FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

29th April 2015

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members;

Welcome back to term two to all students and families, a special welcome goes to new families joining our community. This term has already started at a busy pace with a very moving ANZAC Service conducted last Friday 24th April. With the leadership of Mrs Webb, Mrs Blackley, Mrs Crozier and staff members, students have developed a deeper understanding of the reasons behind why we as Australians commemorate ANZAC Day and the debt we owe to those who laid down their lives or fought for us. Thank you to the many parents and family members who joined us last Friday, your attendance is greatly appreciated.

NAPLAN Assessment (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy)

Students in Years Three and Five will be assessed in week four of this term (Tuesday 12 to Thursday 14 May) these students have been undertaking work in accordance with the Western Australian curriculum that aligns with the Australian curriculum. The NAPLAN assessments measure their individual development against this curriculum. Parents should receive results in term three, we will also receive school data enabling the staff to review, analyse and compare how students performed at a state and national level. This information is included in the school annual report and appears on the” My Schools” web site in February. This vital information greatly assists the school evaluating our progress against the school Business Plan and future target setting for improvements in Literacy and Numeracy. The School Board will also review all information.

Gary Brown
Principal

Baldivis Youth Space

The School Board has been advised that a decision was made at last night’s Rockingham City Council meeting on the location of the proposed Baldivis Youth Space. The Youth Space which will include a skate park will be located in the area between Settlers Primary School Oval and Eighty Road, this is despite the School Board formally lodging an objection raising it’s concerns over the location to the council.

Leeanne Antulov
School Board Chair
ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS 2015
Settlers Primary School is now taking enrolment applications for students entering Kindergarten and Pre Primary in 2016.

Children born between **July 1 2011 and June 30 2012** are eligible to apply for Public School Kindergarten classes.

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

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

- your child’s birth certificate
- Passport and Visa Grant Notice if born overseas
- proof of residential address (eg utility bill, lease agreement);
- ACIR immunisation records, and
- Family Court Orders (if applicable)

Application forms for Kindergarten 2016 can be found on our website [www.settlers.wa.edu.au](http://www.settlers.wa.edu.au) or can be obtained from the front office.

Application forms for Pre Primary 2016 have been sent out to our current Kindergarten students as it is necessary for parents of children currently attending Kindergarten programs this year (2015) to apply at the school for Pre Primary placement in 2016 if you wish your child to continue attending Settlers Primary School.

Students in Pre Primary in 2015 will automatically roll over into Year 1 in 2016 and beyond. If your child will not be returning to Settlers Primary School in 2016, please notify the School Office.

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 students.

**Applications required by Friday 24th July, 2015.**

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.
RELIEF CLEANERS REQUIRED
Settlers Primary School requires relief cleaning staff for both morning and afternoon shifts. A current Working with Children Check and National Police History Clearance are required before work can commence. Interested persons should contact the Business Manager Lynne Phillips on 9523 2335 or lynne.morris1@education.wa.edu.au

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
Thank you to all families who have paid their voluntary contributions. All funds received are used to supplement student resources. A reminder to families who have not yet paid their voluntary contribution for 2015 that payment is still being accepted at the school office.

Voluntary Contributions for 2015 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 sent home.
Payments can be made in person via cash or EFTPOS or via direct deposit to:
   BSB: 016-010
   Account number: 498426673
When paying via direct deposit please be sure to include your child’s name as a reference.

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.

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.

NEXT SENIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 8th May 2014, Year 4 - C2 - Miss Graham
NEXT JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 15th May 2014, Year 2 - B4 Mrs Anderson and Mrs Fortescue
Hi everyone!

Welcome to term 2! Hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and long weekend!

Mothers Day is just around the corner and our Fundraising Committee have been busy through the school holidays getting it all ready, with lots of gorgeous new gift ideas and some old favourites returning, with gifts ranging from $2 - $10. We'll also be selling raffle tickets at the stall for a huge Mother's Day hamper which will be drawn on Friday the 8th of May. Tickets are 50c each. The stall will run during week 3 Tuesday - Thursday (May 5th - 7th) and all remaining gifts will be for sale next to the canteen before, during and after assembly on Friday morning. We will send out the class roster for the stall soon. If anyone is available to help with our stall, please contact us at settlerspandc@yahoo.com.au or give your name and contact details to the canteen ladies and we'll be in touch. All help is very much appreciated!

We'll also be running 5 cent Friday this term, so start gathering all that pesky loose change and let's see who can take out the trophy this term!

The PJ disco is back for Term 2!! Give your fave Jim Jams, funniest Onesie and snuggliest uggies a fun night out on Friday June 26th. Details to come later this term.

