

Dates to Remember

Week 6

Monday 2nd March
Assembly
Classes Presenting
Y1 & Y2

Friday 6th March
Pupil Free Day

Week 7

Monday 9th March
Adelaide Cup Day
Holiday

Week 7, 8 & 9
NAPLAN Testing

Week 9

Monday 23rd March -
Friday 27th March
Parent-Teacher-Student
Conferences

Monday 23rd March
Assembly
Classes Presenting
Y3 & Y4

Week 10
Wednesday 1st April
Year 6 Aquatics

A Note From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

Wow – it's the end of Week 3 already! We've enjoyed a very settled and positive start to the school year here at Salisbury North. Classrooms are calm, routines are established, and students have returned ready to learn. It has been wonderful to see such a smooth beginning to 2026.

We have welcomed some new staff members to Salisbury North Primary School. Melissa Dudek has joined us as our Assistant Principal of Maths and School Operations, and Michaela Dunmall as our new Specialist Teacher. Both Melissa and Michaela have settled in wonderfully and are already becoming part of the furniture here at SNPS. We are thrilled to have them on our team.

Coming up in Week 5 on Tuesday 24th February is our Acquaintance Night. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with teachers and for students to proudly show you their learning spaces. There will be a free BBQ, so come along for a feed and bring the kids!

On the same evening at 5:15pm in the Library, we will hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM). At the AGM, I will present the 2025 Annual Report, share our new Site Learning Plan (SLP), which outlines our direction for 2026 and beyond, and we will vote for our 2026 Governing Council members. Following the AGM, the SLP will be uploaded to our website and shared with families. Further information about Acquaintance Night and the AGM was sent via email late last week and is also included in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you then!

On Thursday of Week 5, we are very excited to officially open and trial our new Breakfast Club. We know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and we want all students to be fed and ready for learning when they enter their classrooms. We have partnered with KickStart for Kids and Gleeson College to provide a range of food options for our students.

Breakfast Club will run on Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:15am–8:40am in Y5, with the intention of expanding to more days in the future. Students arriving before 8:30am will need to enter via Pedestrian Gate 1, near the gym, and remain in Y5 with the Breakfast Club team until the bell sounds and the main gates open. More detailed information can be found in the pages following this message. We are very excited about introducing this initiative for our students.

A Note From the Principal

Our brand new OSHC service, provided by YMCA of South Australia, is now officially up and running. This has been a fantastic addition to our school and a valuable service for families. Our Service Director, Alisha, Assistant Director, Fiona, and their team have created a welcoming and warm environment for students. We currently have 13 enrolled students, and numbers continue to grow. For more information about OSHC, please refer to the OSHC newsletter and "About Me" pages shared via EdSmart.

Over the past 12 months, we have been working hard to improve play opportunities across the school. Over the holidays, these opportunities expanded even further, and students are loving it. The new swings were unveiled at the start of the year and are proving popular, not only as a fun play option but also as a sensory support for students who benefit from movement breaks.



We have also introduced Loose Parts Play in our Primary Nature Play area, now affectionately known as "Stick Club." Pallets, tyres, pine logs and other natural materials have created incredible opportunities for imaginative and creative play. Soon we will be adding canvas tarps and rope to encourage even more building and problem-solving. It has been fantastic to see students designing, constructing and collaborating so creatively. We will be seeking additional loose parts from families in the future so watch this space!

Finally, after a long production delay, the shelter over the JP Nature Play area has been installed. It has beautifully finished the space and provides welcome shade on hot days. Our students love to play, and it is wonderful to see them so engaged in the yard.

That's all from me for now. Thank you for your continued support of our school and our students.



Warm regards,
Stefan Parente
Principal
Salisbury North Primary School



A Note From the Assistant Principal of Curriculum, Teaching & Learning

2026 Learning

Our classes have made a strong start to the year, with engaging learning already underway across the school. Students have settled well into the structures of our instructional routines for phonics, spelling and morphology, building confidence and consistency in their daily learning. Teachers have also planned exciting work around their class mentor texts, which will provide rich opportunities to develop students' language, comprehension and writing skills. Families might like to ask their child about the text they are exploring in class and what new learning they have discovered.

Staff are now using a new whole-site planning document to help strengthen connections across the curriculum. This approach allows Specialist Teachers to tap into classroom learning and deepen students' knowledge by extending experiences within specialist lessons.

We have also transitioned to a new data system to store, track and monitor each student's learning journey. The system enables more efficient data entry and makes it easier to view progress at an individual, cohort and whole-school level. Having access to this information supports us to respond to evidence of learning and plan targeted, high-quality teaching.

At the beginning of Reception, the focus is on oral language so they are exploring a range of texts linked to phonemic awareness and PBL topics.



