Principal’s Message

WELCOME BACK
Welcome to Settlers Primary School for 2014. I am thrilled at the prospect of again working with the school community to ensure the best possible educational opportunities for each and every child. Settlers has developed an impressive reputation as a school that values educational excellence and rigour, combined with a supportive and welcoming environment for children, parents and community members. My intention is to continue to support these values and to work collaboratively with staff and parents in this endeavour.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome those parents and students who have not previously been associated with our school. We trust that you will find your experiences at Settlers rewarding and enjoyable.

TEACHING STAFF CHANGES:
We have had a number of new staff join us this year. Ms Leanne Fyfe, Ms Anne McAnearney and Ms Jodie DeGalt-Rohlf are teaching Pre Primary, Mrs Karen Douglass returns to our school and is taking Year 1, Ms Abigail Flood is another who returns to Settlers and she is teaching Year 2/3, Miss Kimberley Cox is teaching Year 3 and Ms Debbie Mills Year 4. We are also please to welcome back Mrs Pippa Dennerley from parenting leave and Mr Ashley Schipp from teaching on Christmas and Cocos Islands. Mrs Dennerley is teaching Year 6/7 and Mr Schipp Indonesian.

We also welcome a new Associate Principal to our team this year. Ms Tarryn Murray joins our team and we are looking forward to her contribution to our team.

We welcome all of our new and returning teaching staff to our school and look forward to their involvement.

School Hat Policy – Sun Smart Hats
Students are required to wear a sun smart hat when playing in the sun. From the beginning of 2013, students who do not wear compliant hats will be required to play in the shade. Suitable hats can be ordered from the school uniform shop for reasonable prices. Hats worn at school need to comply with the schools dress code. That is, they should be of a similar style and colour to the school uniform and not have prominent logos visible. The following information regarding sun smart hats has been obtained from the WA Cancer Council.

“Cancer Council WA recommends wearing a hat that provides good shade to the face, back of the neck and ears when outdoors. Broad-brimmed hats should have a brim at least 7.5cms wide. A broad brimmed hat that provides good shade can considerably reduce the exposure of UV radiation to the face. Bucket hats should have a deep crown and sit low on the head. The angled brim should be at least 6cms and provide the face, neck and ears with good protection from the sun. Legionnaire style hats should have a flap that covers the neck and meets the sides of the front peak to provide protection to the side of the face.”

Baseball caps and sun visors are NOT recommended as they leave the ears and back of the neck exposed.

THANK YOU
Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and caregivers for your cooperation and for preparing your children for the commencement of the school year so well. Day one went smoothly and this is due, in no small part, to your support and effort. I encourage you to establish and maintain contact with the school and your child’s teacher this year. The Associate Principals and I are always willing to discuss issues and concerns with you, however we recommend that, in the first instance, the matter is discussed with your child’s teacher. Should you still require a meeting an appointment is advisable to ensure availability.

In concluding, I want to thank the school
staff for their efforts in ensuring the smooth operation of our school for the beginning of the year. All staff associated with the school are caring professionals and their contribution to our school community cannot be underestimated. We are looking forward to an exciting and educationally rewarding year!

Stephen Yates
PRINCIPAL

SEVERE ALLERGY REACTIONS

Settlers Primary has a number of students enrolled in our school who suffer severe allergic reactions. In the general population about 1 in every 200 children will develop a severe allergic reaction at some time, most often due to a food allergy.

Severe allergic reactions can include the most severe form of reaction known as anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is sometimes called allergic shock and occurs when the child comes into contact with a substance (allergen) to which they are extremely sensitive. The amount of allergen needed to trigger allergic shock is variable, however in some cases very minor contact with the skin, mouth, eye or even inhaling airborne particles can trigger a significant reaction. Anaphylaxis is extremely serious and can result in death.

This year at Settlers Primary School we have children enrolled who have a severe allergy to nuts and nut products. The children involved have been taught management strategies by their parents including:
- strategies for avoiding exposure to allergens;
- recognising symptoms of allergic reaction-and,
- how to tell an adult they may be having an allergic reaction.

Some of the children involved are young and as such the school is asking the entire school community to help reduce the risk of a severe allergic reaction.

How can you help?

All students have been asked not to trade food with others. Children in classes with affected students will have this reinforced regularly. Parents can remind your children of this also.

All children are asked to wash their hands after eating. Once again, children in classes with affected students will have this message reinforced regularly. Your support in reinforcing this message is appreciated. If your child is in a class with a child who has a severe nut allergy you will be asked to avoid sending foods containing nut products such as peanut butter to school. If your child does have nut products they will be kept separate from the affected child and asked to wash their hands after they have eaten. (N.B. Our advice is that products that are marked as “May contain traces of nut products” may be brought and consumed by students.)

