Dear Parents, Carers and Community members;

STUDENT ABSENCES

Student absence from school of 10% or more has been shown to have a significant negative impact on a student's ability to learn. This equates to about 5 days over a school term. Absences of a day here and there, soon add up. Although this may seem a small amount, frequent and regular absences interrupt student learning, causing gaps in content knowledge and skills.

We all know that children get ill and understand that sick children are best kept at home. We do, however, request that all children attend school every day unless there are genuine and/or pressing circumstances, preventing their attendance. Arriving at school after the 8:50am siren also causes problems for students. We have a small number of children who are late most days. Students should arrive at school between 8:30am and 8:45am. This allows time for the children to get organised and settled for their school day. Your support with attendance and timely arrival at school would be greatly appreciated.

USE OF LEGAL NAME ON OFFICIAL SCHOOL DOCUMENTS

The Department of Education requires the legal names of students to be used on all official school documents. This includes the semester issued Student Report and Lesson Attendance. If a parent wants a preferred name used on these documents, the parent needs to provide evidence that the student's legal name has been officially been changed. If you require further information, please contact the school office.

COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL

For the safety and security of our students we have a procedure for students being collected from school during normal school hours. All parents/guardians are asked to obtain a “pink slip” from the office prior to going to the class to collect your child. Only parents or guardians are permitted to collect children from school during the day and identification is required before a slip will be issued. Where an arrangement is made for someone other than a parent or guardian to collect a child written confirmation is required.

Pink slips can only be obtained immediately before the child is collected. This enables the school to be sure of the whereabouts of each child at any given time during the school day. Teachers have been instructed not to release students to anyone without a pink slip. Thank you for your understanding in this regard.

KISS AND DRIVE

The Kiss and Drive loop off Arpenteur Drive is a convenient location for delivering children to school in the morning and collecting them in the afternoon. This area can become very busy at these times and we ask that extreme care and diligence is exercised at all times when using this facility. Recently there have been reports of parents driving through the Kiss and Drive loop at unacceptable speeds. Please keep your speed to walking pace.

Additionally, the effectiveness of the Kiss and Drive loop is reduced by drivers who wait for their children to arrive or who get out of their cars to strap children in, holding up the traffic behind. Essentially, the Kiss and Drive loop is a no standing area. If your child is not waiting for you please drive on and rejoin the queue by circumnavigating the school. If you need to strap your children into your car we ask that you refrain from using the Kiss and Drive and park your car to collect your children.

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Parents and community members are able to manage your e-mail newsletter reminders. You can subscribe to receive electronic links to our fortnightly newsletter and other school information by following the link on our web page. To opt out of the reminder system or update your details, you simply need to follow the links attached at the bottom of the e-mail that you receive.

Stephen Yates
PRINCIPAL
YEAR 6/7 PARENT MEETING RE: HIGH SCHOOL

In 2015, Year 7 public school students will move to secondary school.

The move will provide your child with the same opportunities as children across Western Australia, giving them access to specialist subject teaching and facilities needed for the Australian Curriculum.

As a Year 7 or Year 8 student in a secondary school your child will be introduced to new and more demanding mathematical concepts and will study biological and physical sciences including mixing chemicals using specialised equipment. They will also have access to a diverse range of learning experiences such as computer science, robotics, food science, woodwork and metalwork.

The move will provide exciting new opportunities for your child. Our school and staff are working hard to prepare them for the transition.

In order to keep you informed of arrangements being made for your child at Baldivis Secondary College for next year we have arranged a Year 6/7 parent meeting with the Principal, Mr Keith Svendsen, and Associate Principal, Ms Alison Parolo, for **Wednesday, 26 March at 3.30pm** in the staff room at **Settlers Primary School**.

