FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members;

WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to staff, students and parents/caregivers. I hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed time with your families over the holidays. It was fantastic to see the excitement and enthusiasm on students’ faces for the start of the new term. I would especially like to extend a warm welcome to new families at Settlers Primary.

ANZAC CEREMONY
Last Friday students, parents and staff participated in our ANZAC commemorative service. The service was run by our Student Councillors and they did an outstanding job. I would like to commend each and every one of our students for the solemnity and respect that they demonstrated during the ceremony. Thank you to Mrs Webb and Mrs Crozier for their time and commitment in overseeing the organisation of our ANZAC ceremony. Thanks also to Mrs Morrison and the school choir for their heartfelt song and playing of the Last Post, which added depth to our ceremony.

NAPLAN TESTING
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 Australia children.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. 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 www.naplan.edu.au

STAFF CHANGES
Mrs Debbie MacKenzie has re-joined the Settlers team this 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.

I will be taking long service leave from Monday 12 May, returning on 28 July (Week 2 Term 3). In my absence, Mr O’Keeffe has been appointed as acting Principal. Additionally, Ms Radford has been appointed to acting Associate Principal. Ms Marinich has been appointed to undertake Ms Radford’s teaching role.

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

Stephen Yates
PRINCIPAL

SMS ATTENDANCE: 0418 938233
CHILDREN ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that students are asked to time their arrival at school so as not to arrive before 8.30am as supervision before this time cannot be guaranteed. We also ask that students make their way home promptly after school to ensure they do not spend extended time unsupervised in between being dismissed and arriving home. Any children arriving before 8.30am are required to wait in the area outside D Block until 8.30am when teachers will allow access to classrooms to prepare for the day. Sports and playground equipment is not permitted to be used before and after school.

COLLECTING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

Parents collecting students from school during instruction hours for any reason are asked to first visit the school office so that a leave pass can be completed. In order to further ensure the safety of students we will be requesting some form of identification before the pass is issued. This will allow us to ensure that appropriate adults are collecting children from school. If parents require a friend or relative to collect any child on their behalf, a signed note to this effect would be appreciated. Your support and understanding in assisting us to ensure the safety and security of all students is appreciated.

BOOK CLUB—ORDERS DUE 16th MAY

Parents are reminded that Book Club is unable to take cash payments. Please pay online at http://parentpayments.scholastic.com.au/ After your payment has been accepted, you will be given an 11-digit receipt number. Please record your receipt number in the space provided on your Book Club order form, in the bottom left corner. Remember to also record the amount paid and provide the details of the credit card holder on this form. Your completed Book Club order form should be returned to the library by the due date so that your books can be ordered.

2015 ENROLMENTS - KINDERGARTEN & PRE PRIMARY

Children born between July 1 2010 and June 30 2011 are eligible to apply for Public School Kindergarten classes.

Children born between July 1 2009 and June 30 2010 are eligible to apply for Public School Pre Primary classes.

When making application for enrolment, please bring a copy of;

- your child’s birth extract, certificate or passport;
- proof of residential address (eg utility bill, lease agreement);
- ACIR immunisation records, and
- Family Court Orders (if applicable)

It is necessary for parents of children currently attending Kindergarten programs this year (2014) to apply at the school for Pre Primary placement in 2015 if you wish your child to continue attending Settlers Primary School. Students in Pre Primary in 2014 will automatically roll over into Year 1 in 2015 and beyond. If your child will not be returning to Settlers Primary School in 2015, please notify the School Office. Local boundaries for the new school on Smirk Road have not been confirmed as yet. Parents are advised to complete all enrolments for Kindergarten and Pre Primary through Settlers Primary in the first instance. The application form makes provision for you to indicate your preference for either Settlers Primary or the new Smirk Road school.

It should be noted that an application does not confirm placement for any child – selection criteria may apply. Application details will be used to assist the school in organising classes and placements for next year. Parents of children who are offered placement at Settlers Primary School will be asked to complete formal enrolment details at that time. Unsuccessful applicants will be offered a place in a school as close to their residential location as possible or be referred to their local school in the case of Pre Primary and Year 1 students.

Applications close on Friday 25th July, 2014.

All applicants will be advised of their child’s placement during Term 3 this year. Enrolment applications can be made through the school office between the hours of 9.30am to 2:30pm.
INSURANCE

The Department of Education does not carry insurance for students or their possessions both at school and when participating in educational activities away from the school site (camps involving an overnight stay are an exception). It is the responsibility of parents or carers to ensure that their children are adequately covered by insurance for accidents that are not caused through negligence on the part of an employee of the Department.

BALDIVIS COMMUNITY EVENT

Our local Councillor, Matthew Whitfield, has established a not for profit organisation (Baldivis Events Inc.) which is designed to bring events and entertainment to the locality. On Sunday 18th May from noon to 2.00pm a free event has been organised at Baldivis Secondary College. Up to 30 sporting, social and volunteer groups will be present so that families will have the opportunity to see many of the activities that may be available to local residents.

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

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Junior Assembly – 11th April 2014


B Block - Adelaide T, Mischa D, Heidi T, Lilly C, Chloe M, Keayden F, Reece H, Nathanael W, Jamie M, Carla W.

C Block - Caitlyn L, Ashley H, Beau F, Kate E, Maya F, Taj T, Oliver H, Te Hauparoa N, Isaac B, Saya N.


LOTE - C3 MUSIC - E4

P&C NEWS

The P&C would like to thank all the parents and caregivers for their support and generosity towards our Term One fundraisers. The following amounts were raised:
Pace Yourself Runners Club

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 Inter-school 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 before school on Wednesday mornings commencing 21st May 2014, between 8:00am-8:30am on the oval. Please be aware that if it is raining at the commencement time “Pace Yourself Runners Club” will not go ahead.

For those students who are interested, parents can complete the permission slip below. 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”. This card must be brought along to each session.

Please understand that staff who help out before school do so on a voluntary basis and do not wish to be spending this time managing unacceptable student behaviour. If your child is involved in any inappropriate behaviour during “Pace Yourself Runners Club” they will be asked not to return for a number of sessions.

If your child suffers from asthma please make sure they have their puffers with them or any other appropriate medication necessary.

I give permission for my child _____________________________ of Class________Year _________ to attend “Pace Yourself Runners Club” on Wednesday mornings before school.

Parent/Guardian _____________________________
Grandcarers Support Scheme

for all enquiries call:

Wanslea Grandcarers Support Scheme

1800 794 909

10.00am - 4.00pm  Monday to Friday

What is the Grandcarers Support Scheme:

♦ An annual payment to grandcarers who have the full-time care of their grandchild / grandchildren

Criteria:

♦ Providing full-time care for grandchildren under 16 years
♦ Minimum of four months care in the past year
♦ Not receiving financial support from the Department for Child Protection and Family Support
♦ Willing to sign a Statutory Declaration confirming that the information provided is true and correct

How much is the payment:

♦ Eligible grandcarers will receive $400 for the first grandchild and $250 for each additional grandchild under 16 years

How to apply:

♦ Telephone Wanslea 1800 794 909 to apply
or
♦ Online at: www.wanslea.asn.au/gss to download the application form

then

♦ Send your completed application form to:

Wanslea Grandcarers Support Scheme
PO Box 1142  Cloverdale  WA  6985