FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members;

YEAR 6 CAMP

Year 6 students from Settlers Primary School have recently undertaken an week long camp at Camp Mornington in Harvey. While on this camp they participated in a variety of programs designed to help them come out of their shell, work as a team, face their fears and overcome obstacles, all in a safe environment. They had the opportunity to take part in many activities, such as orienteering, canoeing, raft building and abseiling.

The camp was not only a rewarding experience for all students but also a lot of fun. Reports made to me regarding the outstanding manners and behaviour of our students whilst they were away were wonderful to receive. I personally attended the camp for one day and can attest to the outstanding demeanour and attitude of our students. I would like to thank our ever dedicated staff who gave up their time so that the students could participate in the adventure, namely Miss Moore, Mr Schipp and Mrs Hardy, I would also like to acknowledge and thank Mr Osborne, Mrs Meuleners, Mr Neutert, Mrs Dickson and Mrs Kershaw who attended to assist with the students as parent volunteers. Without the willingness of these people to put their personal lives on hold for a week we wouldn’t be able to offer an opportunity like this. Finally, I would like to thank those parents through the P & C who fundraised for the camp on behalf of our Year 6 students for their donation which allowed us to supply school shirts for the trip. The students looked magnificent in their special Settlers uniform!

CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATIONS

In order to protect the welfare of our students it is Department of Education Policy that all visitors to our school who are not Department of Education employees complete a Confidential Declaration. In 1997 the Education Department joined other Australian states to implement the National Strategy in Schools for the Prevention of Paedophilia and Other Forms of Child Abuse. The CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATION form is for persons who are not Department of Education Employees, but who require access to a school and do not have a CURRENT Working With Children card. (e.g tradespeople carrying out repairs, visiting artists, support workers, parent helpers, religious instructors etc). By completing the form you will help the Department of Education ensure that Western Australian schools remain safe places for our children.

CONFIDENTIALITY - Please be assured that unless statutory obligations require otherwise, the information on the completed form will not be used without your consent for any purpose other than in relation to your entry onto the school premises. The completed form will be treated with the utmost confidentiality at all times. Forms are available from the school office and all class teachers and must be handed to the school officer prior to working in the school. A Confidential Declaration need only be completed once each year. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school safe for our children.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to your child’s learning. Consistent attendance and participation are essential for your child’s social and academic learning. As parents or legal guardians of an enrolled child, you are responsible under the School Education Act 1999 to ensure the attendance of your child at school every day. It is important to assist your child’s achievement and learning by making regular school

CHILDREN’S CROSSING APPROVED

After many years of pursuing crossings near the school for our students I am pleased to announce that two controlled crossings have been approved for Arpenteur Drive and Tranby Drive. It is my understanding that the crossings will be placed at the roundabout of the intersecting streets. Whilst approval has been given we are now waiting on the installation of infrastructure by Main Roads and the City of Rockingham before they can be finally put in place.

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attendance a priority in your child’s life.

The Department of Education’s Student Attendance policy requires parents/guardians to provide an acceptable explanation to the school principal for any absence of their children. Principals must authorise all absences. The Act defines health, religious and cultural observances as reasonable cause for a school absence and the absence would be recorded as ‘authorised’ by the principal. As the parent/guardian you must obtain the principal’s approval for any planned absence.

DENTAL SCREENING

Dental Screening for all Year 3 and Year 6 students being carried out by the Settlers Hills Dental Therapy Clinic on Friday 28th March 2014.

Any parents that have particular concerns about their child’s dental health can contact the Dental Therapy Clinic on 9523 2146.

RELIEF CLEANERS NEEDED

Settlers Primary School requires relief cleaners for both before school (5am to 8am) and after school work (3pm to 6pm).

Interested persons would need to obtain a National Criminal History Check prior to commencement as well as a Working with Children Card upon starting.

For more information or to lodge your interest please contact the Business Manager, Lynne Phillips on 9523 2335.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Senior Assembly– 14th February 2014

C Block - Aaron F, Jacinta W, Jessica C, Lachlan K, Shenae M and Connor V
F Block - Poppy P, Kyesha M, Rohan S, Libby F and F1
SCIENCE - D1
HEALTH - C3

Junior Assembly– 21st February 2014

A Block - Ella W, Ethan M, Luca K, Ruby D, Jophin B, Zac F, Sienna D, Josh M, Abbie R and Bradley A,
SCIENCE - C2
HEALTH - C6
MUSIC - B1

