FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members;

School Professional Development Day - Friday 29th May

This week signified the middle of the school term. Primary Schools in the Baldivis community will be holding a staff professional development day this Friday 29th of May. Our staff will be engaged in curriculum planning and reviewing information to be provided in our school review.

School Review

The School Review will be conducted in 22nd and 23rd of June by reviewers from the Department of Educational Services. They will spend two days speaking to staff and community representatives regarding verifying the schools self-assessment conclusions. They will assess how well we have met the school Business Plan targets, standards of student achievement and future directions for our school. The School Board and Parents and Citizens Association will meet with the reviewers. Parents who have any queries regarding the school review are asked to contact me.

Gary Brown
Principal

2016 ENROLMENTS - KINDERGARTEN & PRE PRIMARY

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

Application forms for Kindergarten 2016 can be found on our website 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.
MERIT CERTIFICATES

Junior Assembly - 15th May 2015

A Block - Sebastian J, Rajeep S, Ashlyn W, Madalyn D, Jake R, Izabella M, Angus J.

E Block - Orlando W, Chloe N, Ethan B, Ella G, Mollee T, Ivan F, Maisie L, Michael V, Georgia R, Ruby D


HEALTH - E4

LIBRARY - E5, A8B, B4

Senior Assembly - 22nd May 2015

C Block - Aneeka D, Ashley L, Joselin B, Freya E, Nellie P, Tyler S, Zephen J-P, Seth G, Lauren T, Jessica N


SCIENCE - Natalie C, D6

LOTE - Aaliyah L, Cruz G

HEALTH - D6, A5

TERM 2 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

As previously published, our next School Development Day (Pupil Free Day) is scheduled for Friday, 29th May. This date coincides with the Western Australia Day Public Holiday on Monday, 1st June 2015.

Students do not attend school on School Development Days.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS—Help Needed

New reading books have recently been purchased and as they need to be covered to protect them, your help is needed. If you are able to spare any time to assist it would be greatly appreciated. Just drop into the library and see Lynn Walker to arrange a time convenient to you.

Thank You

Lynn Walker, Library Officer 95232335

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos arrived back at school last week and all class and portrait orders have been sent home with students via the classroom.

Families that ordered Sibling Photo Packages can collect these from the Administration office if they have not already done so.

Specialist group photos for Student Councillors, Faction Captains, Choir and Science Club members can be ordered online from MSP. Students in these photos should have brought home a letter explaining how to do this.

All class and group photos can be viewed in the office until the end of term.

SMS ATTENDANCE: 0418 938233
SURVEY FOR PARENTS AND KIDS

Researchers at the University of Western Australia are looking for parents with children or teens between the ages of 8 and 16 to help us find out more about the relationship between the personality trait, narcissism, and children’s emerging understanding of who they are (their sense of self and self-esteem).

The survey can be done over the internet and at home, and it takes about twenty minutes of your time (5-10 min parents and 10-15 min children). Parents are given the opportunity to enter a draw to win one of twenty $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myer.

To participate go to:
http://tinyurl.com/DOEBParents

For more information please contact Kate Derry at 6488 3259.
**FIRST AID FOCUS**

St John Ambulance believes every child in Western Australia should have access to vital first aid knowledge. First Aid Focus is a free school program that provides first aid training to school students of all ages. The course is specifically tailored to deliver an enjoyable and enlightening program which is a great way to introduce primary school students to the importance of first aid.

In Week 3, all Year 1 and Year 3 students took part in the First Aid Focus Program during their Health lesson. The program was delivered by a St Johns Ambulance First Aid Trainer. Introducing the notion of first aid at an early age helps to equip children with the confidence and ability to help in an emergency.

**Topics covered with the Year 1 classes included:**

- Looking for danger
- Staying safe
- Checking for response (talk and squeeze)
- How to call for an ambulance
- Recognising a paramedic

**Topics covered in the Year 3 classes included:**

- Introduction and principles of first aid
- How to call for an ambulance
- Dealing with an unconscious casualty
- Recovery position demonstration and practice
Colds
Upper respiratory tract infections or colds are everywhere, especially in winter, so it is almost impossible to stop children from catching them. Here are some points which may help:

- Teach your child to cover his/her nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, and to wash hands straight afterwards.
- Hands should be washed after blowing noses and before eating.
- Use tissues once and then throw them in the bin. (Avoid using handkerchiefs.)
- Keep your child home from school if he/she has a cold/cough/fever/pain.
- Make sure that your children eat a balanced diet of plenty of healthy foods.
- Keep children away from smoke – it irritates their eyes and nasal passages, making it more likely that they will catch a cold.

