Dear Parents, Carers and Community members;

NAPLAN 2014

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 2014 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.

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

AMBULANCE COVER

It has come to my attention that many families do not have emergency ambulance cover. Please be aware that if your child is involved in a serious accident or incident an ambulance will be called. I strongly advise you to take out the cover – I went onto the St John Ambulance website http://www.stjohnambulance.com.au and have copied the following information for your reference.

“St John Ambulance is a ‘user pays’ organisation which means that travelling in an ambulance is not free. Costs associated with ambulance services, whether emergency or not, will be incurred by the patient. This cost is not covered by Medicare, Healthcare cards, Pharmaceutical or Pensioner Benefit Cards.

In the metropolitan area St John Ambulance has not operated the Ambulance Cover since 1997. Please check with your health insurer to see what level of ambulance cover you hold.

Listed are our standard fees for the different services we offer:

- Life Threatening $872
- Urgent $872
- Non Urgent $468
- Patient Transport Vehicle $468"


SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Thank you to the parents and carers who nominated and voted in our recent election for the Settlers Primary School Board. It was heartening to see the level of interest from our community in supporting our school in this regard. The successful candidates are:

Katrina Mohsenin Alan Macleod

Both candidates were elected unopposed.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

It is imperative that the playground equipment is out of bounds before and after school as our capacity to supervise at these times is limited. Whilst some parents supervise their children using this equipment, it is impossible for us to determine those children who are supervised and those who are not. The
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school owes a duty of care to all students regardless of whether parents are there with their children. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you so much to those families who have assisted the school by paying the voluntary contribution requested. The contributions allow us to supplement the funding received from the government so that our students have access to quality resources and consumables.

We are still collecting voluntary contributions from families and are willing to accept part payments or payments negotiated over a period of time. The more of these contributions that we receive, the more resources we are able to direct to our students. Payment can be made in person at the School Office using EFTPOS or via direct deposit into Settlers Primary School’s bank account using the account details below.

BSB: 016 - 267
Account: 498426673

Please include V/C and your child’s name in the reference box. Please do not hesitate to contact the school Business Manager should you have any queries in this regard.

FIGURE SKATING SUCCESS!

We have recently been informed that a Year 6 student from Settlers Primary School, Charlotte (D7) attended the Australian Figure Skating Championships in Melbourne last December. Charlotte’s team managed to secure a silver medal at the competition. Congratulations is in order for the team, but especially for Charlotte!

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Senior Assembly– 28/02/2014
C Block—Blake M, Sophie T, Alex M and April T,
F Block - Kaiya C, Keira R, Jackson T, Renee R, Seth C, Lily I, Lottie R and Maisy D
D Block - Maneesha D, Mikayla A, Deacon M, Hayden D, Shaolin P, Gesil A, Riley S, Maria Y, Zane S, Bobby D and Jakob M.

SCIENCE - F4 HEALTH - F4

Junior Assembly– 07/03/2014
B Block - Hunter W, Gemma G and Regan T,
C Block - Harry G, Madison R, Ben P, Elis W, Katie L, Enrique O, Ashley L, Janelle O, Alysha H and Liam C,
E Block - Jack K, Indyana K and Simon C,

SCIENCE - C4 HEALTH - E5 MUSIC - E3 LOTE - C5

LIBRARY – E1 & C4

NEXT SENIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 14th March 2014, Year 5 - F3– Ms Mills
NEXT JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 21st March 2014, Year 1 - E1 - Miss Dunstan
Our school photos will be taken on:

**Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th of April 2014.**

Online Orders close on 16/4/2014.

Personalised envelopes from MSP Photography have been sent home with each child. Students need to bring their envelope to school with them on their photo day and hand it to the photographer at the time of their individual photo.

If you wish to purchase a family photo, please come to the administration office to collect a Sibling Envelope. We ask that the eldest child of the family collect their siblings from class at the scheduled time for family photos. For those families with children attending the Kindergarten Annexe, sibling photos have been scheduled to take place at Settlers Primary School over 3 days so that parents can bring their Kindergarten child to Settlers on one of their non Kindy days to be photographed with their siblings. On delivery of the school photos, the family photos are always left at reception for collection, please note they will **not** be sent home with the children.

Please ensure the correct money is enclosed in your envelope as **NO** change can be given on the photo day by the photographers or by the school. Payment options are cash, cheque, money order, direct credit, credit card or we have online payment for your convenience. [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)

If you have missed out on ordering on photo day, orders can be placed directly with MSP Photography on 08 9342 3465. However, please be advised that any orders received after 10/4/2014 will incur an additional $20.00 search fee.

All children will have an individual portrait taken whether purchasing photos or not as the school requires images for their database.

Special photos for Choir, Student Council, Faction Captains and Science Club will be on display in the Office for **2 weeks** after delivery of the school photos and will be available to be ordered during this time for a cost of $15.00 each. Any special orders placed after this time will also incur a $20.00 search fee.

Parents who have a Kindy child at Smirk Road as well as older siblings at Settlers Primary School have the option of bringing their Kindy child to Settlers Primary School on one of their non Kindy Days as per the schedule above to have Sibling photos taken.
YEAR 4 - 7 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 20th March 2014 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 4-7 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 that **Friday 14th March 2014**. All students and their parents are encouraged to come along to show their support.

MRS M’s HEALTHY CORNER

COMMUNITY NEWS

Do you want to study more Dance, Drama, Music, Media or Art in High School?

INFORMATION & WORKSHOP DAY

DATE: Wednesday 2nd April, 2014
PLACE: WCHS Sanbrook Theatre
TIME: 10:15 - 11:30am

If your child is interested in applying to study Creative Arts in 2015 at Warnbro CHS and they are in year 6 or 7, come to a free performance and information morning with the students of CASP.

There are Limited numbers, so please RSVP to wchsartsinfo@gmail.com by 26th March