Where possible, we ask that all families consider the food that children bring to school and avoid nuts and nut products such as Nutella and peanut butter.

As a community member, your assistance in this regard is appreciated both by your school and the families of the children concerned. Together we can help to make the school environment as safe and supportive as possible.

NEXT SENIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 14th February 2014, Year 6/7 - D5 - Mrs Blackley
NEXT JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 21st February 2014, Year 2 - B5 - Mrs Shinners
CHILDREN ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that students are asked to time their arrival at school so as not to arrive before 8.30am as supervision before this time cannot be guaranteed. We also ask that students make their way home promptly after school to ensure they do not spend extended time unsupervised in between being dismissed and arriving home. Any children arriving before 8.30am are required to wait in the area outside D Block until 8.30am when teachers will allow access to classrooms to prepare for the day. Sports equipment and playground equipment is not permitted to be used before and after school.

COLLECTING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

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Parents collecting students from school during instruction hours for any reason are asked to first visit the school office so that a pass can be completed. In order to further ensure the safety of students we will be requesting some form of identification before the pass is issued. This will allow us to ensure that appropriate adults are collecting children from school. If parents require a friend or relative to collect any child on their behalf, a signed note to this effect would be appreciated. Your support and understanding in assisting us to ensure the safety and security of all students is appreciated.

INSURANCE

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The Department of Education does not carry insurance for students or their possessions both at school and when participating in educational activities away from the school site (camps involving an overnight stay are an exception). It is the responsibility of parents or carers to ensure that their children are adequately covered by insurance for accidents that are not caused through negligence on the part of an employee of the Department.

ASSEMBLY DATES 2014

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JUNIOR ASSEMBLY  SENIOR ASSEMBLY  THURSDAY ASSEMBLY

GRADUATIONS

* THURSDAY ASSEMBLY
2014 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS AND TERM DATES

The following dates are the remaining School Development Days for the 2014 school year. Students do not attend school on these days.

Friday 30th May (Long weekend)
Monday 21st July
Tuesday 22nd July
Monday 13th October
Friday 19th December

2014 Term Dates

**Term 1**
Comences - Monday 3rd February
Concludes - Friday 11th April

**Term 2**
Comences - Monday 28th April
Concludes – Friday 4th July

**Term 3**
Comences – Wednesday 23rd July
Concludes – Friday 26th September

**Term 4**
Comences - Tuesday 14th October
Concludes – Thursday 18th December

P&C NEWS

Canteen - Look out for a NEW Canteen menu coming home in the next few days.

Kiss and Drive - Is back up and running again for 2014. New volunteers are always welcome to keep this valuable service to the school operating. If you can spare 15-20 minutes afterschool on any afternoon pop into the office to find out more. Volunteers are able to park in the front carpark.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mother Teresa Parish Baldivis
The Catholic Parish of Baldivis is offering after-school religious instruction which will be held at the new Mother Teresa Catholic School located on the corner of Sixty Eight Road and Eighty Road in Baldivis. Classes will be held from 3:30pm to 4:30pm on Wednesday afternoons.

If you would like your child/children to participate please attend a meeting which will be held immediately after the 9:30 am Mass at Mother Teresa School on Sunday 23rd February 2014.

If you would like your child/children to prepare for the Sacraments of, Baptism Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation these will also be discussed at the meeting.

If you need any further information please ring Fr. Geoff Aldous on 0427 040100 or email: clare.bennison@westnet.com.au by the 23rd February 2014.
REGISTRATIONS FOR
2014 NETBALL SEASON
NOW OPEN!

We will be taking registrations at the following times and places:

- **RDNA Open Day**, Mike Barnett Stadium, Dixon Road, Rockingham, Saturday, 8\(^{th}\) February 2014 10am – 1 pm
- **Settlers Primary School** netball courts, Wednesday 12\(^{th}\) and Thursday 13\(^{th}\) February 2014 3pm – 4.30pm

Grading dates for juniors and NetSetGo! to commence Wednesday 19\(^{th}\) and Thursday 20\(^{th}\) February 2014 at Settlers Primary School netball courts. Forms and payment need to be returned before this date.

