Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

FACEBOOK
From time to time the school is confronted with issues relating to inappropriate use of Facebook or similar sites. These incidents invariably occur outside school hours as these sites are not permitted to be used on our school system, but the ramifications often impact students at school as well. It is important to note that Facebook has a policy that children under 13 are not permitted to sign up on their site. It has been reported that Facebook removes 20,000 underage users a day from its service. Of course, many children will misrepresent their age to gain access to the site, however it is possible for underage Facebook users to be reported and their profile removed. The link below can be used to report underage subscribers.

https://www.facebook.com/help/contact/209046679279097

STUDENTS ARRIVING AT SCHOOL EARLY
Despite notices in our newsletters, we still have parents/carers who are dropping their children off at school prior to 8.30am when classes open. Some are here well before 8.00am. Students are supervised outside D Block from 8.15am but before this time, supervision is not available. School opens at 8.15am and we will take responsibility for our students from this time. Prior to this time, your children are your responsibility and if you have commitments, it is imperative that you make arrangements such as using a ‘before school care provider’ or dropping your child off at a friend’s place.

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL
Parking around schools is always an issue. Thank you to those parents and community members who act responsibly in this regard and support the creation of a safe environment for our students and neighbours. From time to time the school is made aware of some parking issues of concern to our neighbours and the City of Rockingham Parking Officer. We were forwarded the following by the parking

Please be aware of the following offences under the City of Rockingham, Parking Local Laws 2004.

7.9 Stopping on verge.
A person shall not stop a vehicle so that any portion of it is on a verge, unless you are the owner or occupier of the adjacent premises, or have authorization from the Occupier to stop on the verge.

4.1(3) (b) Parking contrary to signs or limitations.
A person shall not park a vehicle in a parking area, except in accordance with both the signs associated with the parking area and the provisions of this local law.

4.5 (2) (a) Double Parking.
A person shall not park a vehicle so that any portion of the vehicle is between any other stationary vehicles and the centre of the carriageway.

4.5 (2) (f) Parking on footpath or pedestrian crossing.
A person shall not park a vehicle so that any portion of the vehicle is, on any footpath or pedestrian crossing.

7.15 Stopping in a disabled parking area.
A driver shall not stop in a parking area for people with disabilities unless the driver’s vehicle displays an ACROD sticker.

Rangers are patrolling schools on a daily basis to assist in implementing the School Road and Safety Awareness Program. Please ensure you abide by the parking signs and local laws surrounding your school.

Stephen Yates
Principal
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Recently, we have sent out reminders to those families who may have overlooked payment of their Voluntary Contributions. Voluntary Contributions provided by parents has always played an enabling role in the provision of resources that extend the school’s capacity to add value to students’ learning experience. The requested contribution of $40 per child is significantly below the maximum we are able to request.

PARENTS OF PRE PRIMARY STUDENTS 2014

Whilst your child was in Kindergarten in 2013, parents were given the opportunity for their child to receive a Kindy book award which was presented to them at the end of the year. Parents were asked to pay $4.00 to go towards the cost of the book and presentation costs (ie. Wrapping). A recent review of this event has shown that not all the collected funds were required. As such a small amount of these funds remains unused. This amount equals to 0.37c per child who participated.

If you are a parent who purchased a book award in 2013 for your Kindergarten child, you can opt to either donate the 0.37c to Settlers Primary School or receive a refund, which will be applied to your child’s account as credit.

Should you wish to receive a refund, or to discuss any aspect of this matter, please email tamra.law@education.wa.edu.au or phone 9523 2335.

Thank you.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Junior Assembly – 15th August 2014

B Block - Darcy W, Seth E, Chloe H, Heidi T, Gracie H, James S, Ruby P, Tayen D, Toby S.

Senior Assembly – 22nd August 2014

C BLOCK - Andrew P, Hamish P, Calvin T, Iyesha J.
D BLOCK - Tiana M, Deegan I, Athan L, Jack A, Ciarra V, Julia H, Tobey M, Coc Lui, Mya Double

HEALTH - F3     LOTE- F4
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

One of our year 7 students, Jesni (D6) has earned the right to represent WA in the Australian Junior Club Basketball Championships being held in Brisbane, QLD in October this year. She is a member of the Rockingham Flames U14 girls basketball team which competed in the grand final of the Western Australian Basketball League last year. The team is currently topping the ladder at the moment and look set to compete in the grand final once again this year. Congratulations to Jesni on this achievement and we wish her and her team all the best.

FATHER’S DAY STALL

Don’t forget the P&C’s Father’s Day stall is on this week with lots of goodies available to purchase for Dad ranging from $2 to $10. All classes have been allocated a time to shop. Purchases can also be made before school and any remaining items will be available for purchase on Friday 29th August before and afterschool.

PARENT OPEN NIGHT – 17th September 2014

Please take the time to mark your calendars for our annual Parent Open Night which has been scheduled for Wednesday 17th September from 4.00 – 5.30pm.

We always have fantastic community attendance at the Open Night which gives our students the opportunity to share their learning and their achievements with family members.

Teachers will be available on the night to assist your child to share their progress with you. If you would like to discuss your child’s progress in more depth with their teacher, please make an appointment time with the teacher concerned.

NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN BALDIVIS—SMIRK ROAD

As many of you are aware a new primary school is being built on Smirk Road and commence for the 2015 school year, catering for students from kindergarten through to year six. At this stage you can find out more about us by searching for Smirk Road Primary School on Facebook.
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Smirk-Road-Primary-School/255438117988554

Gary Crocetta
Principal
'Smirk Road' Primary School
Mobile: 0447 770 843

VACSWIM OCTOBER HOLIDAY SWIMMING PROGRAMS

Swimming pools and beaches are part of our Western Australian lifestyle. It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim's October school holiday swimming program is conducted by qualified instructors who teach children skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water.

For further information and how to enrol, please visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming.

Enrol online now at education.wa.edu.au/swimming
BOOK FAIR 3RD- 5TH SEPTEMBER 2014

You are invited to attend a special event at our school Library/Resource Centre – a Scholastic Book Fair. Please review the invitation, which will be sent home this week. It highlights some of the new and most popular books available in children’s literature. Remember, the list represents only a sample of the books available.

Books inspire young minds and give children educational advantages. A successful Book Fair will not only benefit our school, but will also help your child to discover the rich rewards of reading.

Please accept our invitation to visit the Book Fair and view the complete selection of children’s books.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time to help at the Book fair. We do still need more help so if you are able to volunteer your time before school 8.30 – 9am, or after school 3 – 3.30pm just pop in and put your name down.

PURCHASING DAYS

Due to the number of students in our school this year we will have to run the Book Fair a little differently. There will be set days for purchasing for the year levels as follows:

WEDNESDAY – KINDY TO YEAR 1
THURSDAY - YEARS 2 TO 4
FRIDAY - YEARS 5 TO 7
MONDAY MORNING – ALL YEARS

Parents/Guardians with more than 1 child may purchase any day

Also, as the volume of people going through the library is extremely high, we will be closing the doors and waiting until some patrons have left before we let more in. Students with parents and/or guardians will be given first preference, as students are able to purchase during lunchtimes.

Your patience regarding this would be greatly appreciated. I am sure these changes will make the Book fair a safe and pleasant experience for everyone.

BOOK WEEK

Book Week is celebrated Australia wide very year. It is a time when the Children’s Book Council of Australia announces the winning books for different categories, such as picture books, younger readers and older readers section. In our Library/Resource Centre we have some of the chosen books on display.

DRESS UP DAY - FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER.

To celebrate Book Week we are having a dress-up day, so come along dressed as your favourite book character. I’m looking forward to seeing the wonderful outfits.

Lynn Walker, Library Officer
ONLINE PARENTING RESOURCES

Raising Children Network

Children are as individual and as different as their parents and making decisions about what’s best for raising children is very personal.

The Raising Children website offers up-to-date, research-based material on more than 800 topics spanning child development, behaviour, health, nutrition and fitness, play and learning, connecting and communicating, school and education, entertainment and technology, sleep and safety.

It covers grown-ups, newborns (0-3 months), babies (3-12 months), toddlers (1-3 years), preschoolers (3-5 years), school-age children (5-9 years), pre-teens (9-11 years), and early teens (12-15 years).

There are tips, videos and other useful resources.

The Raising Children Network provides information that can help parents with the day-to-day decisions of raising children. It also provides information to help parents and carers look after their own needs. The information is based on the best science in parenting, child health and development, presented in language we can all understand.

This is a website for Australian mothers, fathers, grandparents and anyone else who has responsibility for the care of children. www.raisingchildren.com.au

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Bookclub is in need some interested parents who have some spare time to help keep this service running. Our lovely volunteers are unable to continue next year and would like some new faces to take over and are happy to teach them the ropes for the remainder of this year.

Please contact the office on 9523 2335 if you can help.
Festival of New Talent 2014

- Are you aged between 12-24?
- Can you sing, play a musical instrument or are you in a band?
- Do you live, work or go to school in Rockingham?

ENTER NOW!
Junior and Senior Divisions with original and cover categories

**Heat 1:** 1pm Sunday 5 Oct 2014
Baldivis Town Centre

**Heat 2:** 1pm Sunday 12 Oct 2014
Warnbro Shopping Centre

**Heat 3:** 1pm Sunday 19 Oct 2014
Rockingham Shopping Centre

**Final:** 1pm Sunday 26 Oct 2014
Secret Harbour Spring Market Fair

Registration is ESSENTIAL! For a registration form call (08) 9524 8845 or email font@streethassle.com.au
Have a go Teeball Days

- 5 years old and up
- No experience necessary
- Every child bats
- Every child fields

A great sport for both Girls and Boys

31st August @ Lark Hill Sports Complex
9am - 12pm
★★★★
To register contact: Sharon
0405 743 721

Registrations for the 2014/2015 season available on the day or registration day 6th September

visit us on Facebook

www.secret-harbour-teeball.org.au
Baldivis Community Market
Corner Fifty Rd and Baldivis Rd
8am to 2pm
Entry Gold Coin Donation

Plants
Commercial Stalls
Fruit & Vegetables
Food, Drinks & More

CAR BOOT SALE

FIRST SATURDAY OF MONTH

CAR BOOTERS: $5.00 + $5 Insurance - First come first served!
STALL HOLDERS: $10.00 + $5 Insurance - For booking form contact 0410 143 942 or email baldiviscommunitymarket@hotmail.com

GROUNDS OPEN: 6AM    MARKET STARTS: 8AM to 2PM