Dear Parents, Carers and Community members;

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

CYBER SAFETY/CYBER BULLYING
Cyber safety is an area of constant review and concern for all schools. Children are increasingly using social media and internet based applications in their day to day lives. Indeed, wide use is made of the learning opportunities that this technology provides at Settlers Primary School. Even when instances of cyber bullying or inappropriate use of the internet occurs out of school hours, the ripple effect can, and does, impact at school. Unfortunately cyber bullying is very insidious, easily spread and can be extremely damaging to the victim. I am sure all members of the school community would share my concern with this issue.

The internet has many advantages and disadvantages and these need to be clearly discussed with your child/ren. We make children aware of Stranger Danger within the community but often neglect to include the internet when discussing this topic. One of the best safeguards for cyber-safety is to put the computer used by your family in a public area of the house with the screen clearly visible, so you can see what your child is doing when on the internet. Children shouldn’t have internet access in their bedroom.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority has developed a program called Cybersmart as part of the Australian Government’s Cyber-Safety program. Cybersmart is an excellent website which provides comprehensive and practical advice for parents, interactive activities for children and information on safe networking for teens. The website also provides support for children who have had negative online experiences through the Cybersmart Online Helpline. This service is operated by Kids Helpline which has been operating a phone helpline for children for a number of years. The Cybersmart website address is:

www.cybersmart.gov.au

Other useful websites are:

- www.safekids.com
- www.NetSmartz.org

ATTENDANCES, LATES AND EARLY PICK UPS
In previous newsletters, I shared how we are working to improve our attendance rates. In following up on absences, I have been most concerned at the reasons given for why students miss school days which has even included car servicing. This is not acceptable and means that your child is missing out on valuable learning. We have also been following up on students arriving late. Whilst this may only be 10 -15 minutes, the late arrival to class is disruptive to the whole class as the teacher needs to explain what the class is doing and ensure the student has the necessary materials. Unfortunately cyber bullying is very insidious, easily spread and can be extremely damaging to the victim. I am sure all members of the school community would share my concern with this issue.

Consider this in the context of the same class and we have more interruptions to the teaching and learning of all students. Please support your child’s learning by ensuring they are here prior to 8.50am and for the full school day which concludes at 3.00pm.

E.A. Tim O’Keeffe
PRINCIPAL
ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

Parents please remind your child about road safety especially when coming to school. Information from our Parent Handbook which can be found on our website, is below.

Bicycle/Scooter/Skateboard Use
All cyclists must wear protective helmets. Students are required to walk bikes and scooters in the school grounds. Parents are asked to ensure that their children ride in a safe manner.

Parents are strongly urged to accept Bike West Council recommendations and not allow children from year 1 to year 3 to ride bikes to school.

Sanctions may be imposed on students who continually use their bikes in an unsafe manner. As our bike racks are not enclosed it is advisable that all cycles are locked up.

Riding of bikes, rollerblades, scooters and skateboards or any other device through the school is strictly prohibited.


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)

Whenever a child is enrolled at a new school, parents are required by The School Education Act (1999) to present their child’s immunisation records, for example the ACIR History Statement. You can request an ACIR History Statement at any time by telephoning ACIR on 1800563809, emailing acir@humanservices.gov.au, visiting your local Medicare Office or registering with the Department of Human Services Online Services at www.humanservices.gov.au/onlineservices

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.
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

A reminder to families who have not yet paid their voluntary contribution for 2014 that payment is still being accepted at the school office. All funds received are used to supplement the resources used by the students.

Voluntary Contributions for 2014 are as follows:
Kindergarten, Pre Primary and Primary—$40.00
(N.B. The contribution level set represents about $1.00 per week for each child.)

Financial statements have been recently sent home.

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—09th May 2014

A Block - Amelia W, Trent C, Austin T, Georgia R, Jack B, Taylor W, Trent J, Geordie S
B Block - Trent G, Miles B, Efren A, Sara H, Bea P, Harley P
C Block - Jessica H, Max C, Skye N, Christopher A, Joselin B, David S, Lora D, Daisy A, Shae D
E Block - Chloe G, James R, Ahurangi B, Benjamin L, Ryan R, Samuel L

LOTE - C1
HEALTH - E3
LIBRARY - A2 & C1
SCIENCE - E4

Senior Assembly—16th May 2014

C Block - Darcy S, Hayley S, Joshua M, Brayden H, Shenae M, Connor V
F Block - Tyler S, Ruby L, Sophie D, Joshua S, Finn N, Jarrah K, Tayla V, Jett D, Annabella J, Rhianna C

SCIENCE - E4
LOTE - C3
HEALTH - F3
**WHAT:** Food Revolution Day is a day of global action to keep cooking skills alive. It’s about celebrating the importance of cooking good food and raising awareness of how it impacts our health and happiness – we believe that starts with getting kids excited about food by making cooking fun and inspiring a love of food that will last a lifetime. Food Revolution Day is a campaign by the Jamie Oliver Food Foundation in the UK and USA, and The Good Foundation in Australia. To date, 74 countries have taken part and over 900 ambassadors are championing our cause worldwide.

**WHY:** Learning how to cook from scratch is one of the most valuable skills a child can ever learn. This knowledge used to be passed down from generation to generation, but now, with an over reliance on unhealthy convenience foods, millions of people lack the confidence and even the most basic skills to cook.

All year 3 children at Settlers Primary took part in this fun and educational day. Our theme was, ‘The Great Australian Bake Off.’ Each class cooked a different Australian themed dish such as lamingtons, ANZAC biscuits and damper. It was important that the children cooked the dishes from scratch and not just used packet mixes. At the end of the day the children met for a blind judging session to decide which class were the master bakers! The winning class made wonderful Australian themed muffins which went down very well with the judges! Well done Mrs Flood.

