Dear Parents, Carers and Community members;

Our first three weeks of term have been busy establishing school programs, class routines and for teachers and assistants to get to know students. Students have been busy undertaking a range of assessment tasks to inform teachers of knowledge and skills abilities to inform planning. We have completed parent/teacher meetings and have clarified curriculum expectations and support strategies that can help students at home and in the classroom. We have strived to establish an effective working relationship with parents to best meet the needs of all students. By having these relationships we can work together to ensure student progress at Settlers Primary meets all our expectations. We have had a great start to the year, now we can embed school and home routines to support student learning.

School Structure 2015: We have commenced this year with 801 students at this school site from Kindergarten to Year 6. Forward planning has ensured classes and resources planned for are within our funding allocation. You may have also noticed surplus transportable buildings have been removed from our grounds creating more space for students once ground restoration has taken place.

Focus on clear student expectations: The message from the Director General in relation to improving student outcomes this year stresses the importance for all stakeholders in a student’s education is to be explicit in setting clear expectations in our school and class planning, class activities and engagement by students. Students learn for a reason, but there are core literacy and numeracy requirements students must know that are age appropriate. Parent support helping students develop and improve skills in these areas is essential in building student capacity and competence.

Minister of Education school visit: The Minister of Education the Honourable Peter Collier visited Settlers Primary on Friday 6th of February to speak to us and observe how we had adjusted to the Year 7 cohort no longer in the primary school context and how the opening of our new neighbour school Tuart Rise had impacted on us. It was a pleasure to showcase our great start to the school year and the positive effects reduced enrolments has had on school resources and our school culture. I would like to thank School Board chair Mrs Antulov and P & C representatives for discussing our local concerns and ways the Education Department was investing in a better education system for all students.

Gary Brown
Principal
YEAR 4 - 6 FACTION SWIMMING TWILIGHT CARNIVAL

The Settlers Primary School Faction Swimming Carnival will be held at the Rockingham Aquatic Centre on Council Avenue in Rockingham on Thursday 19th March 2015 from 4pm to 6pm. As the Carnival is being held outside school hours, parents/guardians will be responsible for transporting their child to and from the venue and parents will need to be present during the carnival.

Entry to the pool will be $2.20 for students and $1.60 for spectators which will be payable on entrance to the pool.

We encourage all year 4-6 students to participate in the faction swimming carnival, however due to the Education Department Water Safety Regulations it is necessary for your child to be able to SWIM ONE LAP OF A 50 METRE POOL in their nominated stroke and that their CORRECT SWIMMING STAGE IS RECORDED. Children will be able to stop and use the lane ropes to rest if required. The Carnival will be supervised by qualified Royal Life Saving personnel.

If your child would like to participate please collect and fill in the relevant forms at the front office no later than Wednesday 11th March 2015.

All students and their parents are encouraged to come along to show their support.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos have been scheduled this term from Monday 23rd March to Wednesday 25th March. Individual photo envelopes will be coming home with each child next week. These are to be returned to school on your child’s photo day. A timetable for the photos will be published in our next newsletter and on our website. Please do not return photo envelopes to school prior to this as teachers are unable to hold them for you. If you have more than one child attending our school and would like them to have a photograph taken together, sibling photo envelopes will be available from the front office.
**P&C AGM**

As this year is just beginning it brings an awesome opportunity for families to join the P&C and become involved in the school community and the decisions made which affect all of our students.

**The Settlers Primary P&C are holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday 26th February 2015 at 7.00 pm in the School Staff Room.**

Come along and join us in having a coffee and conversation with past and present P&C members.

Please like us on facebook and share us with your Settlers school friends:

[https://www.facebook.com/SettlersPrimarySchoolPcAssociationInc](https://www.facebook.com/SettlersPrimarySchoolPcAssociationInc)

**NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students across Australia will undertake the 2015 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. An information pamphlet has been attached with this newsletter and will be sent home with affected students next week.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Parents who wish to discuss your child’s participation in the testing process should contact your child’s classroom teacher in the first instance.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

**KISS AND DRIVE**

The Kiss and Drive strategy has been successfully operating at Settlers Primary School since 2008. It moves an enormous number of students in a very structured and safe manner. Without it, there would be parking chaos. This strategy was introduced by the P&C and generally has been well supported and manned by parents.

A parent roster is required to be reinstated and adequate support pledged, otherwise this service will stop. In a school of over 500 families, a minimal commitment would ensure the continuation of this program. If you are able to assist 15-20 minutes of your time after school (3pm), I urge you to make contact with the administration and pledge your support in order for this service to continue.

Please call 9523 2335 or email tanya.tasovac@education.wa.edu.au with your contact details and availability to assist. Alternatively pop into the office and speak with one of our administration staff.

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2015**

Thank you to all the parents who have paid their Voluntary Contributions. Financial support by parents plays a significant role in providing resources that extends 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**

2015 Voluntary Contributions amounts for students in Kindergarten to Year 6 have been set at $40 per child.
SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

At Settlers Primary we are fortunate to have the services of Mrs Nicole Oliveira, a YouthCare Chaplain. YouthCARE Chaplains care for the social, emotional, mental and spiritual wellbeing of students, families and staff in public school communities throughout Western Australia. This support helps students achieve their potential, both academically and in their social and family lives. Chaplains are qualified in pastoral care and youth work. They respect all people, no matter who they are, where they’re from, or what their personal belief system is. Parents can request the services of the chaplain, who will discuss student needs, possibly including spiritual matters, with the parent prior to any contact with the child.

