPSASA Soccer

#### **Week 7**

1st-4<sup>th</sup> September  
Father Day Stall

### **A Note From the Principal**

**Dear parents and carers,**

#### **Welcome to Term 3!**

I'm back from a wonderful family holiday in Europe where I had the chance to spend some quality time with loved ones. I'm slowly adjusting to Adelaide's winter chill – but it's great to be back at Salisbury North Primary School!

It's been lovely to reconnect with students, families, and staff and to see everyone back into the swing of learning. A big thank you to Brooke, the Leadership Team, and all the staff for doing such an incredible job running the school while I was away. I feel so lucky to be part of such a strong and supportive school community.

It's also been fantastic to see our brand-new Receptions settling in. They're growing in confidence every day and bring such a positive energy to our school. It's always a joy watching our littlest community members explore, learn, and make new friendships.

We've got an exciting term ahead with Book Week, Sports Day, Camp, and Scott Rathman's mural painting of the Paitya Wardli – which you'll read more about later in the newsletter.

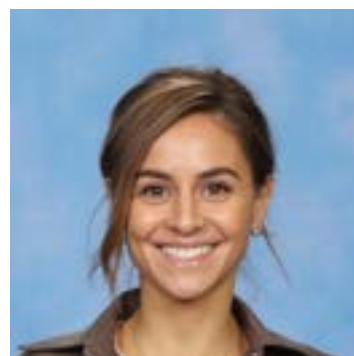
#### **NAPLAN Results**

If you have a child in Year 3 or 5, their NAPLAN results will be sent home this week. If you have any questions or would like to talk through your child's results, please don't hesitate to make a time to meet with their teacher.

#### **Goodbye, for now**

Diana Spagnuolo will be heading off on maternity leave in Week 7 as she prepares for the arrival of her second child. Diana will return to Salisbury North in Term 4, 2026, and we wish her all the very best for this special time with her growing family.

We'll share more information about Diana's backfill with families in the coming weeks.



**Ms Diana**

## A Note From the Principal ...

### Nature Play Update

Work on the new Junior Primary Nature Play area began in Week 2 and has already captured a lot of attention – especially from our youngest students! Trucks, diggers and bobcats have been on site preparing the space, and the kids have loved watching all the action.



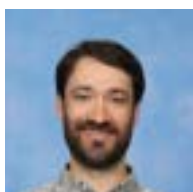
So far, the team from Climbing Tree has focused on levelling the area and starting work on the waterplay and sandpit zone. According to the timeline, the full project is expected to be completed by the end of Term 3 which is very exciting! We can't wait for students to enjoy this beautiful new play space.

### Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) Update

As many of you know, we are currently in the tender process to select a third-party provider to offer OSHC services starting in 2026. This week, I'm meeting with three prospective providers who will conduct site evaluations before submitting their final proposals.

While the full licensing process may take some time, we hope to complete the tender process by the end of September. I know this is something many families have been asking for, and I'm doing all I can to secure a positive outcome. I'm optimistic and it's looking highly likely that we'll have an operational OSHC at the beginning of 2026. I'll keep you updated as things progress.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's learning.  
Stay warm!



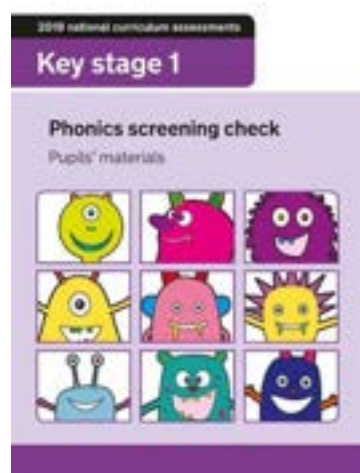
Kind regards,  
Stefan Parente  
Principal

## Student Free Day

**Term 3's Student Free day is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August.  
Students do not come to school on this day.**

Please note that this date was changed from  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August

## A Note From the Assistant Principal



### Phonics Screening Check – What Parents Need to Know

During Term 3, all Year 1 students at our school will take part in the Phonics Screening Check. This is a short, simple assessment that helps teachers understand how well students are learning to use their knowledge of letter sounds (phonics) to read words.

The Phonics Screening Check involves students reading 40 words—some real and some “nonsense” words—aloud to their teacher. These nonsense words (for example, vap, sheb) are included to make sure students are applying their phonics skills rather than relying on memory.

The Phonics Screening Check is not a pass-or-fail test. It is a tool that helps teachers identify areas where students may need extra support. The results guide our teaching so we can ensure every child becomes a confident reader.

If you have any questions about the Phonics Screening Check or how you can support your child at home, please contact your child's teacher.

### New Maths Fluency Assessment



This term, our school is introducing a **new maths fluency assessment** to help us better understand how students are developing their fluency to recall maths facts accurately and automatically. The assessment will provide valuable data to guide our teaching and support every child's progress in mathematics.

Teachers have been completing this assessment with their classes and preparing the data ready for the Week 4 Pupil Free Day. On this day, staff will

use the results to explore how to respond to the data and strengthen maths learning across the school.

