FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members;

It is hard to believe we are already two thirds through Term One being only nine weeks long. We have held a number of firsts for the year. We have held parent meetings, Junior and Senior class assemblies, a P & C meeting and School Board meeting. Swimming lessons for half the school are completed and sports carnivals are fast approaching. All these activities focus around improving student outcomes. Establishing routines at home that ensure children are prepared to tackle the challenges school brings is paramount to ensure children are ready for class each day and confident in their attitude towards school. By now parents know how your child is progressing at school. Should you have any queries regarding classwork please speak to your child’s teacher. Attending to minor issues ensures they do not become blockers to learning and support effective communication between the school and home.

Student Attendance at School

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to a child’s academic and social learning and development. In reviewing our attendance figures we are pleased with the percentage of student attendance but history shows as the term progresses this percentage drops away. I am asking all parents to maximise student attendance and be diligent when it comes to colds and illnesses. High attendance at school does make a difference.

Student Collection at the end of the School Day

Safe collection of children from school continues to be of great concern to all of us. Driver courtesy, driver attention to the unpredictability of children leaving school and respectful collection and parking does keep our children safe. Our “Kiss and Drive program” is a crucial strategy in keeping our student safe. Parent help with this initiative is needed.

School Governance - The School Board

The school board convened our first meeting for this year last week. The Board reviewed school organisation and financial planning. In addition requirements for governance for this year have been planned for. A major process for the school is our independent school review scheduled for late term two. As an Independent Public school we will undergo a thorough review process by an independent expert review panel. I will keep you informed of this process including how we are self-assessing in preparation for the review. When completed a report will be forwarded to the school to that will greatly assist planning for our next three year Business Plan.

Gary Brown
Principal

Some photos from my visit to the Sculpture by the Sea exhibition at Cottesloe Beach. I hope that everyone gets the opportunity to visit this fabulous display.
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 you haven’t yet completed a form and you would like your child would like to participate please collect and fill in the relevant forms at the front office no later that Wednesday 11th March 2015.

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

YEAR 6 CAMP MORNINGTON - FINAL PAYMENTS DUE

Notes with the final costing for the camp, permission notes, medical notes, payment envelopes and clothing requirements have been sent home last week to all year 6 students who paid their deposit to attend camp.

Final camp payments need to be made by this Friday 13th March 2015. The amount remaining after the deposit is $250.00 per student, this includes the cost of accommodation, food and activities for 3 nights, and bus travel to and from Settlers PS.

Payments can be made by cash/cheque to Settlers Primary School using the provided envelopes, EFTPOS in the office or via direct deposit – Name: Settlers Primary BSB: 016010 Account Number: 498426673

Reference Name: Child’s name and Camp 6 as a reference.
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

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

Below is the timetable for the three photo days outlining on which day each class has been scheduled.

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Just a reminder to all parents that use Bookclub, all payments for books need to be made online or by using the payment slip on your order form. **DO NOT SEND CASH** as we are unable to process cash payments and this may result in delays in submitting your order and your child not receiving their books.

Bookclub has introduced a new payment platform for parents called Loop for credit card payments - see next page for more info.
Introducing

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LOOP is the NEW Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our NEW iPhone and iPad App from the App Store!

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child’s class
- Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to order video, log onto www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.
Hi everyone!

My name is Jen Howard and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead such an amazing group of dedicated people this year as P&C President. Having been a part of Settlers Primary since 2009, it's been a gradual progression from helping at the kiss & drive, canteen and Mothers/Fathers Day stalls to becoming our school disco DJ from 2013 to a fundraising committee member last year. I've enjoyed every minute of it and I look forward to the exciting times and challenges my new role will bring.

After a record breaking attendance at our Annual AGM that was held a couple of weeks ago, we've put together a great committee of some new and some familiar faces, with plenty of exciting ideas to make 2015 a great year for all of us.

