Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

NAPLAN

Parents of students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will receive individual NAPLAN reports for your child on Friday 19 September. As a school we monitor our performance on the tests closely and I am pleased to report that an improving trend has continued. Our school has been working to implement whole school approaches to Literacy and Numeracy instruction since May 2012 and considerable resources have been directed to these areas. Last year, for the first time since 2008 we did not receive a “red flag” in any area tested for performance below what may be expected. This trend continued this year and our average progress in all areas assessed is greater than the average progress made by all schools tested across Australia and also schools similar to us (like schools).

We still have much work to do, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank our ever dedicated staff and our students on their work! Well done!!!!

2015 ENROLMENTS

Although it seems a long way off, the school is already making preliminary plans for 2015. To assist in this regard we would appreciate being advised of any students who may not be continuing at Settlers Primary School from the beginning of next year. This allows us to form classes more effectively than would otherwise be possible. A phone call or short note to the office would be greatly appreciated.

END OF TERM

Term 3 is drawing to a close. The last day of school for students is Friday, 26th September 2014. School resumes for fourth term on Tuesday 14th October 2014.

Stephen Yates
PRINCIPAL
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.

**BOOK FAIR- Thank you**

Thank you to all those people who supported the Book Fair. The total of sales was $10,850 which will enable us to purchase $3,800 worth of books for our collection.

I would like to thank the following people for all their help during the Book Fair – the Parents: Mrs Swar, Mrs Wishart, Mrs Woodhouse, Mrs Vreeken, Mrs Spriggs, Mrs Graydon, Mrs Antulov, Mrs Dover, Mrs Hatton and her daughter Laura, Mrs Axom, Mrs Williams, Mrs Rohani, Mrs Paul, Mrs Mearns, Mrs Goodall, Mrs Fear, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Okolie. The staff that helped with the crowd control before school, lunchtime, and after school: Mrs Williams, Mrs Hill, Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Lee Ms Mills, Ms Stookschlader, Mrs Morrison, Ms Mackenzie, Mrs Blackley, Ms Flood, Mr Ratz, Ms Kinear, Ms Beahan, Ms Dunstan, Mrs Woodvine, Mrs Preedi, Mrs Reynolds, Ms Law, any other staff member that might have helped out that I may not have noticed due to how busy it was. Thank you very much.

Also, I would like to thank the following students: Chanel C, Tiarni H, Sorcha C, Lavinia F, Jordan D, Ethan S, Deklan B, Mark A, Nathan M, Bernita V, Maneesha, Jessica M and Scarlett N. The experience gained handling money will be invaluable to them. Thank you for a great effort.

Lynn Walker - Library Officer

**MERIT CERTIFICATES**

**Junior Assembly – 29th August 2014**


**B Block** - Zak C, Noah E, Daniel K, Lilly C, Taye L, Chauncey H, Tristan D, Aiden T


**HEALTH** - C2, **LIBRARY** - C2, E1

**Senior Assembly – 5th September 2014**

**C BLOCK** - Jordan D, Kiara P, Jaani P, Danny W,


**F Block** - Zacharia W, Ayisha T

**SCIENCE** - F6, **HEALTH** - D5

**NEXT JUNIOR ASSEMBLY -
NEXT SENIOR ASSEMBLY**
COLLECTING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

As mentioned in previous newsletters, parents collecting students from school during school hours for any reason are asked to first visit the school office so that a pass can be completed. Pink slips will be issued immediately prior to the collection of your child. 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.

PARENT SURVEY

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve the education of your children we are conducting a survey of all parents. We ask for your help to assist in our improvement. You can provide this help by participating and completing the survey as outlined below.

Please complete the survey by accessing the following link http://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/DkDfszDT

The survey will be available to complete from Monday, September 8 until Friday, September 26.

All responses will provide us with valuable information to improve our work. Students from years 4-7 will have the opportunity to provide feedback through a student survey conducted at school.

SCIENCE WEEK NEWSLETTER

Science Week (18-22nd August) was a huge success. Please take the time to read our special edition Science Week Newsletter posted on the newsletter page of our website. It contains the winning Science Week newsletter entries as well as photos from throughout the week.

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.
COMMUNITY SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE INFORMATION

COLOUR BLINDNESS

Colour blindness means that a person can not distinguish some colours or see the colours differently to other people. Very few people who are colour blind are ‘blind’ to all colours. Commonly, the colours seen differently are greens, yellows, oranges and reds.

An information leaflet on colour blindness will be distributed to all Year 6 students. Please take the time to read the pamphlet.


If you have any concerns, colour vision testing can be performed by some general practitioners, eye specialists or optometrists. You can also contact your local Community Health Nurse.

SCOLIOSIS

Scoliosis is a common growth disturbance that develops slowly, usually during early adolescence (10-13 years) causing an abnormal sideways curve of the spine.

Examination is the only way to detect a curve in the spine and thus enable treatment for your child if required.

A Facts On Scoliosis Information For Parents pamphlet about Scoliosis and how to check your child’s spine will soon be sent home to all Year 6 students. Parents and children please take the time to read through the pamphlet and check for any imbalance or asymmetry in the spine as described in the pamphlet.

If you have any concerns about a possible curve in your child’s spine or for further information please contact your Family Doctor or the Community School Health Nurse through your school.

Thank you
Deborah Reid
Community School Health Nurse

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Rockingham District Toy Library AGM

The Rockingham and Districts Toy Library is a volunteer-based organisation that is managed by parents in the local community. Due to the Toy Library relocating to a new venue, and being inactive for a period of time, the group are looking to fill several Committee positions for the 2014/2015 financial year.

If you are interested in joining the toy library or becoming a committee member we would love you to come along. (For more information on roles that are open please email rdttoy@gmail.com or call Cobi on 0427085103)

The next AGM will be held at 9.30am on the 25th September 2014 at 13 Fifty Road Baldivis.

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[Rockingham Toy Library logo]
Mary Davies Library and Community Centre
17 Settlers Avenue, Baldivis

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Tuesday 30 September
10am - 4pm

Come and explore your new library and community centre!
Featuring stalls, kid’s activities, face painting, delicious treats, and entertainers.

For more information please contact the Centre on 9591 0800.

www.rockingham.wa.gov.au

Mary Davies Library and Community Centre
City of Rockingham Community Services
COMMUNITY DAY

Friday 12th Sept - 2-5pm
Safety Bay Primary School
Waimea + Rae Rd, Safety Bay

Free activities:
- Face painting
- Musical performances
- Sausage sizzle
- Craft

Protecting children is everybody's business

Government of Western Australia
Department for Child Protection and Family Support
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

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