FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school for Term 2, a special welcome to our new families joining our wonderful community. In speaking to students it was very pleasing to hear about holiday trips, fishing and shopping that students had the opportunity to be involved in. The break and family activities has certainly resulted in students engaging with the class activities ready and excited about their learning.

NAPLAN - Week 3
The national assessment program for all students in Years 3 and 5 takes place over three days in week three this term. Classes have been working towards the assessment timeline for the past year. This has not only included ensuring the curriculum has been covered but also preparing students for the test format and answering multiple choice and written questions. Individual reports will be sent home later this year. We will use student performance data to assess individual student progress but also evaluate school progress in accordance with operational and school targets and policy. Further information for parents about the NAPLAN assessments can be found online nap.edu.au

Gary Brown
Principal

MATHLETICS

Please encourage your child/children to get onto Mathletics at home. Each student has their own person login and password and can access this fun educational program from any computer or iPad. The iPad app saves your child’s work even if they are out and about and have no wireless connection. Teachers are assigning mathematics activities to meet your child’s ability and then they can go onto live Mathletics to increase the speed and fluency of their basic facts and tables.

A4 Assembly—note change of day

Due to the school development day on Friday 3rd June Mrs Mill’s Year 4 students will present their assembly on Thursday 2nd June, week 6.
We apologise for the shift of days and welcome all parents to attend.
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 2016 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 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 or parents can download a copy from the Skoolbag app.

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 18th May 2016.

Luke M year 3, is the first student to earn enough points to receive a gold certificate in Mathletics, at Settlers Primary.

Luke was presented with a special trophy at the last junior assembly.

Congratulations Luke!

The next P&C Meeting is on Wednesday 12th May at 7pm in the staffroom.

New members always welcome.
A big thank you to all the families who supported the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion last year. Last term we received the resources we were able to purchase as a result of all the stickers that were collected.

These resources were purchased to support Settlers in developing play based learning opportunities for students which meet the National Quality Standards for Kindergarten to Year 2.

Some of these resources will also be used in social games to support the social and emotional development of all students across the school.
Welcome to Term 2, hope you all had wonderful school holidays!

Firstly, I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone that supported our Easter Raffle. You all helped raise $1401.65 for our school. Well done!

Thank you also to Victoria Hogan, our local Tupperware consultant who got the wheels moving on the Tupperware Water Bottle Fundraiser. Victoria helped raise $115 towards the school. I hope those that ordered are all enjoying their water bottles!

We held our first disco of the year at the end of Term 1, and as you can see from the photos, the Super Hero theme made for a fun night for everyone. Thank you so much to the parents and children for the effort they put into the costumes. It was great to see. A huge $2411.65 was raised for the school! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped on the night, the time you gave to help make the disco a fun and successful night is very much appreciated. And thank you to the parents and children who came along and enjoyed a great night. 😊

Mother’s Day is this Sunday! It’s a day to show Mum just how much you really love and appreciate the things she does for you. Breakfast in bed, a nice cup of tea or coffee, and best of all, big hugs and kisses! To add a little bit more to Mum’s special day, the fundraising committee has been working hard on providing a big variety of gifts to purchase at this year’s Mother’s Day Stall with prices starting from 50 cents. We cannot wait to see all the smiling faces that come along to find something wonderful for their Mum!

Happy Mother’s Day

Renee Bennett
Settler’s Primary P&C
Fundraising Committee

Look who is coming to visit our school....... Pat the Dog from the Commonwealth Bank!

Meredith, along with Pat the Dog from the Commonwealth Bank will be visiting our school assemblies on the 13th and 20th of May to talk to you about School Banking and how great this program is for your child.

There will also be an account opening session before and after the assembly if you are interested in signing your child up. Please bring along your drivers license and child’s birth certificate.

