FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members;

Welcome to the 2016 school year and our Settlers school community. It was fabulous to see so many bright happy faces of children coming to school for the first time and the welcoming greetings from students returning to a new school year. Thank you to parents for ensuring your children were prepared and ready for school armed with a big smile and positive attitude to make this year special. I would also like to thank the P & C for ensuring students are decked out in uniforms a much as possible despite supplier issues.

The commencement of the school year started last week for staff. We are all very fortunate to have such a dedicated and professional team at Settlers, last week we had the opportunity to review school planning to ensure the introduction of new programs such as “Mathletics”, “Literacy Leapers” and “Memory Makers” programs will be embedded in school routines as soon as possible. Every year in important in a child’s education, an effective and supportive relationship with regular ongoing communication between parents/carers and the staff is vital to ensure every child is a successful learner and achieves their optimum outcomes.

We welcome the following staff to our school:
Miss Sharon Howie, Miss Hannah Brotherson, Mrs Angela Whitcher, Miss Jessica Green, Miss Emily Purnat, Miss Gemma Parker, Miss Ella Squeo.

Gary Brown
Principal

STUDENT COUNCILLORS AND FACTION CAPTAINS 2016

Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who after completing a rigorous process of a written application and interview last year were successful in being selected to represent the school as student councillors and faction captains for 2016.

STUDENT COUNCILLORS
Michael C
Mackenzie C
Hannah D
Ella H
Tom L
Breanna M
Alisha P
Kayla, S
Cobi W
Charlize W

FACTION CAPTAINS
Jett D - Marri
Grace H - Marri
Ella P - Tuart
Chanelle P - Tuart
Sophie R - Banksia
Lauren T - Banksia
Montana N - Jarrah
Jade W - Jarrah

NEXT SENIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 19th February - Year 6, D2, Mrs Moses
NEXT JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 26th February - Year 2, B5, Mrs Von Kelaita

SMS ATTENDANCE: 0418 938233
PARENT MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATION

All classes will be holding teacher parent meetings for the commencement of the year. I would ask all parents to take this opportunity to meet your child’s teacher, other parents and hear about the learning environment and program you will supporting this year with your child. Teachers have sent home dates and times, we look forward to your engagement with us.

SCHOOL BOARD PARENT REPRESENTATIVES VACANT POSITIONS

The school board is calling for nominations to parents/carers to join the board. The school board has the responsibility to ensure good governance and parent and community engagement in setting and maintaining the vision and direction of the school. We are encouraging interested persons to complete and submit an nomination form available from our school office and will be posted to our school app during the week. There are three vacant positions for a three year term. Parents/carers who have any queries are asked to arrange a meeting with the principal or school chair by contacting the office.

SCHOOL CROSSING WARDEN COMMUNICATION

We are very fortunate to have two crossing wardens marshalling parents and children at the very busy roundabout on Arpenteur Drive. Pedestrians have been following the directions of the wardens ensuring they cross safely, unfortunately some drivers are not following their directions and proceed through the roundabout endangering the lives of those persons crossing. With the approval of the police a camera is used to static record drivers through the roundabout. The recordings are erased daily however should there be a breach of road rules the video evidence can be provided to the police for prosecution. This measure is all about safety for everyone.

PLAY IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS - Trial after school use

Our community is reminded that all playgrounds and equipment areas are not to be used before school. After school we will be trialling students being allowed to play in the equipment areas provided they are in the care of supervising adults. This modification of our policy is designed to encourage informal parent communication and socialisation for children. Students who are not in the company of a parent or supervising adult are not to play on the equipment.

Thank you

GOOD STANDING POLICY AND THE SETTLERS’ WAY

At Settlers Primary, the Good Standing Policy and The Settlers’ Way support our values of Excellence, Success, Citizenship and Security by acknowledging and rewarding exemplary behaviour, work ethic, attendance and standards of uniform. We believe learning is enhanced in a welcoming, inclusive, collaborative and caring environment. These policies emphasis the importance of students taking responsibility for the choices they make on a daily basis, which impacts academically and socially on themselves and others. Both of these policies are a part of and work in conjunction with the whole school Positive Behaviour Management Plan. The Good Standing Policy aims to provide regular acknowledgement/recognition for the majority of students who consistently behave and act according to Settlers policies. Both of these documents can be found under the policies heading on our school’s website.

www.settlers.wa.edu.au
COLLECTING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

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.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2016

Thank you to all the parents who have paid their Voluntary Contributions. Financial support by parents plays a significant role in providing resources that extend the school capacity to add value to the learning experiences of our students. Voluntary contributions can be paid by cash, cheque or EFTPOS at our administration office or via direct deposit to:

ANZ Bank  BSB:016-010  Account: 498426673

2016 Voluntary Contributions amounts for students in Kindergarten to Year 6 have been set at $40 per child. (N.B. The contribution level set represents about $1.00 per week for each child.)

When paying via direct deposit please be sure to include your child’s name as a reference.

2016 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS AND TERM DATES

The following dates are the remaining School Development Days for the 2016 school year. Students do not attend school on these days.

