FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members;

STAFF CHANGES

Mrs Lorraine Koontz, a foundation staff member of Settlers Primary School, will be leaving us to take some well long service leave at the end of this term. Following this leave Mrs Koontz has indicated that she intends to retire. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Koontz for her contribution to the students of Settlers Primary School over the past 9 years. Her commitment to our students and their well-being and learning is incalculable. The knowledge and professionalism that she takes with her will be nearly impossible to replace.

We will be formally acknowledging and celebrating Mrs Koontz's contribution to public education later this year at a retirement ceremony closer to her retirement date, but in the meantime, on behalf of the Settlers Primary School community, I wish her all the best as she embarks on the next phase of her journey.

Mrs Debbie MacKenzie will be re-joining the Settlers team next term after a stint as acting Principal and some long service leave. Mrs MacKenzie is well known to our school and we look forward to having her on board once again.

YEAR 7 CAMP

Year 7 students from Settlers Primary School have recently undertaken a week long camp at Rottnest Island. While on this camp they participated in a variety of educational and environmental programs designed to help them understand Rottnest Island and its fragile ecosystem a little better.

The camp was not only a rewarding experience for all students but also a lot of fun. Reports made to me regarding the outstanding manners and behaviour of our students whilst they were away were wonderful to receive. I personally attended the camp for one day and can attest to the outstanding demeanour and attitude of our students. I would like to thank our ever dedicated staff who gave up their time so that the students could participate in the adventure, namely Mr Yarnall, Mrs Blackley, Mrs Moses and Ms Beahan. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Mr Stout, Mrs Spriggs and Mr Chessell who attended to assist with the students as parent volunteers. Without the willingness of these people to put their personal lives on hold for a week we wouldn’t be able to offer an opportunity like this.

END OF TERM

It's hard to believe but Term 1 concludes on Friday, 11th April. Perhaps the term has flown by because it was such a busy term with the addition of swimming lessons and swimming carnivals.

I would like to thank the staff for their hard work and commitment throughout the term. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our students with their school work and positive behaviour. Hopefully all members of our school community will enjoy a relaxing break and return ready for another busy term.

A reminder to our students – keep safe over the holidays.

Staff and students resume on Monday 28th April.

TERM 2 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

As previously published, our next School Development Day (Pupil Free Day) is scheduled for Friday, 30th May. This date coincides with the Western Australia Day Public Holiday on Monday, 2nd June. Students do not attend school on School Development Days.

The dates for the remaining School Development Days for 2014 are:

- Friday 30th May (Long weekend)
- Monday 21st July
- Tuesday 22nd July
- Monday 13th October
- Friday 19th December

These days have been co-ordinated with all of the Baldivis public schools to reduce any inconvenience.
CUSTODY AND ACCESS MATTERS

It is unfortunate that family relationships are irreconcilably broken from time to time. These break ups bring much grief and turmoil. From our school’s perspective, we attempt to maintain a stable and routine environment for children going through the anguish of a marriage break down.

Custody of children and access arrangements after a marriage or relationship break down often impact significantly upon the school. We will always comply with orders issued by the courts regarding these circumstances, but in order to do so we require full copies of court orders where custody, guardianship or access may involve the school. We often receive correspondence from parents and their lawyers relating to these matters, however without formal court orders these are not sufficient to prevent us releasing a child to an adult who can reasonably identify themselves as the legal parent of the child concerned.

Stephen Yates
PRINCIPAL

STUDENT SMARTRIDER FARES

Students are reminded that when travelling on the Student SmartRider 50 cent fare, you must stand for adults, particularly adults with special needs (eg seniors, people with disabilities and pregnant women). There are many people in our community who struggle to stand for long periods when on buses or trains. By offering them your seat you are not only adhering to the conditions of your subsidised 50 cent fare but helping someone in greater need.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Parents are politely reminded not to bring dogs onto the school grounds. We are very concerned that a student may be accidentally bitten or frightened and secondly that dog droppings are an unhealthy addition to our school environment. Please leave your dog at home or wait outside the school boundary for your children to join you rather that bringing your dog onto school grounds. Please also refrain from leaving dogs tied up, unattended along the school’s perimeter.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Senior Assembly– 28th March 2014

C Block - Olivia R, Jacob H, Charlyse M, Teddy W, Macy P, Beau P.
F Block - F1, Jinissa K, Jack B, Cody S, Mia M, Wesley M, Jacob E, Annabella J, Tiernan O,

SCIENCE– D6 LOTE - C7 HEALTH - C7

Junior Assembly– 4th April 2014

A Block - Lucas W, Meghan B, Izabelle D, Brodie T, Suzy V, Natasha O, Mathew V, Hannah S.
B Block - Jazlyn H, Tiffany W, Blake G, Alexia B, Aiden T, Samantha B,
E Block - Imogen K, Kaide M, Blake J, Thierry M, Mia H,

LIBRARY– E1 HEALTH - C6 LOTE - B5 SCIENCE - C1

NEXT JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 11th April 2014, C5 -Year 3, Mrs Von Kelaita
ANZAC DAY CEREMONY - Friday 2nd May 2014 at 9am
NEXT JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 9th May 2014, E5 -Year 1, Mrs Lee & Mrs Darroch
CHANGE TO SCHOOL BANK DETAILS

Please be aware that effective from 1st May 2014 the BSB number for online direct deposit payments to Settlers Primary School is changing as our account will now be located at our local branch.