Mrs Oliveira is part of the Student Engagement and Wellbeing Team and falls under the direction of Mrs Debbie MacKenzie, Associate Principal. Mrs Oliveira attends Settlers on Monday mornings. Parents may access Mrs Oliveira to support their child through the front office where they will be required to fill in a Permission slip. Her role varies according to the needs of the student and she works in tandem with staff to support all students. This may be in the form of one on one discussion, a small groups with other students who also have similar needs or as a support in the classroom, under the direction of the teacher.

If you would like to speak to Mrs Oliveira, she can be contacted by note to the front office or a telephone call to front office on 9523 2335.

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.

After School Catholic Catechism Classes

Catechism classes are available for children in the Baldivis area to prepare for Sacraments.

WHEN: Tuesdays 3:30pm (during school terms)

WHERE: Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School
        Cnr Eighty & Sixty Eight Rds, Baldivis

CONTACT: Fr Geoff Aldous on 0427 040 100

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta
Baldivis Catholic Parish
Welcome to the new school year. My name is Deborah Reid and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child’s health or development, please contact me on 0400 531 750 or deborah.reid@health.wa.gov.au

School Entry Health Assessment

All children in Western Australia are offered a health assessment during their first year of primary school. This usually occurs in kindergarten.

A Community Health Nurse will check your child’s vision, hearing and general development. A form will be sent in Term 1.

Parents please complete and sign the forms. Please return the form to the school office or class teacher, as soon as possible.

For more information, or if you have any concerns, contact the local Community Health Nurse, Deborah Reid on 0400 531 750.

Immunisation - information for parents

Immunisation programs in our community are designed to keep everyone well and safe, especially those people who are most at risk, such as babies.

Parents or legal guardians who do not immunise their child should note the following:

In the case of a Measles or Pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak, Western Australian schools are required by the Department of Health, to exclude students who have not received the appropriate vaccination.

Please make sure your school-aged child is fully immunised and that you have provided a copy of the ACIR immunisation record to the school.

Did you know that as parents you can ring the National registry or go to the web site to check out your child’s immunisation status? All you need is your Medicare number. Phone 1800 653 809 or access the web site: www.humanservices.gov.au or email acir@humanservices.gov.au

Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)

There are many ways to be a good parent. Managing children’s behaviour can be challenging at times, however it is an essential part of good parenting. The Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) may help you raise happy and confident children, through small changes and simple routines.

Programs offered include:

Seminar Series Triple P
Group Triple P

All programs are at no cost to parents or carers. To find out more, or to register in a program near you phone 1300 550 879 or email positiveparenting@health.wa.gov.au
TRIPLE P - POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM
SEMINAR SERIES in 2015

Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre
Corner Chisham Avenue & Robins Way KWINANA
All seminars run for 90 minutes and will be held on Wednesdays.

Parents are invited to attend free parenting seminars to learn practical and effective ways to prevent or manage common child behaviour problems, as well as ways to encourage positive behaviours so children do well at school and beyond, and families enjoy spending time together. Seminars are suitable for parents with children 3 to 8 years old, in some cases, parents of older children may also be able to attend. Parents can choose to attend one, two or all three of the seminars listed below.

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<td>This seminar shows parents how to use positive parenting principles to teach children important values and skills to enable them to do well at school and beyond.</td>
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Cost: All seminars are FREE however bookings are essential.

Catering: Provided independently by Toddler Town and does not form part of the WA Health Service or Triple P Program. Catering is suitable for children 2 to 8 years. For evening sessions, bookings and payment must be made directly to Toddler Town in advance to secure a place. For day sessions, casual bookings will be taken on the day depending on availability. Cost is $3.50 per adult per hour and $2.00 per additional child per hour. Please contact Toddler Town 6238 8325 for more information on catering and for bookings.

To register your interest in a seminar, contact Joanne at 9319 7279 on Mondays and Tuesdays only. Otherwise leave your name and number on the answering machine and we will get back to you.

Thank you.

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1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A three session parenting program for parents of children aged 2-12

Would you like to learn more about:

- Encouraging and promoting positive behaviour in child/ren.
- Strategies for managing challenging behaviour.
- Building strong and healthy connections with your child/ren.

Presented by: DLGC Parenting WA, - ROCKINGHAM

Where: Warnbro Community & Family Centre
1 Moreton Crescent, Warnbro 6169

Dates: Tuesday Evenings 3rd, 10th March & 24th March (must attend all 3 sessions)

Time: 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Cost: FREE

Please phone Sue Johnson on 9593 0656 mob: 0412 712 592 or email susan.johnson@dlgc.wa.gov.au to register your interest.

Partners are very welcome to join the program

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MEGA DANCE

FRIDAY 6th MARCH 2015

SPECIAL ENTRY PRICE $5.00

Door Prize: A SCOOTER!!

Pulse DJ Troy

Canteen facilities available

FULL SUPERVISION: LOCK IN EVENT

ROCKINGHAM PCYC
EMMA STREET ROCKINGHAM Phone: 9592 1232

4 to 9 years
5pm - 7pm

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