Tuesday 26th April
Friday 3rd June (Long weekend)
Monday 18th July
Monday 10th October

2016 Term Dates

Term 1
Commences - Monday 1st February
Concludes - Friday 8th April

Term 2
Commences - Wednesday 27th April
Concludes – Friday 1st July

Term 3
Commences – Tuesday 19th July
Concludes – Friday 23rd September

Term 4
Commences - Tuesday 11th October
Concludes – Thursday 15th December

P&C NEWS

Hi everyone!

Welcome back! And a big hello and welcome to all of the new families joining us this year. Hope you've all had a wonderful, refreshing holiday.

So many great things to come in 2016.

Our P&C’s AGM will be held on Thursday March 3rd from 7pm in the staff room. We invite and encourage all parents and family members of our school community to attend. All positions on the committee will be available for nomination. Come along and join us in having a coffee and conversation with past and present P&C members.

There are so many ways to help our P&C throughout the year. There’s volunteering for events such as our Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, discos, lending a hand in the canteen or uniform shop when you can or even taking on a role in our committee. Any and all help is invaluable and is extremely appreciated by our schools staff and students.

Hope to see some new and some familiar faces join our P&C for what I’m sure will be a fantastic year.

Please like us on facebook and share us with your Settlers school friends: https://www.facebook.com/SettlersPrimarySchoolPcAssociationInc

Stay cool everyone!

Jen Howard
P&C President
Settlers Primary School is concerned about the safety and well-being of all our students. Many of you will know someone who is affected by anaphylaxis, a life threatening allergic reaction. Our school does its best to be an allergy aware school. Staff have had training in severe allergy management and we have implemented several strategies to help keep student at risk of anaphylaxis as safe as we can. We can never totally eliminate the risk of an anaphylaxis but we can do things that will help lessen the risk. Please consider the children with food allergies when packing your child’s lunch or when sending in food for any occasion.

We now have several students in our school who have a severe anaphylactic reaction to peanuts, this includes ingestion of products containing nuts and contact to product residue (such as wrappers, skin or equipment). Whilst these children are being taught to care for themselves at an age appropriate level, we ask that you help us education your child on the importance of not sharing food with others, washing hands after eating and calling out to an adult if they think their friend with allergies is sick. With increased awareness and understanding of anaphylaxis, you will be able to help protect those around you.

Please avoid bringing any nut butters or products to school, such as:
- Peanut butter / paste
- Nutella / chocolate spread
- Mixed nuts
- Snack / Health bars that contain nuts, this may include some muesli bars
- Cereals
- Bakery items

Further information can be found on our school website at www.settlers.wa.edu.au / Policies / Allergy Risk Minimisation Policy or visit www.allergyfacts.org.au.

We thank you for your support in this matter, if you have any concerns or queries please speak to your child’s classroom teacher or contact the school on 9523 2335.
Don’t forget Crunch&Sip® in the school bag every day...

CRUNCH:
✓ Easy-to-eat seasonal fruit such as a small apple, a container with hulled strawberries, a mandarin or banana OR
✓ Canned fruit in natural juice with a spoon OR
✓ Vegetables such as carrot or celery sticks, cherry tomatoes or snow peas

AND SIP:
✓ A clean, clear water bottle filled with plain water

Crunch&Sip® is a set break for your child to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom.
www.crunchandsip.com.au

Would you like to be more in touch with what’s happening at your child’s school?

Do you have a smartphone/tablet or iPad?

If you answered yes to both questions, then why not download our FREE app.

Settlers Primary School now has its own Skoolbag App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. Download this App to be kept up to date with everything that is happening at our school. It features Events, News, School Enews Newsletters, Documents, and push notification alerts direct from the school.

Just visit your app store and search for Settlers Primary School and install.

The CommBank School Banking program is available at your school.

Ensure your child starts two great journeys at once:

The program teaches kids about money and smart saving – and the rewards they can bring. It’s also a great fundraising activity, as CommBank offers your school commission for your child’s first School Banking deposit as well as deposits made as a part of the program.

Having taught Australian children the value of saving for more than 80 years, the program is not only a great opportunity for your kids, it’s great for your school as well.

To be involved, all your child needs is a Youthsaver account. They can then make regular deposits at school on banking day and will even be rewarded along the way. So get ready to meet the Dollarmites and keep your eyes peeled for more School Banking information when your child starts school.

To find out more about our program, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Three simple ways to open your child’s Youthsaver account.

1. If you are a CommBank customer apply online through NetBank.

2. Visit any CommBank branch.
   Please bring along your child’s birth certificate and identification for yourself.

3. Call 13 2221.
   Receive a Dollarmites wallet when you open a Youthsaver account.

Things to know before you Can: As this advice has been prepared without considering your objectives, financial situation or needs, you should, before acting on this advice, consider its appropriateness to your circumstances. Full terms and conditions for the Youthsaver account are available via 13 2221 and should be considered in any decision about the product. If you have a complaint in respect of the product, the Commonwealth Bank’s dispute resolution process can be accessed on 13 2221. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 121 124.