Receptions

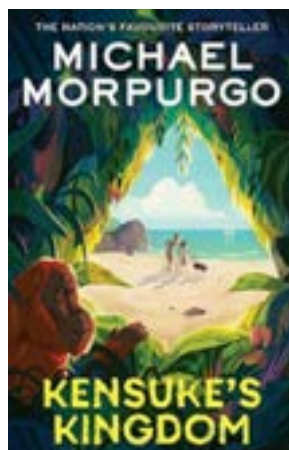
Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6


The Importance of Sleep on a School Night

A good night's sleep is one of the most important factors for a successful school day. When children are well rested, they are better able to concentrate, manage their emotions, remember new learning and stay engaged in class activities. Tired children often find it harder to follow instructions, solve problems and get along with others.

Primary school aged children generally need around 9–11 hours of sleep each night. Many families find that a consistent bedtime routine can really help. Things like turning off screens well before bed, aiming for a regular bedtime, reading a book, or creating a calm and predictable wind-down routine may support children to fall asleep more easily.

Sleep also supports physical health. While children sleep, their bodies grow, repair and recharge, helping them to stay healthy and ready for the day ahead.

Thank you for supporting your child to arrive at school refreshed and ready to learn each morning.

 How much sleep is enough? 	
Age	Recommended Amount of Sleep
Infants (4-12 Months)	12-16 Hours/Day (including naps)
Children (1-2 Years)	11-14 Hours/Day (including naps)
Children (3-5 Years)	10-13 Hours/Day (including naps)
Children (6-12 Years)	9-12 Hours/Day
Teens (13-18 Years)	8-10 Hours/Day
Adults (18+ Years)	7-8 Hours/Day



Brooke Scott
Assistant Principal

A Note From the Assistant Principal of Inclusion and Aboriginal Education

Helping Children Start the School Day Well

At our school, we love working with families. You are very important in helping your child learn and feel happy at school. One way you can help is by encouraging your child to say goodbye at the classroom door and unpack their own school bag.

Why This is Important

1. Builds independence

When children unpack their own bags, they learn to look after their belongings and be responsible. These are important life skills.

2. Builds confidence

Doing things by themselves helps children feel proud and capable.

3. Helps children to feel in control

Simple, clear routines help children feel safe and settled at school.

4. Helps classrooms to stay calm

Mornings are busy. When children unpack their own bags, teachers can help all students get ready for learning.

How Families Can Help

Say goodbye at the classroom door

Encourage your child to carry their own bag

Let your child unpack their lunch box and drink bottle

Praise your child for trying

Practise unpacking at home if your child finds it difficult

Working Together

Thank you for supporting your child to become independent and confident. These skills help children at school and in life.

If your child needs extra help with morning routines, please speak to your child's teacher.



Amber Kothe
Assistant Principal

AWARDS



A big well done to R6 and Y2 for showing fantastic audience skills at our first official assembly of the year — great work!



G2 & G5 earnt the most value leaves across the school. G2 earnt 677 value leaves & G5 earnt 284. This is a huge effort by both the students and the teachers!



These amazing students across our school received a certificate and School Values wrist band because they showed outstanding efforts in demonstrating one of our 5 School Values. You should all be so proud. You're the first students in the school to receive these this year.



Vicki Warrick
Assistant Principal

What's been happening in R2 and R3

R3

Students in R3 participated in a fun and meaningful activity by creating a Friendship Web, highlighting how we are all connected within our classroom community.



We also worked together to solve a Hungry Caterpillar floor puzzle, using our problem-solving skills and teamwork to complete the challenge. It was wonderful to see everyone collaborating and supporting one another!



R2

This week in R2 we have been continuing to practice recognising and writing our names through a range of engaging activities. In celebrating Valentines Day, students used their creativity to design and make their own unique love bugs.



This hands-on activity not only helped to reinforce name recognition but also allowed everyone to express themselves artistically. The love bugs have brought a cheerful touch to our classroom, and it was wonderful to see the pride students took in their work.





ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24TH



4:00 - 5:15PM - CLASS VISITS

4:45 - 5:45PM - SAUSAGE SIZZLE

5:15 - 6:00PM - AGM

BREAKFAST CLUB

WHO: EVERYONE
WHEN: Thurs & Fri
WHERE: Y5
TIME: 8:15am–8:40am

YAY!
Breakfast Club
Starts Week 5!

Please enter through gym gate.

Whilst enjoying breakfast club, students must be seated.



ENROLMENTS NOW

REGISTRATIONS OF INTEREST ARE NOW OPEN
FOR RECEPTION STUDENTS STARTING IN Term 3 2026

Don't miss out – secure your place today!

Please collect a REGISTER YOUR INTEREST form from school front office, complete the form and return it front office

Students enrolled through a mid-year intake will complete 6 terms of reception.