So that we can best plan for the meeting it would be appreciated if you could RSVP by telephoning 9523 2335 if you are planning to attend the meeting and have not already notified the school.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

**Senior Assembly – 14th March 2014**

**C Block** - Alex F, Ambrielle S, Lachlan B, Rashaun C,

**D Block** - James C, Karena P, Alex P, Brandon E, Grayson R, Nicole L, Rheanon D, Noah R, Chanel C.


**SCIENCE** - D3  **LOTE** - D6  **HEALTH** - F2

**Junior Assembly – 21st March 2014**


**HEALTH** - E4  **MUSIC** - B3  **SCIENCE** - C6

**NEXT SENIOR ASSEMBLY** - Friday 28th March 2014, Year 4 - F1 - Miss Graham

**NEXT JUNIOR ASSEMBLY** - Friday 4th April 2014, Year 3 - E3 - Mrs Hill
SCHOOL PHOTOS

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

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.

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.
FREE DRESS DAY - RAINBOW COLOURS

The Year 7 Councillors are raising money for The Cancer Council this term.

When: Friday the 28th of March 2014

Dress: Come dressed in your favourite rainbow colours.

Cost: A gold coin donation

NO DENIM/HAIRSPRAY/JEGGINGS

YEAR 6/7 GRADUATION SHIRTS

This Friday, 28th March 2014 is the last day for year 6 and Year 7 students to hand in their shirts so that they can be sent off for screen printing.

No late shirts can be accepted.

Shirts need to be freshly washed and clearly marked on the shirts tag with the student's name. Cost is $6 per shirt for all Year 7 students and $6 for any additional shirts for Year 6 students after their 1st shirt which is at no charge due to previous fundraising.

DENTAL SCREENING

Dental Screening for all Year 3 and Year 6 students being carried out by the Settlers Hills Dental Therapy Clinic this Friday, 28th March 2014.

Any parents that have particular concerns about their child’s dental health can contact the Dental Therapy Clinic on 9523 2146.

BOOKCLUB

Orders for the latest issue of Bookclub are due back to the postbox in the library by 26th March 2014. Please be aware that we can no longer process cash payments through the school. To place an order go to the scholastic website www.scholastic.com.au click on Parent Payments at the top of the page. Record your receipt number on your completed order form and return it to the box in the library. Alternatively, payments can be made by cheque and these need to be made out directly to Scholastic Australia.

MRS M’s HEALTHY CORNER

- Regular exercise helps to prevent diseases.
- When you exercise it improves your stamina.
- Exercise strengthens your muscles, bones and ligaments.
- Improving your flexibility through exercise reduces the risk of injury.
- Exercise is also a key to weight control.
- Regular exercise is also fun.
WANTED: P&C TREASURER

Are you good with numbers and have a spare 2 hours a week?

Ever wanted to become more involved at school but didn’t know how?

If so, maybe give some thought to becoming Treasurer of the Settlers P&C.

What does the Treasurer do?

- Maintains the P&C financial records.
- Ensures invoices are paid on time.
- Supported by our Canteen, Fundraising and Uniform Committees.
- Attends meetings.
- Prepare and present written report for each general meeting.
- Prepare books for audits at years’ end.

MYOB experience would be helpful but is not essential.

Our 2013 Treasurer is available to give a thorough hand-over and will be available for ongoing support and answering of any questions you may have … How good does that sound?!?

If you want to find out more about the role, contact the P&C Secretary, Marianne on 0427 394 067

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P & C NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE—Settlers P&C is holding an Easter raffle again this year and are requesting donations of Easter Eggs to make up a variety of prizes. Please take your donations to the Canteen by Monday 7th April 2014.

A sheet of raffle tickets to purchase and/or sell to family and friends has been sent home to all students, if you did not receive one or would like to an additional raffle sheet, these can be obtained from the office. Tickets are 50c each and need to be returned to the Canteen by Monday 7th April 2014. Winners will be drawn and announced on 10th April 2014.

5 cent Friday
Is on again, this Friday only 28/3/14.
Each class has a container to deposit your small change in.
Which class will win the trophy this time?