NEXT SENIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 28th February 2014, F2 Year 5, Mrs Kniebe
NEXT JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 7th March 2014, B1 Year 2, Miss Kinnear
SPEED SKATE SUCCESS

Late last year, we noted that one of our students had been selected to represent our state in the Inline Speed Skating National Competition in Brisbane in January. We are pleased to inform our community that Dillon (Year 7) came home with 4 Silver and 7 Bronze medals. Congratulations to Dillon; all that training obviously paid dividends.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Parking around schools is always an issue. Thank you to those parents and community members who act responsibly in this regard and support the creation of a safe environment for our students and neighbours. From time to time the school is made aware of some parking issues of concern to our neighbours and the City of Rockingham Parking Officer. Some drivers have been parking on the verges of neighbouring houses, causing damage to reticulation systems and plants. Please be patient and courteous when parking around the school. The City of Rockingham Parking Officer is working with nearby residents and does visit the school from time to time and infringement notices have been issued where drivers ignore parking regulations and by-laws. Some residents are taking photos of infringing vehicles and are forwarding the details to the City of Rockingham. It is important to note that parking on verges without the resident’s express consent can incur a fine.

Please be aware of the following offences under the City of Rockingham, Parking Local Laws 2004.

7.9 Stopping on verge.
A person shall not stop a vehicle so that any portion of it is on a verge, unless you are the owner or occupier of the adjacent premises, or have authorisation from the occupier to stop on the verge.

4.1(3)(b) Parking contrary to signs or limitations.
A person shall not park a vehicle in a parking area, except in accordance with both the signs associated with the parking area and the provisions of this local law.

4.5(2)(a) Double parking.
A person shall not park a vehicle so that any portion of the vehicle is between any other stationary vehicles and the centre of the carriageway.

4.5(2)(f) Parking on footpath or pedestrian crossing.
A person shall not park a vehicle so that any portion of the vehicle is, on any footpath or pedestrian crossing.

7.15 Stopping in disabled parking area.
A driver shall not stop in a parking area for people with disabilities unless the driver’s vehicle displays an ACROD sticker.

Rangers are patrolling schools on a daily basis to assist in implementing the School Road Safety and Parking Awareness Program. Please ensure you abide by the parking signs and local laws surrounding your school.

Parking Infringements will be issued to offending vehicles.

Maximum Penalty $5000.
MRS M’s HEALTHY CORNER

- When your body doesn’t have enough water, that’s called being dehydrated.
- Dehydration also can keep you from being as fast and as sharp as you’d like to be.
- A bad case of dehydration can make you sick.
- So keep that water bottle handy when the weather warms up!
- Not only does water fight dehydration, but it is awfully refreshing and has no calories.

DID YOU KNOW?
That you can make payments for camps, excursions, voluntary contributions and other charges via direct bank deposit into Settlers Primary School’s bank account?
Simply access your internet banking service provider and pay to the below account.

Settlers Primary School
BSB 016-267
Account Number 498426673

Please enter the name of your child and the purpose of the payment in the description field. i.e A Smith Zoo Exc

STUDENT SMARTRIDERS

For those students who need to travel to school by bus, parents can apply for a Transperth Student Smartrider card which allows students to travel to and from school at a discounted fare of 50c per journey.
Cards can also be requested online at http://www.monitorwa.com.au/smartrider/
Application forms are also available from the school office or can be downloaded from http://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/Default.aspx?tabid=362&id=5
Once completed they need to be stamped and authorised by the school at the front office and then posted to Monitor WA to receive your card.
Parents & Citizens Association

AGM

Thursday, 27th February, 2014.
in the School Staff Room

@ 7pm

On the Agenda:

~ Nominations and elections for Office Bearer Positions (President, Treasurer, Secretary etc)

~ Set up of Committees (Fundraising, Safe Roads, Uniform, Canteen)

~ New business for 2014

**Come along at 6:45 pm for a cuppa and meet last years members!**

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Emotion Coaching
A three session parenting workshop

- Increase skills in encouraging and promoting positive behaviour in children.
- Learn strategies for managing challenging behaviour.
- Build strong and healthy connections with your children.

Facilitated by: Parenting WA Rockingham
Where: Warnbro Community and Family Centre
1 Moreton Crescent, Warnbro.
Dates: Monday's 10th, 17th, 24th March 2014
Time: 9:30am – 12:00
Cost: Free

Bookings essential – participants must attend all three sessions.
Please phone Parenting WA – Sue Johnson on 9524 5658 or 0412 712 592 to register.

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Parenting WA