Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

INTERNET ACCESS

A few years ago I attended the WA Primary Principals’ Association annual conference. At this conference I had the pleasure of listening to Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, a well known adolescent psychologist. Dr Carr-Gregg spoke on a number of topics including internet safety and parenting young children and adolescents.

Given the widely acknowledged risks associated with computer and internet use Dr Carr-Gregg suggested a number of strategies to assist parents in ensuring that your child uses the internet safely. These include:

1. Make sure that computers are in public places in your home, not the child's bedroom. This can change when older.
2. When your kids are online, do a little "shoulder surfing" from time to time, just so they know you’re watching.
3. Check their social networking site profile regularly.
4. Ensure they do not post anything that would make it easy for a stranger to find them, such as phone number, address, school, netball team, IM screen name, or specific whereabouts.
5. Never allow them to meet in person anyone they have met online who they do not fully know, unless accompanied by an adult.
6. They should never post anything online that would embarrass them later, particularly photos or information they wouldn't want their parents, teachers, future boss or landlord to see!
7. Set profiles to private and never ever share your passwords with anyone.

Dr Carr-Gregg has an extensive website that includes links to an internet use contract that parents can use with children at home. This is a fabulous resource and I encourage you to have a look at what he has to offer. The web address is www.michaelcarr-gregg.com.au

MULTI LEVEL CLASSES

A few weeks ago I started some preliminary work on our likely student numbers for 2015 and possible class scenarios. Of course this work is tentative as a lot can occur between now and the commencement of the new school year. Multi level classes have been a feature of government schools for many years now and Settlers Primary School has nearly always had a number of these classes arranged across the school. In the past this was usually necessary due to varying numbers of students in different year levels. In more recent times however many schools are opting for these arrangements because there are advantages for the children.

Changes to our staffing allocation for 2015 may mean that next year there is a possibility that we may organise a Pre Primary/Year 1 class again in the school. To a large degree this will be dependent upon enrolments as this totally controls the staffing that we are allocated, however I believe that the benefits and risks of this particular structure need to be considered by our school community.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED

In the interim, it must be stressed that a P/1 class is only a possibility – much depends on student enrolments and a multitude of other variables which can influence class arrangements before we start the 2015 school year.

PARENT OPEN NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual open night by their attendance last Wednesday. It was fantastic to see so many parents, carers and family members visiting the classrooms. Congratulations and thank you to the staff and students for your wonderful displays of work which showcased the varied learning activities undertaken in your classes.

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

MATHS WIZARD CERTIFICATES

Junior Assembly – 5th September 2014

A Block - David W, Taiven D, Isabella V, Tieia H, Cody C, Bailey H, Geordie S,
B Block - Jack W, Beau H, Tiffany-Lee M, Taye L, Bea P, Regan T
C Block - Timothy T, Daniel W, Ezekiel C, Evan J, Billie A, Hayley T, Sean G, Joshua N

Senior Assembly – 19th September 2014

C BLOCK - Danika N, Jetta W, Chris D, Blake M, Celeste B,
adidas School Fun Run

In Term 4, Settlers Primary School P&C will be holding an adidas School fun run to raise money for our school. The fun run will take place at Settlers Primary School on **Wednesday 29th October 2014** and at the Smirk Road Annexe for Kindergarten students on Thursday 30th October and Friday 31st October.

The adidas School Fun Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send a positive message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a sponsorship booklet to help collect sponsorship for the event. Students who raise $10 or more will receive a prize of their choice.

Parents and family members are welcome to join us on the day to help cheer on the students. Volunteers are also needed on all days so if you are able to assist contact the P&C by emailing settlerspandc@yahoo.com.au

PARENT SURVEY - closes Friday 26th September

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.

Thank you to all the families who have already completed Settlers Primary School’s Parent survey. If you haven’t completed it yet please do so by accessing the following link [http://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/DkDfszDT](http://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/DkDfszDT)

The survey closes this Friday 26th September at 4pm.

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](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Smirk-Road-Primary-School/255438117988554)

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

VACSWIM DECEMBER/JANUARY HOLIDAY SWIMMING PROGRAMS

Enrolments are now open for December/January VacSwim school holiday swimming lessons. With swimming pools and beaches part of the Western Australian lifestyle it is important for every child to learn to swim and develop water safety skills. VacSwim’s December/January school holiday swimming lessons are held in approximately 150 locations across the State and are conducted by qualified instructors.

For and to enrol, please visit [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming). For further information telephone VacSwim on 9345 4007 or email vacswim@education.wa.edu.au.
Settlers Primary School
Stargazing Night

This term the year 3 and year 5 students are studying Astronomy during their Science lessons. To give them an opportunity to observe some of the features of space that they have been learning about I am running a Stargazing night on the Settlers Primary School oval.