Next P&C meeting:
Thursday
26th March 2014
7pm
In the Staffroom
The school would like to promote a fundraiser that has been organised by Margie Gray, to support the family of two of our students Jack and Harry whose father Geoff was involved in a tragic accident and as a result is now a quadriplegic. All proceeds go toward supporting his family to purchase all the necessary equipment to enable Geoff to live back at home.

**Quiz Night/Comedy Night** – Peter Rowsthorn, LocoMojo (Local band) and finger food on May 9 at Swan Yacht Club - $100 per ticket.

To purchase tickets please contact **Margie** 0438946455. See Flyer on next page.

Limited tickets available, however support can come in a number of ways

- Any families who own a business and would like to donate a prize, it would be greatly appreciated. Advertising for all local businesses will occur on the night.

- Any family who would like to purchase and donate a prize (big or small – we can bundle smaller prizes together) would also be greatly appreciated.

- As tickets are limited, if families would like to make a financial donation (big or small) money can be deposited into:

  **ANZ Bank**  
  **BSB 016010**  
  **Acc Number 389017707**  
  **Account Name VB Botting.**

Donations of prizes for the quiz night can be left at the school office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Any queries please contact Margie 0438946455.
Batting for the Bottings!

COMEDY/FUN/QUIZ NIGHT
Fri 9th May at 7:00pm
Swan Yacht Club  Riverside Rd East Fremantle
Tickets $100.00 - Available from Geoff 0437 977 797 or Margie 0438 946 455

Enjoy an evening with Aussie Comedy legend Peter Rowsthorn as your entertaining MC.
Featuring:
Hilarious stand-up routine by Peter Rowsthorn

Live music by Locomojo

www.facebook.com/Locomojo.Perth

* Quiz Night * Games * Dance Floor * Finger Food
* Door Prizes * Silent Auction * Memorabilia Auction

Charter Bus Service from Ameer Street, Rockingham to the Swan Yacht Club & back!
Charter Bus Service from Fremantle Train Station to the Swan Yacht Club & back!

On the 15th September 2013, the Botting family set off to a Leisure Centre with friends to celebrate Jack’s 9th Birthday. Tragedy struck when Geoff slipped and fell off an inflatable water slide, and as a result, is now an incomplete quadriplegic due to a broken neck (C6 spinal cord injury). Since then, Geoff has been at RPH Shenton Park Rehabilitation Facility, and has recently moved to the Quadriplegic Centre to continue his rehabilitation. We are fundraising to bring Geoff home to his wife Veronica, and two little boys, Jack and Harry.

All proceeds to help Geoff live back at home with his wife & children.

Artwork & Design Donated by ‘Anthea M Art and Design’
email: locomojoman@gmail.com
Managing children’s behaviour can be challenging at times for most parents. Parents are invited to attend free parenting seminars being offered to learn practical, positive and effective ways to deal with common behavioural problems, and ways to help your child achieve their best at school and in the future. Parents of children aged between three and eight years are welcome to attend. In some areas, parents of older children may also be able to attend. You may choose to attend one, two or all three of the following 90 minutes seminars at the following two venues.

Seminar 1 - The Power of Positive Parenting
Useful for parents or carers interested in general information about promoting their child’s development.

More complex concerns are addressed more effectively with Group Triple P.

Seminar 2 – Raising Confident Competent Children
Importance of respect, consideration, communication/social skills, self-esteem, problem solving skills and becoming independent.

Seminar 3 – Raising Resilient Children
Recognising and accepting feelings, expressing feelings appropriately, building a positive outlook, developing coping skills, and dealing with negative feelings and stressful life events.

Venue: Smirk Road Annex in Baldivis
School Term 2 (Morning sessions)
Seminar 1 – 6 May 2014
Seminar 2 – 20 May 2014
Seminar 3 – 3 June 2014
Tuesdays 9.15 am to 10.45 am

Cost: Free, however bookings are essential

Creche: Free, enquire when registering

To register your interest in this program, contact Joanne at 9319 7279 Mondays and Tuesdays only