I cannot believe we have already crossed the midway point for term one. Staff are continuing to work very hard to assess students, plan for improvement, evaluate student progress and ensure the Education Department curriculum and school planning is in place and on track to be met. Students have settled into an effective work routine and staff and parents have established effective communication strategies. As principal I am very proud to outline our progress but it leads me to a concern that undermines all the good work that is being done, “Student Absences.”

Every Day Counts - Attendance Matters

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Missing school puts them behind. There is no “safe” number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses school puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes. Once absence patterns are established they are very hard to change. It is vital they go to school every day, especially in the early years.

P&C Elections 2016

It is with great pleasure that we announce Mrs Susan Antrobus as the elected P&C President for 2016. It was great to see so many parents at the first P&C meeting of the year and look forward to continued support from parents throughout the year.

P&C President
Mrs Susan Antrobus

EASTER TUESDAY—School Closed on 29/3/2016

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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

The Settlers Primary School P&C Office Bearers for 2016 are:

President: Susan Antrobus
Vice President: Renee Bennett
Secretary: Marianne Dover
Treasurer: Samantha Smith

NEXT JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 11th March - Year 2, B1, Ms Purnat
NEXT SENIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 18th March - Year 4, C3, Mrs Doyle

IMPORTANT DATES:
MARCH
18  BASSA Summer Carnival
21  Easter Raffle—due back Donations and tickets
21-23  School Photos
24  Easter Hat Parade
24  Easter Raffle Draw
24  Parent Morning Tea
25  Good Friday Holiday
28  Easter Monday Holiday
29  Easter Tuesday Holiday

APRIL
1  P&C Disco
8  ANZAC DAY Service
8  Last Day Term 1
9-26  School Holidays
25  ANZAC Day Holiday
26  School Development Day
27  Term 2 Commences

EASTER TUESDAY—School Closed on 29/3/2016
EASTER HAT PARADE

This year, Settlers Primary School will be having a whole school Easter Hat Parade at 9am on Thursday 24th March, just prior to the Easter long weekend.

All students are encouraged to make an Easter Hat/Bonnet to wear at the parade either during classtime provided or at home.

PARENT MORNING TEA

Following the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24th March we will be hosting a Parent Morning Tea for all our Settlers’ families.

This is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to get to know other families in our school community.

The morning tea will occur immediately after the Easter Hat Parade assembly in the staffroom.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Settlers Primary School P&C present our Annual

Easter Egg Raffle

Tickets are 50 cents each and must be returned to the canteen by Monday 21st of March.

Donations of any kind are greatly appreciated. Please bring your item to the canteen by Monday 21st March.

Raffle will be drawn and announced at our whole school Easter Bonnet Parade, Thursday 24th March

We are hoping for enough donations to make one prize per classroom!
SCHOOL PHOTOS

2016 SCHOOL PHOTOS INFORMATION

MONDAY 21ST, TUESDAY 22ND AND WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH

Personalised envelopes have been sent home with your child. All students will have an individual portrait taken whether purchasing photos or not for the school data base.

Photos can be purchased by:

- placing your order through the pre-paid envelope by cash, cheque or money order. Envelopes need to be handed to the photographer on any of the photo days. Please ensure correct money has been placed in the envelope as change will not be given.
- Placing your order online by credit card. Visit www.msp.com.au and select Order Online. Enter your child’s unique Shoot Key and record the reference on the order form.
- If you placed your order online you DO NOT need to hand the envelope to the photographer. Online orders can be placed 14 days after the photo day. Family photos can not be paid for online.

If you wish to purchase sibling photos (current students at Settlers PS only), please come to the administration office to collect a Family Envelope. It is the eldest child’s responsibility to collect their siblings at the scheduled time for family photos. On delivery of the school photos, the family photos will not be sent home with students, parents can collect them from the administration office. Family photos cannot be purchased online.