School Banking is held in the library every Thursday morning from 8:15 to 8:50
We’re fundraising with entertainment™

The new Entertainment™ Memberships are available now and are packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers that Mum can use through to 1 June 2017. Flick through to preview the value at www.entertainmentbook.com.au/flickbook.

Choose between the popular Entertainment™ Book with Gold Card and Vouchers, or the Entertainment™ Digital Membership that puts the value of the Book on your smartphone.

Every Entertainment™ Membership we sell, $13 contributes to Settlers Primary P&C. The more Memberships we sell, the more we raise. Please tell your family and friends.

Thank you for your support!

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Mother’s Day this Sunday, the 8th of May. To help our students show their appreciation of everything their Mum’s do for them the P&C is holding a Mother's Day stall.

Each class will have an opportunity to visit the stall on Wednesday 4th of May and the stall will be back on Thursday for any Kindy classes that were not at school on Wednesday.

A wide range of gifts will be on sale with prices starting from 50 cents. Examples of what can be purchased are included in this newsletter.
Mother's Day Stall
Wednesday 4th of May

- 50c Gift Cards
- $2 Pens
- $5 Travel Mugs
- $4 Bracelets
- $5 Tool Kit
- $4 Tape Measure
- $3 Tea Towels
- $2 Scented Sachets
- $5 Mugs
- $5 Shower Gel and Body Lotion Pack
- $2 Handmade Tissue Pockets
- Handmade Soy Candles

Handmade Natural and Essential Oil Soaps
Small $3 Large $5

We also have gifts leftover from last year's stall available as well as some beautiful handmade cards being sold for $2.
You may have noticed our new signs in the front carpark of the school. These are a visual reminder to parents that this area in front of the school is a “No Parking” area designed to allow a large number of parents to access the school to pick up and drop off students.

This area is to be used as an informal Kiss and Drive in which cars are only stationary to allow children to enter or exit their vehicles. Please refrain from parking or standing here. If you need to park your car, there are designated areas in which parents can park close the school, along Fullman and Tranby Drives and in the large carpark along Arpenteur Drive which we share with Tranby College.

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Please do not use the Staff Carpark - this is putting children at risk as they are nearly impossible for drivers to see moving between cars.

WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 20 MAY 2016

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Smarter Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20 May 2016!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

Settlers Primary School P&C Association will be hosting a breakfast for students who walk to school on this day. The breakfast provided will consist of a sausage in bread, fresh fruit and a juice box.

Any parents who are able to help out with the breakfast from 7:30am, cooking sausages, cutting up fruit, serving the students are asked to contact Marliza via the P&C email settlerspandc@yahoo.com
Science Room News

The Science Room recently received a donation of 40 high quality 15x10cm mirrors to use in our Science experiments.

WA Custom Glass donated the mirrors as well as the labour time to cut them to size and make them safe for school use.

These new mirrors are going to be especially useful to the year 5 students during their Physics lessons as they learn about light energy.

The year 5 students used the new mirrors for the first time in week 7 and 8 last term to conduct a variety of experiments about reflection of light and how light rays can be reflected off shiny surfaces.

The mirrors were a big hit with the students as they learned about the way light reflects off shiny surfaces like mirrors. The students also discovered that the angle of the mirrors and the angle of the light ray hitting the mirror will change the image that you can see in the mirror.

A huge thank you to WA Custom Glass for their generous donation. It’s fantastic to have local companies support the learning of the students in our school. Please see the advertisement later in the newsletter for more information on this company.

Sarah Beahan
Science Specialist Teacher
WA Custom Glass is a locally owned and operated company that is committed to providing custom glass services of the highest quality throughout the Perth Metro Area.

WA Custom Glass has brought three of the leading custom glass companies in WA; Paint on Glass, WA Dog Doors and WA Shower Screens and Mirrors, together under one roof to provide you with the most time efficient service in the area with reasonable and competitive pricing. We are dedicated to ensuring the quality and safety of our work so that you may enjoy it for years to come.

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