Our next P&C meeting is Thursday May 7th and we'd love to see even more of our school community there to listen to and share ideas, voice concerns or maybe even become involved with one of our committees. All are welcome to attend.

The Kiss & Drive has been closed and we'd like to thank everyone for their patience and for making the necessary arrangements for picking up your children. We still have not met the requirements to be able to re-open the Kiss & Drive so please, if you can spare 20 minutes for one afternoon a week or even a fortnight, please register your interest and availability with the Administration staff.

Fantastic to see our crossing guards have finally arrived! Please give them both a great big welcome as you pass. They're a wonderful and long awaited asset to the school.

Thanks everyone, have a fantastic term 2!

Jen Howard
P&C President.
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 2015 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 4-6) 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 before school on Wednesday mornings commencing 13th May 2015, 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.

Lynne Moorman
Health and Physical Education Teacher

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

Parent/Guardian _____________________________
FROM THE COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

Asthma - What are the main symptoms of asthma?

Wheezing - a high pitched raspy sound on breathing
Coughing
Shortness of breath
Tightness in the chest

These symptoms vary from person to person, and from time to time within the same person. Some people have all the symptoms, while some may only have a cough or wheeze. Symptoms can also vary considerably in intensity.

For more information visit: http://www.asthmawa.org.au

We don’t really know why some people have extra sensitive airways and others don’t, but we do know that many people are born with a tendency to develop asthma. There is often a history of asthma, eczema or hay fever in brothers, sisters and parents or close relatives. Asthma can occur for the first time at any age.

There is evidence that contact with certain things, for example cigarette smoke during pregnancy and early childhood, increases the risk of developing asthma. For more information on smoking, pregnancy and asthma visit www.smokefreebaby.org.au.

Asthma first aid

Children with asthma can quickly become seriously ill. Asthma needs to be taken seriously. A child with a serious asthma attack may not sound wheezy, but may be pale, quiet and/or breathing with quick shallow gasps.

If a someone is short of breath and wheezing from asthma, follow his or her Asthma Management Plan, or these first aid steps:

**Step 1** - Sit the person upright, remain calm and help the person stay calm. Do not leave the person alone.

**Step 2** - Quickly give four puffs of a reliever puffer (blue puffer), one puff at a time. This is best given through a spacer. Ask the person to take four breaths from the spacer after each puff. Use the puffer on its own if no spacer is available.

**Step 3** - Wait four minutes. If there is little or no improvement, repeat steps 2 & 3.

**Step 4** - If there is still little or no improvement, call an ambulance immediately - 000.

Continue to repeat steps two and three while waiting for the ambulance.

For more information about asthma and asthma first aid, go to www.asthmawa.org.au

Hand washing

Washing hands is the easiest way to protect ourselves from contagious diseases, like colds, influenza and gastroenteritis. Hands should be washed before and after eating or preparing food, after going to the toilet and after nose blowing.

When teaching your child to wash their hands:

- Use clean water and soap, making sure they cover their hands and wrists.
- Use a brush to clean under nails if they’re dirty too
- Dry their hands with something clean (like a paper towel)

Alcohol based sanitisers are useful when soap and water is not available. Use a half a teaspoon of the product and encourage your child to rub their hands together until they’re dry. If you can see dirt on their hands, it is better to use soap and water.

Information taken from www.raisingchildren.net.au
Protective Behaviours Parent Workshop

Helping your children to develop personal safety skills

- We have the right to feel safe at all times
- We can talk with someone about anything, no matter what it is.

Facilitated by: Parenting WA – Sue Johnson
Where: Warnbro Family & Community Centre
Date: Thursday Evening 4th June 2015
Time: 6:30-8:30pm
Cost: Free

Bookings essential.
Please phone Parenting WA – Rockingham on 9593 0656 or 0412712592...or email susan.johnson@dlgc.wa.gov.au...... to register.
MEGA DANCE

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE 2015

5.00 PM TO 7.00 PM
4 TO 9 YEARS OF AGE ONLY

7.30 PM TO 9.30 PM
10 TO 13 YEARS OF AGE ONLY

DOOR PRIZE
CANTEEN AVAILABLE
DJ - TROY FLYNN

FOOTY FEVER!
COME DRESSED IN YOUR FAVOURITE AFL TEAM COLOURS

$5 ENTRY FEE PER PERSON
(SUPERVISING ADULTS FREE ENTRY)

CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED FROM INSIDE THE BUILDING
EMMA STREET, ROCKINGHAM, WA 6168
PHONE: (08) 9592 1232

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