Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

**SEMESTER 1 REPORTS**

Teachers are in the throes of completing the first semester reports and judging by the discussions and work going into them the reports will provide each parent with good information as to their child’s progress.

Please discuss your child’s achievements with them and develop with them a plan to further improve. This can be as simple as a three stars and a wish approach. That is a star for each of three achievements and a wish for an area to improve. For older students parents may wish to spend a little time helping them develop a plan to ensure improvement.

Please also refer to the scale of report grades on the rear cover of the report. This will help you understand the report. If you would like to discuss your child’s achievement with the teacher please contact them to arrange a mutually convenient time.

**NATIONAL CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DISABILITIES DATA**

Our school is part of a national project about students with disability and/or learning difficulties. We have been asked to provide data about the number and learning needs of children at our school. The name of the school and the names of students will not be reported. Information about the different types of needs and the programs and resources the school uses to overcome barriers and support children with special educational needs will be collected.

We believe it is important to contribute to this because it will help Governments and the Department develop better policies that acknowledge the level of resources needed in schools to meet the needs of all students in Western Australia.

A letter will be sent home this week via your eldest child and if you do not want your child/ren to be included please sign the form provided by the school and return it to the school. We will make sure we don’t include them in the information we provide to the Commonwealth.

If you would like to learn more about the National Consistent Collection of data for School Students with Disability you can visit the website. [https://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability](https://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability)

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

On Thursday our school board will be meeting. On the agenda is our school’s 2013 Annual Report, a report on our Engagement and Wellbeing review and a review of our school finances. Following the board’s acceptance, the 2013 Annual Report will be available online.

**WINTER CARNIVAL**

I have seen our teams preparing for the upcoming Winter Sports Carnival which takes place on Wednesday the 25th June. Our
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thanks go to Mr Ratz and the Year 6/7 teachers who help to prepare our teams for the competition. Special thanks go to Mrs Marlene Young and her team of parent helpers who do a lot of work with our Netball teams.

We wish all the teams well for their competition.

E.A.(Tim) O'Keefe
Principal

2015 ENROLMENTS - KINDERGARTEN & PRE PRIMARY

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.

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.

For all applications for enrolment, please bring a copy of:

- your child’s birth certificate
- Passport and visa if born overseas
- Current 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 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.

NEXT JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 20th June 2014, B3, Mrs Williams, Year 2

NEXT SENIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 27th June 2014, C7, Miss Napier, Year 5
MERIT CERTIFICATES

Junior Assembly – 6th June 2014

A Block - Heidi M, Danica H, Kurt F, Hannah B, Bosa G, Katelyn T, Ivan F,
B Block - Bryce B, Sonny M, Deakin G, Khloe S, Makayla W, Leah A, Carla W, Ethan W
C Block - Haylee G, Mia S, Tahleia K, Nicholas M, Toby B, Imogen W
E Block - Patrick W, Libby F, Callie G, Jack D, Ella R, Leah B, Jacob T

HEALTH - B3
PHYS ED - C2
SCIENCE - C5

Senior Assembly– 13th June 2014

C Block - Chelsea R, Zac J, Kallum P, Beau P, , Darcy G,
D Block - Jessica S, Jacsinta R, Emma B, Saascha N, Beth M, Trinity C and D6
LIBRARY - F4 & D3
HEALTH - F5

P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting is this Thursday, 19th June @ 7pm. All welcome.

Settlers Primary P&C Association is on Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/SettlersPrimarySchoolPcAssociationInc

Five Cent Friday was held last week. Thank you to everyone who donated their small change. Over $280 was raised.
The winning class will be announced their the next assembly.
Science has been high on the agenda this past week with some Year 7 classes undertaking an excursion to Curtin University for a day of science laboratory sessions based on chemistry.

A range of scientific disciplines were explored during our whole school Science incursion last Thursday, *The Magical World of Crazy Science*. All students who attended were thoroughly engaged and the visit has had the desired effect of stimulating interest and engagement in Science.

Thanks to Miss Moore and Mr Yarnall for arranging the Year 7 excursion and Miss Beahan, Miss Moore and all class teachers for arranging and managing the whole school incursion.
At the start of the year, the Year 6 and 7 students in D1 were buddied up with a group of Year 1 students from E5. The students in D1 were given the task in Term 1 to design and create a picture book for their buddy about a safety issue. Each story needed to include a moral that was to be revealed at the end, as well as containing pull tabs, flaps and pop-ups and a minimum of 12 pages. The students were also required to create a story board as well as all their own illustrations for their book.

Over the next few weeks the students researched a number of possible topics such as bicycle safety, stranger danger and sun safety. The students were also given the opportunity to interview their buddy to find out what his/her interests were, so that they would be able to incorporate this information into their picture book. Once the picture books were completed the students in D1 were given the opportunity to read their picture book to their buddy at a book café held in D1.
FRIDAY 25 JULY
IS AN IMPORTANT DATE IN YOUR CHILD’S EDUCATION

You need to apply to enrol your child in a public school for 2015 if they are:
- starting Kindergarten – 4 years old by 30 June 2015
- starting Pre-primary – 5 years old by 30 June 2015
- starting Year 7 – that will be the first year of secondary school
- starting Year 8
- changing schools.

Visit your local school to apply to enrol by 25 July.
For more information and to find public schools in your area visit education.wa.edu.au.
Sports Star Awards 2014

Do you know a Rockingham resident or Rockingham based team that has excelled in their chosen sport or a sports volunteer who deserves to be recognised?
Nominate them now!

Nominations are now open!
Prizes up to the value of $1000 to be won for you or your club

Nomination Categories
- Junior Sports Star • Senior Sports Star • Team Category • Club of the Year • Sports Volunteer • Sports Person with Disability

All nominations have the chance to become a finalist at the 2014 Rockingham Sports Star Awards.

For a nomination form and the terms and conditions, contact the Community Capacity Building Team on 9528 0333, email customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au or visit our website.

Nominations close 4.30pm Friday 8 August 2014.
Late nominations will not be accepted
FIFO and Defence Families Expo

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/ETGH. 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)