PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome to Term 2!

This week our school community welcomed 13 students and 4 teachers from our partner-school, Princess Chulabhorn College in Mukdahan, Thailand. These visitors will be hosted by our school for the next 2 weeks to learn more about our education system, the Australian way of life and make new friendships. We look forward to a long partnership with this school that will enrich the learning experiences of our students and staff.

Green light for our new facilities!

I am very excited to finally announce that our new $7 million Facility development will commence in mid-May. This new development will include demolition of most wooden transportable buildings, the construction of a Creative Arts Centre (with Art, Multimedia, Music and Dance learning spaces), renovation of our Drama room to become a new multi-purpose space and STEM laboratory, upgraded Textiles classroom and office space, as well as extensive landscaping around the school. Our community will see substantial changes to our school over the next year with the anticipated project completion date to be around July 2015. (Please view the images and plans below.)

2014 OPEN Day/ Night

On Wednesday 7th May and Thursday 8th May we will be showcasing our school to the community and highlighting our facilities and innovative learning programs. We invite our families to attend this event to tour your school ‘in action’ on Friday morning and also seek your support in promoting this event with prospective local families.

Jacqui van Ruiten
Principal
‘Pathways to Remember’
Memorial Garden Official Opening

Members of staff and students from SEHS were invited to attend the commemorative opening of the Memorial Garden ‘Pathways to Remember’ at Salisbury Park Primary School, on Thursday, April 10th. The ceremony was opened by Principal Graham Elliott and attended by staff and students from SPPS as well as invited guests, which included our Northern Region Director David O’Brien and members from the Salisbury RSL. Mick Lennon, President of the Salisbury RSL, officially opened the Memorial Garden; cutting a ribbon above a plaque dedicated to the grade 6/7 classes who were involved in the project.

In 2013, the grade 6/7 students, led by teachers Neville Sutton and Wendy van Dongen, were involved in a Historical War project. The project expanded with the involvement of students from my Stage 1 Design class - Sean Higgins, Caitlyn Douglas, Jessica Prakash and Courtney Hamilton - who designed soldier silhouettes that would be transferred onto two-metre high steel plates. It was an exciting project with students engaging in Moodle between the two schools to exchange ideas and access resources that resulted in a visit from SPPS to further develop concepts using Adobe Photoshop.

After considerable development of ideas and consultation between the two schools, final concepts evolved that were transferred onto the steel plates. Ollie Manning put in a considerable amount of time and hard work, and he is to be congratulated for cutting out the soldiers.

The soldiers are six-foot high freestanding silhouettes that represent iconic people who have fought in war and have been proudly constructed in the gardens of SPPS. In the not to distant future and as part of the capital works, we too will be replicating the soldiers to appear in a section of our newly landscaped garden. I was very proud to be part of such an amazing project. Thank you to the students, Ollie Manning and Jules Peck (Photography) for the success in the project.

Chris Frahn
Arts Coordinator

Kyton’s Bakery Fundraiser
Enclosed is a Kyton’s Fundraiser form. All funds raised will support student sponsorship and participation in extra-curricular programs.

Please ask family, friends and work mates if they would like to place an order.
All orders need to be returned to the front office with money by Monday 12 May. Orders will be available for collection on Thursday 22 May.

Entertainment Books are available from SEHS
$65.00 from the front office
FINANCE NEWS

In accordance with Salisbury East High School’s Debt Collection Policy another statement will be posted home to families in Week 3 of Term 2. Material & Service Charges are now due and payable. We request that if you have not made payment or entered into an Instalment Plan please contact the school so that payment arrangements can be made. Please remember that any outstanding fees are legally recoverable.

If you qualify for School Card and as yet have not completed a form we request your urgent attention to this. School Card applications are required to be submitted every year and at each school that your children attend. A School Card application form is available from the front office.

Vicki Steel, Finance Officer

SPORT - ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Sporting brand new uniforms, the Salisbury East Sabres Athletics Team performed outstandingly in the recent athletics carnivals that took place late last term.

In the Northern Zone competition, SEHS finished 3rd overall, but in the process took home shields for the best Year 9 Girls team, and also the most points overall in the Handicap points system.

The Team continued this great work by competing ferociously in the Secondary School Sports of South Australia athletics competition, running out eventual winners in the Boys competition and also overall Champions for the day.

We are very proud of the efforts and successes of our Athletics Team in these two events.

Corey Ottey - PE co-ordinator

Anzac Day Assembly

Last week our school respectfully commemorated Anzac Day in our special Salisbury East High School manner to remember all who have served for our country. All students and staff attended a formal assembly attended by our long-standing supporters and invited guests from the Salisbury RSL, Mr Mick Lennon., Mr Peter Tobin and Mr Ron Sharpe. A highlight of the assembly was to hear from our own students Connor Weste and Nathien Wex (pictured below left) and Mr Steve Clark, who recently returned from a tour of the Western front, to share their heartfelt experiences of their amazing trip with some historical contexts. Year 11 Music performances were also outstanding and emotionally stirring!
PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS
(Information from the Salisbury Council)

The Salisbury Council has implemented a comprehensive traffic management and parking scheme in the streets surrounding schools to make them safe places. Due to the chaotic nature of traffic around schools at peak times, streets can be an extremely dangerous place for children.

Young children have not yet fully developed their cognitive abilities and therefore their perception, judgement and awareness of potentially dangerous situations is not adequately developed to enable them to cope with the road traffic. Children are not easily visible and often act impulsively, which means if you are driving around a school take special care, to ensure we keep our children safe. Remember that children copy grown-ups - encourage good road sense by watching them closely and leading by example.

Helpful Tips for School Zones
As parents and caregivers we have a great responsibility to ensure children stay safe in school zones. We also play a key role in educating children about road safety. Here are some helpful tips for safety in school zones.

1. Allow enough time to get your child to school safely and without rushing.
2. Always observe parking signs and speed limits in and around school zones. They are designed to keep everyone safe.
3. Encourage your child to obey traffic lights. Identify and use places where it is safe to get out of the car and cross the road.

Helpful Tips for School Zones

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Any queries check City of Salisbury Council’s website (www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/Our_City/vehicles_Parking_Transport_and_Roads/ Parking) for a brochure or contact City of Salisbury staff on 8406 8222.

2014 NAPLAN testing for all Year 9 students

During Week 3 of this term our Year 9 students will join all other Year 9 students across Australia to sit the National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. This testing is an assessment program for Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 9 students, assessing knowledge and skills in aspects of literacy and numeracy and will take place over three consecutive days, from Tuesday 13th May – Thursday 15th May. In the event that a student misses a test due to absence he/she will be required to do the ‘catch up’ test on Friday 16th May. Individual student reports are expected to be available in late September to both parents and the school and will provide valuable information about student achievement, which can be used to support learning programs and identify students for enrichment or further development activities.

All students are expected to sit the tests, including those with disabilities who can be assisted in various ways. If you any concerns, please contact Veronika Jeske, our NAPLAN manager, on 8258 2070 to discuss the matter further. Exemption forms will be available from the front-office and must be returned prior to the testing period.

Please refer to the NAPLAN website for more information www.nap.edu.au.

CONGRATULATIONS - Leah Holland has been selected to represent our State in the forthcoming Australian DrillDance Championships in both the intermediate and senior divisions. This event will be held in Brisbane in early May.