Some members of the Astronomical Society of Western Australia (ASWA) will be joining us for the night and are bringing some high powered telescopes for us to look through. These people have a wealth of knowledge and will give us a chance to see some of the features of the night sky in a way we may never have experienced before.

This activity is being run mostly for the year 3 and 5 students in order to enhance their classroom learning but all students and their families are welcome to join us on the night.

As this is an after school activity, all students that attend the event must be supervised by an adult at all times.

EVENT DETAILS:

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**What to Bring:**
- Blankets / sleeping bags – so you can lie back and enjoy the show
- iPads / tablets / smartphones – there are some great stargazing apps you can download that show you the features you are observing and labels them for you, e.g. Google Skymaps
- Picnic (if you want snacks or dinner while you’re stargazing) – make sure all rubbish is binned or taken home with you. *No Alcohol permitted*
- Telescopes – if you have a telescope at home and are happy to bring it down that would be great

★IMPORTANT★

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE A RESPONSIBLE ADULT ACCOMPANYING THEM WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN AT THIS EVENT
In week 8 the Settlers P.S Faction Athletics Carnival for 2014 took place. Despite a few severe weather warnings and a postponement the three days of carnivals were very successful with all students from across the school showing very high levels of sportsmanship and competitive spirit.

Thank you to all the parents and community members who came down to show their support for the students and a special thank you to our amazing P&C for very generously donating four brand new marquees, they looked amazing and are very much appreciated.

After the Junior, Senior and jumps/distance running carnivals were held the points tally was as follows:

4th Tuart 1466 points
3rd Banksia 1486 points
2nd Jarrah 1592 points
1st Marri 1636 points

Congratulations to Marri!

There were many acts of individual brilliance throughout the carnival, points were collected from the sprints, distance events and jumps programs and from there the Champion and Runner Up medals were awarded. Congratulations to the following recipients;

Yr 4 Champion Girl - Cruz Graham
Yr 4 Girls Runner Up - Lauren Thompson

Yr 4 Champion Boy - Manuwhiri Nikora
Yr 4 Boys Runner Up - Ashley Tarrant

Yr 5 Champion Girl - Bronya Lemon
Yr 5 Girls Runner Up - Olivia Rennie

Yr 5 Champion Boy - Chris Donnell
Yr 5 Boys Runner Up - Ben White

Yr 6 Champion Girl - Madison Ferreira
Yr 6 Girls Runner Up - Queeneth Peters

Yr 6 Champion Boy - Tame Graham
Yr 6 Boys Runner Up - Tjay Clarke

Yr 7 Champion Girl - Mya Double
Yr 7 Champion Girl - Jesni Cooper

Yr 7 Champion Boy - Thomas George
Yr 7 Boys Runner Up - Aji Hendroko

Thank you again to all those who came down and helped or supported and congratulations to all the students involved.

Ben Ratz
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 0600.

www.rockingham.wa.gov.au
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
The City of Rockingham is developing a Public Open Space Strategy and want to hear from our youngest residents. We want to find out what they think of our parks, reserves, ovals and everything in them! The workshop is especially designed for kids and participants will get to share their opinions whilst playing a variety of fun, interactive games.

Children aged seven to twelve are invited to a unique workshop this school holidays.

When: Wednesday 8 October 10am – 12pm
Where: Multipurpose Room, Rockingham Arts Centre, Kent Street, Rockingham
RSVP: Contact the Community Infrastructure Planning Team on 9528 0333 or customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au

Refreshments provided. Children must be residents of the City of Rockingham.

www.rockingham.wa.gov.au
What is the Better Health Program?

The Better Health Program is a free healthy lifestyle program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier. The program is fun and interactive and supports 7 – 13 year old children who are above a healthy weight and their families to adopt a long lasting, healthy approach to living.

The program is a component of the WA Healthy Children Program which is jointly funded by the Western Australian and Australian Governments. It is running at various locations across Perth now!

Why join a Better Health Program?

- FREE, FUN program to help children and their families to lead healthier lives
- Build confidence and boost self esteem
- Get fit playing fun games
- Have fun, meet new friends and learn new skills
- Set goals to reach and maintain a healthy weight

Registrations for next school term are now open. To find out more call: 1300 822 953, sms 0409 745 645 for a call back or register online at www.betterhealthprogram.org

Season Starts
TEE-BALL REGISTRATIONS
SECRET HARBOUR PIRATES

It’s not too late to register

Call Mel on... 0424 159 985

18th October