What to do if your child gets a cold
No treatment will cure a cold or make it go away more quickly, but you can help your child feel more comfortable:

- Rest: This need not be in bed.
- Provide extra drinks: If your child doesn’t want to drink much, try giving lots of small sips of water, milk or juice, or ice blocks to suck for older children.

Influenza
Influenza, or the ‘flu’ is caused by an influenza virus. It is spread through the air when someone coughs, sneezes or talks. It is also spread by touching something that has the virus on it and then touching your nose, eyes or mouth. Common symptoms include sore throat, cough, fever, headache, chills, tiredness and muscle aches.

People with the flu should rest and drink plenty of fluid. Use paracetamol in recommended doses if necessary - but do not give children any medication containing aspirin.

Be sure to keep your child home from school while he or she is sick. If you require school work for your child contact the school to prepare some for you to collect.

The best way to prevent flu from spreading is by washing your hands regularly.

Flu vaccines are available prior to winter starting. For more information, contact your GP or local Immunisation Clinic.

Why should I consider having my child vaccinated against the flu?
The National Health and Medical Research Council, Australia’s peak body for health advice, recommends annual vaccination for anyone six months of age or older who wants to reduce their chances of becoming ill with the flu.

Annual flu vaccination is strongly recommended for anyone six months of age or older with a medical condition that places them at higher risk of severe illness from flu. Children and adults with heart, lung or kidney disease or a weakened immune system, are eligible for free flu vaccine through the National Immunisation Program.

Children without underlying medical conditions who become infected with flu can also develop serious illnesses. Flu can cause high fever and pneumonia, and make existing medical conditions worse. Flu can also cause convulsions and diarrhoea in children.

Influenza viruses are always changing. Each year scientists try to match the strains of influenza viruses in the vaccine to those most likely to cause flu illnesses that year. It takes up to two weeks for protection to develop after vaccination against flu and protection lasts about a year.

The seasonal flu vaccine is available on prescription or via GP and immunisation clinics and is provided free for certain groups. Flu vaccines are available prior to winter starting. For more information, [www.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.health.wa.gov.au) or contact your GP or Immunisation Clinic.
“Excellence in Education and Australian Football”
Comet Bay College focuses on ensuring the continued provision of a high standard of educational opportunities for all students. The clear expectation of high standards and a consistent approach that utilises the excellent facilities and builds upon staff expertise, ensures that all students have the opportunity to be successful.

Program Details
The West Australian Football Commission has labelled the Comet Bay College Australian Football Specialist Program the “Benchmark” of school specialist programs in Western Australia. **All program enquiries are to be directed to the Program Coordinator Steve Thomson on 9553 8100.**

Registrations are now open for current:
- Year 6 students applying for Year 7 in 2016
- Year 7 students applying for Year 8 in 2016
- Year 8 students applying for Year 9 in 2016
- Year 9 students applying for Year 10 in 2016
- Year 10 & 11 students applying for Year 11 & 12 in 2016

There are no school boundaries for entry into this program, and Year 5 students who were accepted in 2014 trials do not need to reapply.

Registration Process
Register online by Wednesday 3rd June 2015 via our website at: **www.cometbaycollege.wa.edu.au**

- Registrations submitted after this date cannot be accepted.
- Online registrations will be confirmed upon submission by an automated electronic notification. No further written confirmation of registration will be issued by administration.
- Families will be notified via email of their allocated trial timeslot after close of registrations.

Trial Details
Date: Thursday 11 June 2015.
Venue: Comet Bay College, 2 Allatoona Ave, Secret Harbour.
Bring: A photocopy of the most recent school report (no originals), football boots, shorts, socks and running shoes. Football guernseys will be provided.
PARENTING COURSES

June 2015

WEST LEEDERVILLE
Fathering after Separation  Thursday 4 June  click here
Parent Child Connection  Monday 8 June x 4 weeks  click here
Kids and Todays Technology  Wednesday 17 & 24 June  click here
Parent Teen  Saturday 27 June  click here
Understanding Stepfamilies  26, 27 & 28 June  click here

FREMANTLE
Mum Raising Boys  Wednesday 10 June  click here
Dads Raising Teenage Boys  Wednesday 24 June  click here

GOSNELLS
Dads Raising Girls  Tuesday 30 June  click here

Places are limited so please book now on 9489 6322