FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members;

It was a pleasure to see so many parents attending the first senior assembly for 2016. At the assembly run by Mrs Moses’ Year 6 students, our School Councillors and Faction Captains were presented with their badges and congratulated for the fabulous way they have adjusted to their roles.

Settlers Primary School students are looking fantastic in their school uniforms and wearing their blue bucket hats when outdoors. Walking around the school I am noticing The Settlers Way in action with friendly smiles and warm greeting by parents, teachers and students.

Large student numbers result in a large number of cars, pedestrians and cyclists trying to arrive and leave the school grounds before and after school. Please be courteous and respectful to all members of our school community during these busy times. We want all of our students and parents to arrive at their destination safely.

The crossing attendants are doing a fantastic job under very difficult circumstances. Please show them the courtesy they deserve by driving safely and showing patience to all.

Mr Brown has been enjoying two weeks Long Service leave and will return to his position as Principal next week.

Jennifer Webb
Acting Principal

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

There is no official Kiss and Drive at Settlers Primary School. The driveway is for quick pick up or drop off and is not for parking.

Family Day Carers and the CYC bus need to collect a number of students from different classes and age groups. They have permission to park and leave their vehicles to collect these students. All Family Day Care providers need to register their details at the office. Their vehicles need to display a yellow sign that they can collect from the office and park in the yellow cross hatched area. The sign needs to be displayed on their dash.

STAFF CARPARK

The staff car park is out of bounds from 8:00 am to 3:30pm to parents and visitors. Staff come and go during the day as they attend to school related business and they must be able to park in the staff car park on their return.

NEXT JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 26th February - Year 2, B5, Mrs Von Kelaita
NEXT SENIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 4th March - Year 5, D5, Mrs Wilson

SMS ATTENDANCE: 0418 938233
DISABLED CARPARK

The disabled bays are for families who hold an ACROD sticker. Please display the ACROD sticker whilst parked in these bays.

MATHLETICS

Is your child practising their maths at home with Mathletics? Don’t forget your Mathletics is free to be used at home, your child has their own password and user name to access this educational site. An iPad app is available free but remember to download the student app. Teachers have set your child with activities that will provide them with activities suited to their needs.

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Settlers Primary School Faction Swimming Carnival will be held at the Rockingham Aquatic Centre on Council Avenue in Rockingham this Thursday, 25th February 2016 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. 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 3-6 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 24th February 2016.

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

EASTER TUESDAY

Easter is fast approaching and this year it falls during term time. Thursday 24th March is the final day for students prior to the Easter break and they return to school on Wednesday 30th March. The school will be closed on Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos have been scheduled this term from Monday 21st March to Wednesday 23rd March. Individual photo envelopes will be coming home with each child this 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 ‘Skoolbag’ app.

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.
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 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May, students across Australia will undertake the 2016 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 to our ‘Skoolbag App’ 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.

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

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2016

Thank you to all the parents who have paid their Voluntary Contributions. Your support is greatly appreciated. All monies received go towards resources shared by all 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.

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 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.
PATHS CHAMPS

Congratulations to the Paths Champs certificate recipients:

Jett D and Natalia J.
Hi everyone!

Week 4 already!

Just a reminder that the P&C AGM is next Thursday, March 3rd at 7pm in the staff room. All positions will become vacant and we need to fill them with enthusiastic, dedicated volunteers who really want to see our school thrive. If you have any ideas or skills that you would like to share, please come along to our AGM and become a member. Be sure to bring a $1 coin to officially join the committee. You can be as involved as simply attending meetings and being a voice for the parents and students or helping in our canteen or uniform shops and at any of our events or become the President or a Convenor of one of the many parts of our committee. You choose the level of your commitment, so please don't be hesitant to get involved.

As I won't be renominating for the P&C this year, I'd just like to say a massive 'THANK YOU' to everyone who gave their time, effort and ideas no matter how big or small, that made 2015 so fantastic. Through our events such as the Colour Fun Run, discos every term, Easter, Mother's & Father's Day stalls and raffles and the Quiz Night, we've not only managed to make a substantial amount of money for our school, but put many smiles on dials while doing it. Great experiences and much fun had by all.

Special mention to the wonderful Settlers Primary School staff who continue to support us in everything we do. It's been a pleasure working with you all. It's been quite an experience and I'm so proud of what we've all achieved as a team these past 12 months. Wishing this year’s committee all the very best.

THANK YOU!
Jen Howard
P&C President

**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, small groups with other students who 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 the front office on 9523 2335.

**BALDIVIS COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Do you like gardening? Or want to teach your children where food comes from?

Then please join the new Baldivis Community Garden Incentive. We are looking for people who are interested in renting a garden bed at the new Baldivis Community Garden Incentive or just wanting to help out with the community beds.

Every first Tuesday of the month we have a board meeting to discuss ideas and delegate tasks. Key roles include: graphic design, Treasurer, Secretary etc. If you have any skills and can help out please contact us, no experience necessary.

All enquiries to our Facebook page or Timothy Hill: 0431 334 288.
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

For more information, go to: www.pmh.health.wa.gov.au/services/TripleP
City of Rockingham

Summer Series

Bubble Soccer Rockingham

Saturday 27 February 2016 | 10am - 12pm
Location: Village Green, Rockingham

Rockingham Community Breakfast Ride

Sunday 20 March 2016 | 8.30am
Location: Waikiki Foreshore (corner Warnbro Beach Road and Safety Bay Road) Register online today by clicking on the Bike Week banner on the City’s website.

Outdoor Movie

Friday 1 April 2016 | 6.30pm start
Movie: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (PG)
Location: Governor Road Reserve, East Rockingham

Community Safety Starts with You
All Summer Series events are alcohol and smoke-free.

For more information
Contact the City on 9528 0333 or email customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au

www.rockingham.wa.gov.au