How do I know which intake my child is eligible for :

Child's 5th Birthday	School Start Date
1st January to 30th April	Term 1 of the year they turn 5
1st May to 31st October	Term 3 of the year they turn 5 Mid-Year intake
1st November to 31st December	Term 1 of the year after they turn 5

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HOURS CARE**



Term 1 Events Calendar 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	26th January	27th January	28th January	29th January	30th January
	Australia Day Public Holiday	1st Day Term 1			
Week 2	2nd February	3rd February	4th February	5th February	6th February
Week 3	9th February	10th February	11th February	12th February	13th February
	Assembly				
Week 4	16th February	17th February	18th February	19th February	20th February
		SAPOL Road Safety Crossing Training			
Week 5	23rd February	24th February	25th February	26th February	27th February
		Acquaintance Night & AGM	SMASH Cricket YR 5/6		
Week 6	2nd March	3rd March	4th March	5th March	6th March
	Assembly				Student Free Day
Week 7	9th March	10th March	11th March	12th March	13th March
	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday		NAPLAN	NAPLAN Volunteer Induction 2:15pm	NAPLAN
Week 8	16th March	17th March	18th March	19th March	20th March
	NAPLAN Harmony Week Celebrations	NAPLAN Harmony Week Celebrations	NAPLAN Harmony Week Celebrations	NAPLAN Harmony Week Celebrations	NAPLAN Harmony Week Celebrations
Week 9	23rd March	24th March	25th March	26th March	27th March
	NAPLAN Assembly Life ED Van Parent-Teacher- Student Conference	Life ED Van Parent-Teacher- Student Conference	Life Ed Van Parent-Teacher- Student Conference	Life Ed Van Parent-Teacher- Student Conference	Life Ed Van Parent-Teacher- Student Conference
Week 10	30th March	31st March	1st April	2nd April	3rd April
			Year 6 Aquatics		Good Friday Public Holiday
Week 11	6th April	7th April	8th April	9th April	10th April
	Easter Monday Public Holiday				End of Term Early Dismissal 1:55pm

Term 2 Events Calendar 2026

	Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week1	27th April	28th April		29th April	30th April	1st May
Week 2	4th May	5th May		6th May	7th May	8th May
				Nature Play Incursion		
Week 3	11th May	12th May		13th May	14th May	15th May
	Assembly					
Week4	18th May	19th May		20th May	21st May	22nd May
Week 5	25th May	26th May		27th May	28th May	29th May
		National Sorry Day		National Reconciliation Week	National Reconciliation Week	Student Free Day
Week 6	1st June	2nd June		3rd June	4th June	5th June
	Assembly National Reconciliation Week	National Reconciliation Week		National Reconciliation Week		World Environment Day
Week 7	8th June	9th June		10th June	11th June	12th June
	Kings Birthday Public Holiday					
Week 8	15th June	16th June		17th June	18th June	19th June
	Refugee Week	Refugee Week	Refugee Week	Refugee Week	Refugee Week	Refugee Week
Week 9	22nd June	23rd June		24th June	25th June	26th June
	Assembly					
Week 10	29th June	30th June		1st July	2nd July	3rd July
						End of Term Early Dismissal 1:55pm

Term 3 Events Calendar 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	20th July	21st July	22nd July	23rd July	24th July
Week 2	27th July	28th July	29th July	30th July	31st July
	School Photo Day				
Week 3	3rd August	4th August	5th August	6th August	7th August
	Assembly School Photo Catch Up		Year 5/6 Camp El Shaddai	Year 5/6 Camp El Shaddai	Year 5/6 Camp El Shaddai
Week 4	10th August	11th August	12th August	13th August	14th August
	Swimming Primary Students	Swimming Primary Students	Swimming Primary Students	Swimming Primary Students	Swimming Primary Students
Week 5	17th August	18th August	19th August	20th August	21st August
	National Science Week	National Science Week	National Science Week	National Science Week	Student Free Day
Week 6	24th August	25th August	26th August	27th August	28th August
	Assembly Book Week	Book Week	Book Week	Book Week	Book Week
Week 7	31st August	1st September	2nd September	3rd September	4th September
Week 8	7th September	8th September	9th September	10th September	11th September
				National R U OK Day	
Week 9	14th September	15th September	16th September	17th September	18th September
	Assembly Parent-Teacher-Student Conference	Parent-Teacher-Student Conference	Parent-Teacher-Student Conference	Parent-Teacher-Student Conference	Parent-Teacher-Student Conference
Week 10	21st September	22nd September	23rd September	24th September	25th September
					Early Dismissal 1:55pm

Term 4 Events Calendar 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week1	12th October	13th October	14 th October	15th October	16th October
Week 2	19th October	20th October	21st October	22nd October	23rd October
		Sensory Rec - Year 2			
Week 3	26th October	27th October	28th October	29th October	30th October
	Assembly				World Teachers Day
Week4	2nd November	3rd November	4th November	5th November	6th November
	JP Swimming	JP Swimming	JP Swimming World Teachers Day celebration	JP Swimming	JP Swimming
Week 5	9th November	10th November	11th November	12th November	13 th November
			Remembrance Day		
Week 6	16th November	17th November	18th November	19th November	20th November
	Assembly				Student Free Day
Week 7	23rd November	24th November	25th November	26th November	27th November
Week 8	30th November	1st December	2nd December	3rd December	4th December
				End of Year Concert	School Closure
Week 9	7th December	8th December	9th December	10th December	11th December
	Assembly		Year 6 Graduation		Early Dismissal 1:55pm