The new BSB number will be 016-010
The account number remains the same 498426673

ANZAC CEREMONY

Settlers Primary will be hosting its Anzac Day ceremony on Friday 2nd May (Term 2 Week 1) at 9am. We are asking for flower donations to be brought to school on Thursday 1/5 to be made into wreaths for each block. If you can help it would be greatly appreciated.

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

In week 7 the Settlers Primary Twilight Swimming Carnival was held at the Rockingham Aquatic Centre. A huge thank you to all the parents, students and teachers who came down to support and participate in the carnival, the weather was amazing and a good time was had by all involved.

Overall results – 1st Place BANKSIA 110, 2nd Place JARRAH 95, 3rd Place TUART 57, 4th Place MARRI 52

Congratulations to all competitors but especially to the Champions and Runners Up who received their medals at the assembly in week 9.

Swimming Champions 2014

Year 4 Champions: Cayleigh, Kayla & Darcy Year 4 Runners up: Reece
Year 5 Champions: Sophie & Chris Year 5 Runners up: Bronya, Aidan & Kallum
Year 6 Champions: Tiana & Owen Year 6 Runners up: Esther & Bobby
Year 7 Champions: Jade & Deklan Year 7 Runners up: Jascinta & Ben

Best of luck to all the competitors involved in the interschool swimming carnival this week.
The number of overweight children in Australia has doubled in recent years, with a quarter of children considered overweight or obese. In an effort to combat this worrying trend, the Settlers Primary School “Pace Yourself Runners Club” will be held again in 2014 during Terms 2 and 3.

This purely optional out of school activity is being offered to children of all levels who would like to keep fit. It is also an ideal opportunity for those wishing to do well in their own year level (Years 4-7) cross country run and ultimately the Interschool Cross Country Competition later in the year.

By participating in the “Pace Yourself Runners Club” children will have the opportunity to receive certificates based on their achievements.

The children do not have to run the entire time, power walking is also a great form of exercise. Parents are also welcome to participate with their child/children.

“Pace Yourself Runners Club” will operate on Wednesday mornings before school between 8:00am-8:30am on the oval.

For those students who are interested, they can collect a permission form from Mrs Moorman. Once the permission form has been returned, each student will be issued with a runner’s card, which allows them to attend the “Pace Yourself Runners Club”.

“Pace Yourself Runners Club” will begin on Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} May 2013.
P&C NEWS

The P&C would like to thank all parents and caregivers for all their generous donations for the Easter Raffle. The raffle will be drawn this Thursday 10th April.

UNIFORM SHOP– CLOSED THIS FRIDAY

Due to family commitments the Uniform Shop will be closed this Friday 11th April 2014. It will be open as usual each Friday Morning from 9am – 10am next term.

DISCO

Volunteers are needed to make this Friday night’s disco a success. If anyone is able to lend a hand at any or all of the sessions please contact the school on 9523 2335 or pop by the Canteen and let the ladies know.

Settlers Primary School’s Kiss and Drive facility is in urgent need of more volunteers to assist in the afternoons, especially on a Wednesday. If you are able to lend a hand between 3:00pm and 3:20pm on any afternoon please leave your details at the office or email settlerspandc@yahoo.com

RAINBOW FREE DRESS DAY

A big thank you to all the students and staff who participated in Rainbow Day on Friday 28th March 2014. A fantastic total was raised for the Cancer Council of WA amounting to

$945.15

COMMUNITY NEWS

The City of Rockingham’s Get Active Program promotes physical activity and encourages healthy living. There are many fun and interesting ways to ‘Get Active’ in Rockingham. Get Active Rockingham showcases some great opportunities with free or discounted activities throughout the month of April 2014.

To find out more click on the link below or visit the City of Rockingham’s website.

Get Active Rockingham
ROCKINGHAM VILLAGE GREEN
CORNERS PATTERSON RD & FLINDERS LANE

ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY
EASTER CARNIVAL

FRI 18 APRIL 12pm - 9pm
SAT 19 APRIL 10am - 9pm
SUN 20 APRIL 10am - 9pm

LIVE BANDS
RC ACTION CARS
CARNIVAL RIDES
FREE CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES
PETTING ZOO
FREE STAGE ENTERTAINMENT
MARKET STALLS
FACE PAINTING & MORE
EASTER BUNNY VISIT ON SUNDAY

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