### Year 1 Numeracy Check – Building Strong Foundations in Maths



To strengthen early maths learning, South Australia is introducing a Year 1 Numeracy Check in 2026. This short, one-on-one assessment helps teachers understand how students think about numbers, so they can provide targeted support where needed.

#### What is the Numeracy Check?

- A 15-minute conversation between teacher and student using hands-on maths tasks.
- Focuses on number recognition, counting, place value, and simple addition and subtraction.
- Results are used to guide teaching—not to grade or rank students.

## Why is it Important?

Early identification of learning needs means teachers can close gaps in understanding before they grow, helping every child feel confident with numbers.

## Teacher Preparation

- Recently, our Year 1 and 2 teachers attended training to ensure they deliver the Numeracy
- Check consistently and use the information effectively to support students.
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## How You Can Help

Talk about numbers in daily life—count steps, share items, and discuss time and money. Practice sorting and grouping everyday objects like toys or fruit by size, shape, or colour. Use simple cooking activities to talk about measuring and counting ingredients. Play number games like spotting numbers on signs or counting steps as you walk.



Brooke Scott  
Assistant Principal

Congratulations to our student award winners of Term 2

### MOST IMPROVED STUDENT AWARD:



Stefan (L4J)  
Ellie (Y2)  
Morris (Y4)



### OUTSTANDING SCHOOL VALUES AWARD:



Devika (G1)

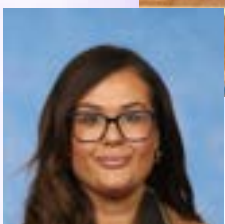


# Awards



Outstanding efforts to Y2 & R5 (Jahrys & Agilan representing) on winning the Assembly Engagement Award. This award is presented to a JP & Primary class who demonstrates the very best audience skills during our whole school Assembly. Well done to Y2 & R5 for achieving this in our Week 3 Assembly.

Excellent work G5 & R6 (Mary & Daniel representing) on gaining the most Value Leaf Tokens across the school! All tokens added across the school contribute to our whole school reward! We are currently working towards jumping castles in the gym.



Vicki Warrick  
Wellbeing Leader

These super star students across our school have received a certificate for their excellent work in either Literacy, Mathematics or whilst in a Specialist Lesson e.g. Art, Science, PE etc. You should all be so proud of achieving this award.



# Refugee Week | 15–21 June 2025

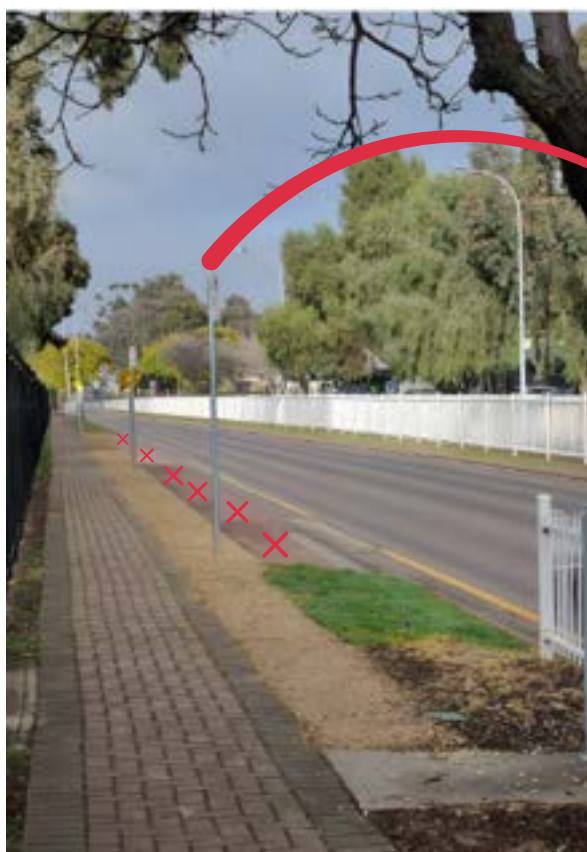
Finding Freedom: Diversity in Community



In Week 8 of Term 2, we celebrated Refugee Week. Students were invited to wear their cultural dress to celebrate the diversity in our community. Students engaged in learning about refugees and shared stories of their own families coming to Australia.



## Bagster Road Kiss and Drop



Did you know that the Kiss and Drop zones outside of our school are no parking areas between 8am–9am and 2:30–3:30pm on school days?

If you use this area during these times, you must remain with your car, or you could receive a parking fine.



Please do not pull up next to cars in the Kiss and Drop line and allow your child to exit your car. There is another Kiss and Drop area on Rolleston Ave that you could use instead.

Your cooperation in supporting the safety of all of our students is greatly appreciated.



# Year 3 - G4 and G5

## What are we learning in English?

This term in G4 and G5 we have started learning about morphology in our uninterrupted literacy lessons. Morphology is the study of parts of words called morphemes, and how they change the meaning of words when added to the beginning (prefix) or end of a word (suffix). These meanings are connected to the word origin which is called etymology. To begin this unit we looked at the etymology of our names.