Mrs Needs in C4 said afterwards, “We have been focussing on nutrition in Health this Semester so this day fitted nicely into our timetable. The children have had so much fun today and learned a lot too. Days like today make a teacher’s job very worthwhile!”
Settlers Primary now has a ‘scope and sequence’ of **higher order thinking skills tools** which each year level is following. In year 3, one of our tools is the concept map. As we have access to ipads during our literacy blocks, many year 3 classes incorporate the concept map tool with the app ‘Popplet’ for the children to organise their ideas.

We believe that the children, having access to these learning tools, is of great benefit. The use of technology is very motivating in the classroom and engages all ability levels.
SETTLERS VEGGIE GARDEN

Last term the settlers veg patch produced approximately 15-20 butternut pumpkins, lettuce, 2 buckets of beetroot of which were pickled, capsicum, leek, rhubarb and a variety of fresh herbs. Unfortunately the slaters got to the rockmelons over the Christmas holidays and the broccoli were attacked by horrible grey aphids. What produce the canteen don’t utilise is sold generally on Friday mornings by the canteen ladies.

This term we have planted lots of leafy greens such as cos lettuce, frizzie lettuce, rainbow chard, black kale, English spinach, brown onions, cabbage (if we can keep the caterpillars off), snow peas and sugar snap peas. Wednesday is composting day so place vegetable and fruit scraps in bin provided outside canteen. Please NO onion or citrus as the worms need feeding too and they don’t like them. So keep an eye out on facebook for fresh produce grown at settlers.

P&C NEWS

We hope all the mums loved their presents on Mothers Day, we made over $3,000 profit on the stall. The P&C would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the stall such a great success.

The Uniform Shop is placing its winter order very soon. If you require additional uniform items, including Faction Polos we ask that you place an order with FULL PAYMENT at the office or Uniform Shop no later than this Friday 23rd May 2014. This will ensure that the uniform shop has adequate stock to fulfil all orders. Order forms are available on the school website or at the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PEEL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

You are invited to attend our Open Day at Rockingham Lakes Campus.

This is an opportunity to see and discuss the intervention program offered at Peel Language Development School for children with Specific Language Impairment.

Date: Friday 13th June 2014 Time: Commences 10.00 a.m. sharp to 11.00 a.m.

Venue: Rockingham Lakes Campus
Laguardia Loop,
Port Kennedy

To register your attendance please telephone Karen or Marion on 9593 9030.
Act-Belong-Commit

PhotoVoice Rockingham

Ten prize categories. Cash prizes of up to $500 for 1st place! Three age categories, including modified and non-modified photo styles. Open to all ages.

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2014

PhotoVoice involves participants taking photos based on the Act-Belong-Commit theme and providing a short description explaining the photo to give it a 'voice'.

Examples of images related to the theme could include:
- Being active – physically, mentally, socially and spiritually
- Belonging to clubs, groups and family
- Things we do that make us feel good about ourselves

Digital photos only. Maximum of 3 entries per person.
All entries are due by 4pm Monday 1 September 2014 via online submission or delivered on USB or CD to Photo Coffee shop, 15/9 Kent St, Rockingham.

For more information call the City of Rockingham on 9528 0333 or email Act-Belong-Commit@rockingham.wa.gov.au
This free event brings together a diverse range of services that can assist in supporting you and your family.

Light refreshments available throughout the day.

For advance bookings and a full list of exhibitors check out the event details at www.trybooking.com/FtGH. Book online or come along on the day.

**Venue:** Gary Holland Community Centre
19 Kent Street Rockingham

**Date:** Tuesday 24 June 2014

**Time:** 9.30am – 3.30pm

**Children's Activities:** Gym Bus from 10am – 12pm
Storytime at 11am and 1pm

**Seminar Schedule:**
10am - 10.30am
Survival Tips for FIFO Families
(Nicole Ashby, FIFO Families)

10.30am - 11am
Supporting Defence Families
(Defence Community Organisation)

11am - 11.30am
Survival Tips for FIFO Families
(Nicole Ashby, FIFO Families)

11.30am - 12pm
Coping Strategies for a Balanced Lifestyle
(Cath Ashton, Healthy Workforce Consultancy & Training)
THANK YOU FOR “BATTING FOR THE BOTTINGS”

Margie Gray and Geoff Roberts along with Geoff, Veronica, Jack and Harry Botting would like to thank everyone for all their support over the past 9 months since Geoff’s accident. Our fundraising event was a huge success and could not have been so successful without the help from you! Special mention needs to go to the

- Swan Yacht Club for providing us with a venue for our event
- Patty and Dennis Sutton for the bus transport to and from the event
- Peter Rowsthorn – you made us laugh, you made us cry, then laugh some more, you are truly a wonderful person!
- Locomojo – your music finished the night off with a bang!
- Ron Adams from Ultimate Promotions and Peter Collins from StarWorld Memorabilia for all your assistance with our auctions!
- St John Ambulance who without your assistance, Geoff would not have made it on the night!
- Rave Discounts Jandakot and their importers who were extremely generous with their donations!

That being said, a huge thank you needs to go to all the people, families, local businesses and sporting groups who donated an amazing amount of prizes. Your generosity has truly humbled the Botting Family.

To all of our family, friends and work colleagues who donated money towards helping bring Geoff home, your generosity is truly amazing.

Our final tally was in excess of a massive $26 000. Geoff and Veronica Botting could not thank you all enough, this money will go a long way to helping them continue their lives with their 2 beautiful sons Jack and Harry. As Veronica said at the quiz night, they are very lucky to have each other, a loving family and a huge amount of support from everyone who surrounds them. Their lives are now different, but they are still together! THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS FOR “BATTING FOR THE BOTTINGS”!!!