If your child is in a Specialist Group (Student Councillor, Faction Captain, School Choir and Science Club) you will have the opportunity to purchase a group photo. Once student photos have arrived, the Specialist Group Photos will be available to view and order online for 14 days after the photo day. All special orders will be sent directly to parents at their home address. Any orders placed after the 14 days will incur a late fee.

Any concerns or queries regarding school photos please contact Master School Portraits on 9342 3455.

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MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 26th February
FRONT ROW: Kaiden B, Lachlan B, Caitlyn T, Steven T, Azaulia P, Regan V, Bryce K, Milla S, Beau S, Tilly V, Kobe M.

SENIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 4th March
BACK ROWS: Charlotte O, Adam C, Ayisha T, Jackson M, Bailey B, Ciara H.
MIDDLE ROW: Chloe M, Ashley L, Holly K, Makayla P, Harry G, Emily S.
FRONT ROW: Toby S, Taj R, Caibyn D, Joseph C, Lucas C, Mia M.
PATHS CHAMPS

Congratulations to the Paths Champs certificate recipients:
Billy A, Maddison D, Charlise K, Savannah H, Makayla P and Jolie C.

SETTLERS DENTAL THERAPY CLINIC

At the Settlers Hill Dental Therapy Centre we continue to provide free preventive and general dental treatment to all enrolled school students from the ages of **five years (Pre-Primary) to 17 years (Year 11)**.

We are currently in the process of offering registration to all new students to the area; if you haven’t received a form please contact our centre. If you have received a form, please complete and return it to school or to our centre so we can add your child to our waitlist.

Please note it is parents/guardians responsibility to bring your child to each dental appointment. This not only gives our staff the opportunity to discuss your child’s planned course of treatment, but also allows us to get all necessary medical history and consent forms completed.

If you have moved recently or not been contacted by us in a while we would appreciate you updating your details via SettlersHillDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au or 9523 2146

Thank you from all the staff of the Settlers Hill DTC Dental Therapy Centre
c/- Settlers Hill Primary School
Fullman Turn
Baldivis
Ph.: 9523 2146
Email: SettlersHillDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au
In week 4 the Settlers Primary Twilight Swimming Carnival was held at the Rockingham Aquatic Centre. It was fantastic to see a record number of students turn up and have a go for their faction.

A huge thank you to all the parents, students and teachers who came down to support and participate in the carnival.

Overall results –

1st Place Banksia 189
2nd Place Jarrah 136
3rd Place Tuart 118
4th Place Marrri 85
REMINDER:
Uniform Shop Closed on Friday 25th March due to Good Friday Public Holiday.

SAVE THE DATE:
P&C DISCO
FRIDAY 1st APRIL
Tickets on sale Week commencing 21st March. Look out for more details coming soon.

DON’T FORGET:
School is closed on Tuesday 29th March.

Settlers Primary School P&C and Tupperware are getting together to celebrate World Water Day.

10% of all sales will be donated to Settler’s P&C along with $10 for every Tupperware party booked.

Order forms will be coming home shortly with your child.

Orders to be returned to the front office by 23rd of March

BIKE WEEK 2016
Rockingham Community Breakfast Ride
Waikiki Foreshore
Corner Warnbro Beach Road and Safety Bay Road
Sunday 20 March 2016
Free Registration | 8.30am (check in from 8am)

5.5km bike ride followed by a free breakfast and family friendly event. Prizes and giveaways on the day. Free Bike maintenance checks.

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.

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR DETAILS TO SETTLERSPANDC@YAHOO.COM.AU

REMEMO
Astrofest

Saturday 12th 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 interesting and exciting indoor and outdoor activities for everyone.

Join us in 2016 to learn more about the night sky and our amazing Universe! 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:

- Solar Observing from 5pm
- Model of the Square Kilometre Array telescope
- Scitech Spacedomes and science shows
- Night sky tours and guest speakers
- 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 a 10" Dobsonian Skywatcher telescope thanks to Skywatcher Telescopes and Telescope and Binocular World!

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