-ly

suffix  
how, manner of, in a certain way

-y

adverb suffix  
full of, inclined to, state of being

-er

adverb suffix  
one who, thing that, comparison

-ful

adjective suffix  
having qualities of, full of



Melissa

Origin: Greek  
Meaning: Comes from the Greek word "melissa" meaning honey bee. The name Melissa is associated with having a sweet, hardworking and a nurturing nature, like a bee!



We will be sharing our name etymology work at our assembly in Week 9 this term. We would love to see you there!



# Term 3 Learning

## ***What are we learning in Maths?***

This term in G4 and G5 we have started learning about shapes. We are learning to describe the properties and features of 3D shapes and objects including surfaces, vertices and edges. Next steps in our learning include identifying 3D shapes and objects in the environment as well as constructing models of 3D shapes.





# NAIDOC



in R1



To celebrate NAIDOC week, R1 read the Dreamtime story 'The Rainbow Serpent'. After reading we made our own Rainbow Serpents.



To celebrate

# Book Week

*Students are invited to dress up as their  
favourite character from a book on*

**Friday 22nd August 2025**

*There will be a costume parade in the Yellow  
Yard at 9am. Families are welcome to attend.*



Children's Book Week  
16–23 August 2025

BOOK AN  
*Adventure*





# SNPS' GOT TALENT

Our Salisbury North Primary School talent show did not disappoint at the end of Term 2! Congratulations to all of the students who performed and thank you to our judges, hosts, and amazing audience. Who is already practicing for the next talent show?





# Pyjama storytime



**Snuggle up in your comfiest pyjamas and join us for a magical evening of stories, songs, and sleepy time fun!**

**Fortnightly Thursday | 5.30pm to 6.15pm**  
**The Hive Community Resource Hub | Suitable for 3+ years**



For more information, visit  
[pyjamastorytime.eventbrite.com.au](http://pyjamastorytime.eventbrite.com.au)



## Term 3 Events Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	21st July	22nd July	23rd July	24th July	25th July
Week 2	28th July	29th July	30th July	31st July	1st August
					World Principal Day
Week 3	4th August	5th August	6th August	7th August	8th August
	Assembly National Aboriginal Children's Day		Year 5/6 Camp	Year 5/6 Camp	Year 5/6 Camp
Week 4 Science Week	11th August	12th August	13th August	14th August	15th August
		School Photo Catch Up	Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30pm	SAPSASA Athletics Excursion	Student Free Day
Week 5 Book Week	18th August	19th August	20th August	21st August	22nd August
	Life Education SSO Week	Life Education SSO Week	Life Education SSO Week	Life Education SSO Week	Life Education SSO Week Book Week Celebration Parade 9am
Week 6	25th August	26th August	27th August	28th August	29th August
	Assembly			SAPSASA Soccer Excursion	Clontarf Boys Excursion
Week 7	1st September	2nd September	3rd September	4th September	5th September
	Fathers Day Stall	Fathers Day Stall	Fathers Day Stall	Fathers Day Stall	
Week 8	8th September	9th September	10th September	11th September	12th September
			Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30pm	CAP Excursion	Sports Day
Week 9	15th September	16th September	17th September	18th September	19th September
	Assembly	Junior Primary Incursion Sensory Magic	Junior Primary Incursion Sensory Magic	SAPSASA Tag Rugby	SAPSASA Tag Rugby TBC
Week 10	22nd September	23rd September	24th September	25th September	26th September
		STEM Aboriginal Learner Congress	STEM Aboriginal Learner Congress Variety Picnic		Early Dismissal 1:55pm

## Term 4 Events Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week1	13th October	14th October	15th October	16th October	17th October
	Nunga Students Health Checks	Nunga Students Health Checks	World Teachers Day celebration		
Week 2	20th October	21st October	22nd October	23rd October	24th October
					PBL Incursion Infatables Day
Week 3	27th October	28th October	29th October	30th October	31st October
	Assembly				CU Graduation Ceremony
Week4	3rd November	4th November	5th November	6th November	7th November
	Rec - Yr5 Swimming	Rec - Yr5 Swimming	Rec - Yr5 Swimming Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30pm	Rec - Yr5 Swimming	Rec - Yr5 Swimming
Week 5	10th November	11th November	12th November	13th November	14th November
Week 6	17th November	18th November	19th November	20th November	21st November
	Assembly				
Week 7	24th November	25th November	26th November	27th November	28th November
	Student Free Day	Yr6 Nunga Graduation	Variety Christmas Party		
Week 8	1st December	2nd December	3rd December	4th December	5th December
		PBL Excursion Salisbury Swim Centre	Governing Council Meeting 5:45pm - 7:30 pm	Year 6 High School Transition End of Year Concert	School Closure Day Year 6 High School Transition
Week 9	8th December	9th December	10th December	11th December	12th December
	Assembly		Student Moving Up Day Yr 6 Graduation		Disco Early Dismissal 1:55pm