Dear Families,

Welcome back to term 2.

Absences & illness
With the change in weather we have a number of children unwell. Please let the office know if your child is absent and the reason. We appreciate the prompt response from parents when rung to collect sick children.

Emergency lunches
We have a large number of children coming to the office for recess and lunch. We provide food when needed but this should not be seen as a regular occurrence.

Uniform
The cooler weather has seen an assortment of jumpers and jackets coming to school. Our dress code requires students to wear plain burgundy, blue or black (Year 5-7 only) jumpers or jackets. Hoodies are not to be worn. Large parkas can be worn to and from school but should not be needed during school time. On days when it is raining, students remain in class areas.

Year 7 jumpers & tops
There have been a number of enquiries about our Year 7 tops. The polo shirts have now arrived and given out but we are still waiting on the jumpers. Many phone calls and emails have been made to speed up their arrival. They will be distributed as soon as they arrive in the school. Thank you for your patience.

Late Arrivals
Each morning there are a large number of students arriving late for school. Participation in the morning routines and explicit literacy teaching is essential to the success of each student’s learning. Please ensure that your child arrives by 8.45am each morning. Just 5 minutes late per day equals 3 1/2 days missed per year!

Library borrowing
Our library is open each morning from 8.30–8.45am for children and parents to borrow. All classes have a ‘borrowing’ time in the library when children can select readers and other books. We recommend students borrow 5 readers each week. For those children who need to exchange readers more frequently, they can borrow from 2.30pm with their teacher’s permission. This allows all students to be in class at the start of the day when our whole school focus is on literacy learning.

Volunteer help needed
We have a large number of books that need covering before they can be available for borrowing. If you are available next Friday, May 15th from 1.30 –3.00pm we would appreciate your help in ERIC. No previous training or skill is needed! As this is a ‘one off’ and not working with children, you will not need the usual volunteer requirements (ie a DCSI screening and Responding to Abuse & Neglect training).

We also need help in our canteen and for our Breakfast Program. If you can help, please see the office staff.

Alison Lynch, Principal

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Room 12

We use these school values when working together:

**Learning**

**Teamwork**

**Co-operation**

**Respect**

Each person in Room 12 considered how many hermit crabs we should put in our classroom tank. We wrote our answers down and then worked with others to present our argument to the class.
NAPLAN Tests
Next week our Year 3, 5 & 7 students will be completing NAPLAN tests. On Tuesday they will be doing the language Conventions and Writing tests, on Wednesday, the Reading test and on Thursday they will be doing the Numeracy test. These tests will be completed in the morning so it is important that students are at school on time.

Teachers have been working with their classes to familiarise the students with the type of questions asked. Most are multiple choice questions. These tests provide families and schools with a snapshot of a child’s learning. Our school provides a number of ways and opportunities to inform parents about their child’s learning. This includes 3 way interviews, written reports, phone conversations and meetings as required by either parents or teachers. Many parents also ‘catch up’ when dropping off or picking up in the afternoons.

It is important that your child does not feel stressed about sitting these tests. Please ensure they get a good night’s sleep and follow their normal routines and healthy eating. If a child is absent for a test there is an opportunity to do the missed test later in the week.

Footsteps Dance
Notes and invoices for Footsteps Dance lessons went home last week. These lessons start on May 20th and run for 5 days over the term. All money needs to be paid to the front office to enable your child to participate.

Book Covering Afternoon
Please join us on Friday May 15th from 1.30—3.00pm to cover books in our library. Wonderful company and afternoon tea will be provided.

Pre-Service teachers
This week we have welcomed 18 first year pre-service teachers to our school. We also have 6 3rd year UniSA students at our school. They will be teaching small groups and whole classes under the class teacher’s supervision. This will provide classes with an extra person to support students’ learning.

Children’s University
Children’s University is up and running, with learning passports presented to students at last week’s assembly. Learning clubs have commenced with students taking part in a range of activities such as cooking, picture book making, table tennis, iPad movie making and basketball. Registrations for Children’s University are now closed for the term. New registrations will be welcomed at the beginning of term 3. If you require any information, please look for the new Children’s University notice board up near room 14.

Thank You
Many thanks to the parents who are using the drop off zone at the front of the school correctly. By not leaving your car, other parents have the opportunity to drop off and pick up their children quickly. Your consideration is appreciated by all and reduces the likelihood of accidents.

Mother’s Day Stall
Our ‘famous’ Mother’s day stall will be happening TOMORROW— Friday, May 8th.
Children will be able to purchase gifts for mum and/or grandma with prices ranging from 50 cents to $8.00. This is a major fundraiser for the school. Many thanks to the families that have donated gifts.

We wish all mothers a very happy day.
SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please phone 8222 8222 or visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Helping your child with reading

Our school has an online subscription to a wide range of reading resources that families can access. There are levelled readers, picture books, traditional tales etc that can be accessed online.

This is great to use when your child ‘forgets’ their reader, completes all books available at home, wants or needs extra practice and enjoyment in an online environment.

Go to:
www.in2era.com.au
logon: burtonstudent password: burtonstudent49a

Brighten the life of an Aboriginal child

Foster Carers needed URGENTLY

Aboriginal Family Support Services is looking for family based carers who are committed to providing safe and culturally appropriate homes for children in need.

You can be single or a couple, with or without children. And whether you’re willing to provide emergency, short term, respite or long term care, we’d love to hear from you!

Come along to our information session to find out more.

Light refreshments provided.
When: Wednesday 27/05/15, 06:30-08:30pm
Where: Bagster Rd Community Centre
Contact James on 8205 1518 to book your place
We look forward to meeting you!

Aboriginal Family Support Services Inc
Together with the community

Stuck during study? Get unstuck.

Thanks to the Salisbury Library Service, you have FREE access to Yourtutor.

This means you can be your best in school this year! No more afternoon homework battles, no appointments necessary. Just log in online for one-to-one expert help, from library computers or via library wifi on your own laptop.

A real-life local tutor is ready online to help you get back on track and feel more confident, when you get stuck on a homework question.

This is also great for parents and families (because sometimes, study can be stressful for the whole household!) Students can ask for help with a question in maths, English, science, study skills and more.

The best part? The service is entirely free, thanks to Salisbury Libraries.

So why not try it out next time you get stuck? Get unstuck, with Yourtutor.

FAQ for parents

Who are the online tutors?
The online tutors are Australian teachers or university experts, trained across the country.

How does it work?
Students sign in online using their library card, from a library computer or from home. They’re connected to an expert tutor in a virtual one-to-one session, and can ask their question using a live chat function, interactive whiteboard to demonstrate processes like maths equations, and can also browse the web or attach documents for tutor feedback.

FREE with any library card.

Ask your library for more information. Click here and find your library.

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