Introducing your P&C representatives;

Jen Howard - President/Fundraising Convenor/Executive Committee  
Steve Dale - Vice President  
Marianne Dover - Secretary  
Sue Stroud - Treasurer  
Michelle Carlyon - Uniform Convenor/Executive Committee  
Sharon Cheeseman - Canteen Convenor/Executive Committee  
Adey Hatton - Canteen/Executive Committee  
Heather Stephen - Fundraising/Executive Committee  
Naomi Maher - Fundraising/Executive Committee  
Joe Cenin - Executive Committee  
Kylie Vreeken - Fundraising Committee  
Renee Bennett - Fundraising Committee  
Terri Nicholls - Fundraising Committee  
Mardi Wishart - Canteen Committee  
Veronica Botting - Canteen Committee  
Janet Frost - Canteen Committee  
Joanne Meares - Uniform Committee

We have lots of events coming up, starting with our Easter Raffle tickets coming out next week. Our canteen ladies are ready and waiting to accept any donations of Easter chocolates/sweets/gifts, baskets & bags. We had a fabulous response last year that resulted in there being a generous prize for each and every class, so would be great to see that happen again this year. Tickets to be drawn & prizes distributed on Thursday April 2nd.

Our Disco is on its way again on Friday March 27th. More info on ticket sales and theme to come very soon. Mothers Day will be in the second weekend of term 2, so our committee are already in full swing organising our Mother’s Day stall to run on Tuesday - Thursday of week 2. As always, these events only run successfully with the help of our incredible group of volunteers, so if you have some free time and would like to join in, your participation is extremely appreciated. It's a great way to contribute to the school, have a bit of fun and meet some lovely new people along the way.

Don't forget, class photos are being held in week 9, so if you are in need of a fresh new shirt or any other uniform items, come and visit our friendly ladies in the uniform shop, open every Friday morning from 9 - 10am.

Last but certain not least, I'd like to extend a huge welcome to our new Principal Gary Brown. We've already had some wonderful conversations about our ideas & visions for our school for the future and we very much look forward to working closely with him and all of the staff to achieving those goals. It's a very exciting time.

So please, if you have any ideas for fundraising, any changes you would like to see that can improve our school community, even if there is an issue that may need sorting, please feel free to stop & have a chat with me in the school yard, contact me on settlerspandc@yahoo.com.au or like us on Facebook and contact any of our committee through there. We are your committee and we are here to help in any way we can.

Thankyou,

Jen Howard  
P&C President.
A NOTE FROM THE COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

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

Healthy lunch box ideas

Your child’s lunch box can contain food from all of the five food groups. The food groups are; breads and cereals, fruit, vegetables, meat/meat alternatives and dairy/dairy alternatives. Some examples can be found at www.nutritionaustralia.org.

Try these in the lunchbox;
Lean ham and salad wrap.
Banana and handful of grapes.
Sliced vegetables (carrots, cucumber, tomatoes).
Handful of reduced fat cheese cubes.
Bottle of water.

More healthy lunch box ideas

Boiled rice and vegetables.
Banana.
Reduced fat yoghurt.
Mixed dried fruit.
Bottle of water.

Healthy lunches and snacks are important for keeping active kids alert and focused and providing them with the nutrition they need every day. Try including fresh fruit, crunchy vegetables, and a combination of protein, dairy and carbohydrate foods in your child’s lunchbox.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Baldivis Events and Councillor Matt Whitfield Invite you to join 2000 other Baldivis Residents at Tranby School Oval on Saturday March 28th from 2pm - 9pm for this alcohol free community Event.

Easter Party in the Park

Live Bands performing all day on the Main Stage
Plenty of activities to keep the kids amused
Bring a picnic blanket down and make a day of it at this FREE community Event

head to www.baldivisevents.com.au for full details

Proudly sponsored by City of Rockingham Councillor Matt Whitfield. Subscribe to his Baldivis Newsletter at www.baldiviscouncillor.com

Friday 17th April - Tuart Ridge Estate
FREE Community Movie Night
More details coming really soon!!