**Age Categories:**

- Seniors       Born 1996 and earlier
- Junior        Born 1997 – 2004
- Net Set Go! Program Born 2007 – 2008 – Register directly through **RDNA, 8 February**

Forms can be emailed, please contact settlersnetballclub@hotmail.com.au for more information
Established in 1989, Willetton's Specialist Basketball Studies Program has been instrumental in fostering basketball opportunities for talented players. Many past participants have gone on to careers as elite players as representatives in State and national teams. They have played for teams in the NBL, WNBL, SBL, and the USA college circuit. Other career paths can also be pursued and are promoted within the program; these include coaching, refereeing and administration. Willetton is currently ranked number one in Western Australia and fourth nationally for both boys and girls basketball. The school's new gymnasium is an elite training facility with computerized systems for tracking personal performance and team games.

Specialist Basketball Studies Year 7 - 2015

Applications close at Willetton Senior High School at 3.00pm on Monday 19\textsuperscript{th} May 2014.

Students will be required to attend the

WILLETTON BASKETBALL STADIUM as follows:

(The application form lodged at the school entitles you to attend trials. You will be notified by email of our receipt of your application.)

FRIDAY 23\textsuperscript{rd} May 2014 – WILLETTON BASKETBALL STADIUM

8.00am – 11.00am GIRLS trialling for Year 7 in 2015
12.00pm – 3.00pm BOYS trialling for Year 7 in 2015

Specialist Basketball Studies Year 8 to 12 - 2015

Applications close at Willetton Senior High School at 3.00pm on Monday 5\textsuperscript{th} May 2014.

Students will be required to attend the

WILLETTON BASKETBALL STADIUM as follows:

(The application form lodged at the school entitles you to attend trials. You will be notified by email of our receipt of your application.)

MONDAY 12\textsuperscript{th} May 2014 – WILLETTON BASKETBALL STADIUM

8.00am – 11.00am GIRLS trialling for Year 8 in 2015
12.00pm – 3.00pm BOYS trialling for Year 8 in 2015
Gone Fishing Program
A unique opportunity for young people

Have you ever been fishing?
Do you know how to cast a rod, bait a hook or catch a fish?
Would you like to learn?

If you are between 10 and 16 years of age, interested in learning how to fish and live in Rockingham or Kwinana, you are eligible to apply to take part in this unique 7 week program, which involves seniors mentoring young people in all aspects of fishing. Young participants must be willing to learn and work with seniors.

**Why is this a great opportunity?**
- You will learn the correct way to use a fishing rod
- You will learn about knots and hooks
- You will learn how to catch and identify fish, whilst protecting our local environment
- You will get to spend time on some of Rockingham’s most beautiful coastal locations
- You will meet some new and interesting people

**AND IT’S ALL FREE!**

Kindly sponsored by BHP Billiton Nickel West, Kwinana
Applications close Friday 14 February 2014
Fishing Sessions run on Monday evenings from 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Program Commences Monday 24 February 2014

For more information and to apply for Rockingham: Please contact
Rebecca Stuart on 9528 0333 or Email: rebecca.stuart@rockingham.wa.gov.au

For more information and to apply for Kwinana: Please contact
Sarah Morell on 9236 4555 or Email: sarah.morell@kwinana.wa.gov.au

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Rockingham
FREE Parenting Workshops - Family Mental Health Support Service

The Family Mental Health Support Services of Relationships Australia will be running six FREE parenting workshops in February and March 2014. All the workshops will be held at the John Wellard Community Centre in Kwinana. For catering purposes, parents need to register for each of the workshops at least 2 days beforehand on 6160 4200.

Social and Emotional development
Different stages of development and age specific milestones. Skills needed to thrive in the playground, classroom and home setting, including building blocks of friendship.

13 February 10am to 12noon

Emotion Coaching
Empowering parents and carers to teach their children to identify their emotions and become better at managing them. This will also help parents accept strong feelings (those of parent and child).

20 February 10am to 12noon

Dealing with different situations
Assisting your child to be positive, flexible and assertive as well as helping them to develop their inner qualities such as kindness and respect.

27 February 10am to 12noon

Limit Setting
Help for parents and carers of children between 2 and 12 years of age to strengthen your relationship with your child by implementing strategies to deal with obnoxious behaviour and encouraging good behaviour. Maybe it is time to rethink the way we discipline?

6 March 10am to 12noon

Responding when your child is being bullied
Protecting children from bullying, talking to your child about bullying, signs that a child is being bullied, what to say to the school about bullying.

13 March 10am to 12noon

Nurture your family with fun
Building better family relationships and strengthening the bond with your children through playful interaction. Come learn more about this exciting way of parents and children of all ages becoming physically and emotionally close.

20 March 10am to 12noon

www.wa.relationships.com.au

John Wellard Community Centre
Kwinana