Dear Families,

Hopefully all children and families have settled back into morning routines to ensure that children are arriving at school before the siren at 8.45am. This is important as it ensures a settled start and provides children with an organised and uninterrupted start to their learning. The gates open at 8.30am for children and families. There should be no-one on school grounds prior to this time as there is no supervision. The office opens also at 8.30am. If you require care for your child prior to 8.30am, please contact OSHC.

**Emergency Procedures**

All students and staff have participated in evacuation and invacuation practices this week. A few minor changes will be made to our procedures to ensure the safety of all in the event of a ‘real’ incident. All children were calm and responded well to the practice—and time off learning!

We are investigating the use of sms messaging in the event of an emergency so that families can be contacted. It is important that we have up to date contact information for families, including emergency contacts. We contact parents for a number of reasons—sickness, accident, behaviour, good news etc—so please return your up-dated family information forms now.

**School Captains**

This year we have decided to trial having School Captains to represent our school. The role will include showing special visitors around, speaking at assemblies, helping to organise student activities etc. A number of Year 7 students nominated for the positions and presented speeches to their peers. Following voting, a group of 6 students were interviewed by Mr Neto and myself.

We were very impressed by the quality of their responses to our questions and their passion for supporting their fellow students and improving Burton School.

*Alison Lynch*, Principal

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Our school captains for 2016 are:
Brodie Bennier & Dakota Manning
Our Vice captains are:
Callan Bowditch & Alanah Swift

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Acquaintance Night
This will be held on Tuesday, February 16th from 5.30pm—6.15pm. This is an opportunity for all families to visit our school, meet the various staff your child will be working with this year, see your child’s class work and take a guided tour (with your child being the tour guide) around the school.

Governing Council AGM
Following our Acquaintance Night, at 6.30pm, our Governing Council AGM will be held in the staffroom.

The Annual Report of the school and pre-school will be presented and explained.

There are five vacancies for parents to join our Governing Council. Please see the office if you are interested for more information and a nomination form. As a member of Governing Council you will be involved in decision making and will gain a greater understanding of the workings of the school and pre-school. Meetings are held twice a term on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm—approx. 7.30pm.

Volunteering in Schools:
Many of our parents and guardians volunteer at our school to support their child’s learning. We are very appreciative of this support.

Parents and guardians who volunteer to directly support their child will no longer require a relevant history screening.

All volunteers still must complete RAN (Responding to Abuse and Neglect) training. Our school has arranged a session on Friday, March 4th 9.00 – 11.00am. Please see the office to book in. There is no cost.

Traffic Issues
Thank you to the families who are using the drop off area in front of the school correctly. This has made it much safer for our students and less disruptive for families. Remember that the fine for leaving your vehicle unattended is $74.00. 90 seconds should be enough time for children to alight safely.

A major concern remains for those families using the gate by the gym on Brookfield Ave as there are often cars parked on the footpath, meaning that children must walk on the road near the bend—a very dangerous practice. A number of fines have already been issued by Salisbury Council and this will continue. Photos will be sent to council of illegally and dangerously parked cars. Please consider the safety of others and park further away.

Invoices for Materials and Services Fees have gone home this week. Prompt payment ensures that students have access to valuable resources. Payment by instalments can be arranged by speaking with Julie Pickles. If you believe you may be eligible for School Card, please complete the necessary form and return promptly to the school. Many thanks to those families that have paid their fees already or arranged payment by instalments.

Catalogues for Book Club went home last week. All orders for issue 1 are due back on Friday the 19th February with the appropriate payment.

This is an opportunity to purchase good quality reading material at discounted prices for your child or to give as gifts.

There are 3 ways to pay:
- Credit Card- online - no need to return forms or money to school (www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP
- Cash - return form and correct money to the front office
- Cheque or Credit Voucher - please attach the cheque or voucher to the order form and return form to school

All catalogues will need to be returned to the front office by the due date and no late orders will be accepted.

All orders help the school receive special bonuses.

Carmen &Tegan (volunteer book club coordinator)
Worth a Look!

There is a free app called Learning Potential, developed by the Federal Government with more than 160 hints and ideas for parents to help their children with their learning. It is available for both Android and Apple devices. For more information visit www.learningpotential.gov.au This app provides ideas for all age groups.

For parents of younger children, check out the Great Start website at www.greatstart.sa.edu.au for ideas to support the learning of birth—5 year olds—and to have fun!

Is your child getting enough sleep?

We often see children (and adults) coming to school looking sleep deprived. In order to function at our best, it is important that we all receive enough sleep.

HOW MUCH DAILY SLEEP DO YOU NEED? Source: Sleep Health Foundation

- Newborns (up to 2 months) 12 - 18 hours
- Infants (2 months - 1 year) 14 - 15 hours
- Toddlers (1 - 3 years) 12 - 15 hours
- Pre-schoolers (3 - 5 years) 11 - 13 hours
- School age (5 - 12 years) 9 - 11 hours
- Teenage (12 - 18 years) 8.5 - 9.5 hours
- Adults 7 - 9 hours

SIGNS YOU'RE NOT GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP

Irritability, low mood, hyperactivity, sleepiness, poor attention span, craving sugary foods, argumentative, short temperedness, low tolerance.

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS FOR BETTER SLEEP

For kids aged 0-12 years

1. Go to bed at the same time every night, preferably before 9.00pm
2. Have an age-appropriate nap schedule
3. Establish a consistent bedtime routine
4. Make your child’s bedroom sleep conducive – cool, dark, and quiet
5. Encourage your child to fall asleep independently
6. Avoid bright light at bedtime and during the night, and increase light exposure in the morning
7. Avoid heavy meals and vigorous exercise close to bedtime
8. Keep all electronics, including televisions, computers, and mobile phones, out of the bedroom and limit the use of electronics before bedtime
9. Avoid caffeine, including many fizzy drinks, sports drink, coffee, and tea
10. Keep a regular daily schedule, including consistent mealtimes

OSHC—Out of School Hours Care

OSHC will be open on Acquaintance Night for all new and current families to have a look and become familiar with the OSHC environment. During this time students may be enrolled into our Before School and After School Care program. If you require further information, please see Carol (Director) or Emily (Assistant Director) in the OSHC room, located at the end of the gym or call 82809763.

Canteen

Please note the price of hot dogs has increased – effective from the start of this term.

Plain hotdog—$2.80
sauce—30c cheese—30c

As our canteen is run by volunteers, prices are kept low while still providing valuable resources for the school. We desperately need more volunteers to work in the canteen. If you can spare a morning once a week, fortnight or as a spare, please see Marg in the office. Training will be provided (and a free lunch!).

Gemini Netball Club Inc.

Player Registration Now!!

Winter 2016 season

Player nomination form and full fees required

Players required for the following grades:

- 9 and under
- 11 and under
- 13 and under

If you are interested in playing winter season 2016 please contact as soon as possible via club’s website: www.gemininetballclubinc.com
Sports voucher registered club
Contact: Margaret 0414641063