The Event will take place on 19th April 2015 at 11.00 am at Baldivis Secondary College

BALDIVIS SAYS THANKYOU DAY

Entrance fee is a Gold Coin Donation or whatever you wish to donate. ALL MONEY RAISED THROUGH OUT THE DAY WILL BE DONATED TO THE BALDIVIS VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE. A special invitation goes to our local Fire Brigades and all of their supports. We are so very grateful for your service and your dedication to protect our lives and homes by putting your own lives on the line.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated on this special day and everyday so we would love to say thank you to you and your families!!!
Food, entertainment and many activities will be provided on the day some of these are:
Pony rides Petting Zoo Jumping Castles Giant Pillow and Hammers Fairy Floss Photo booth Face painting Volleyball and basketball courts and many more!

There will be a real fire truck for the small(and big) kids to get up close to and you will be able to meet our brave Fire fighters in person, shake their hand and say THANKS.
Harmony Week
16 - 22 March
Everyone Welcome!

Rockingham Campus Community Library
Location: Dixon Road, Rockingham
Contact: 9553 7060

Screening Aboriginal Stories and Craft activities
Date: Tuesday 17 March and Friday 20 March
Time: 10am

Craft activities and Story time for Asian culture
Date: Wednesday 18 March and Thursday 19 March
Time: 10am

Safety Bay Library
Location: 197 Safety Bay Road
Contact: 9528 8611

The Flavours of Europe Story Telling
Date: Tuesday 17 March
Time: 10.30am

Stefania & Daniella from MKR at Pasta Making
Date: Wednesday 18 March
Time: 5.30pm
One prize: Daniella and Stefanie's recipe book: Sporttlo

Warnbro Community Library
Location: Swallowtail Parade, Warnbro WA 6169
Contact: 9528 8577

Cultural Jam Session
Date: Sunday 22 March
Time: 1.45pm to 5pm

Welcome to Country
Time: 1.45pm

Sambinistas Latin music and parade, make an Instrument
Time: 2.15pm to 2.55pm

Maori cultural group
Time: 3.30pm to 4.20pm

Youth Hip Hop group from Warnbro Community High school
Time: 4.20pm to 4.35pm

Logo competition: Presentation of surf board for winner

Mary Davies Library and Community Library Centre
Location: 17 Settlers Avenue, Baldivis
Contact: 9591 0800

African stories, music, African cooking session and sampler
Date: Monday 16 March and Wednesday 18 March
Time: Stories and music: 10am
African Cooking and sampler: 12pm

Registration is essential; please book through your libraries or call 9528 0333
Please visit the website www.rockingham.wa.gov.au for more information about the events.
ASTROFEST

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH, 5.30 - 9.30PM
Curtin Stadium, Curtin University (next to Edinburgh Oval, Bentley)

An astronomically awesome event!

This astronomy festival of epic proportions will be a fun celebration of Australian science. As well as optical and radio telescopes observing throughout the day and night, Astrofest will feature a interesting and exciting indoor and outdoor activities for everyone.

Join us in 2015, the International Year of Light, to learn more about light from space! Bring your family and friends and take a look through some of WA’s biggest telescopes at a great evening out.

With telescope observing throughout the evening, Astrofest activities also include:

- Model of the Square Kilometre Array telescope
- Scitech Spacedomes and science shows
- Night sky tours
- Guest sky tours
- Radio astronomy
- Info stalls and hands-on activities
- Giveaways for young and young-at-heart
- Astrophotography competition
- Telescopes to try and buy

Plus you can enter to win an 8” Dobsonian Skywatcher telescope thanks to Telescope and Binocular World and Skywatcher Telescopes!

Check www.astronomywa.net.au for the full program.

Bring an early dinner and make yourself comfortable in the picnic area, or there is food available from a variety of vendors.

Follow all the excitement with #astrofest