FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

CLASSES FOR 2015

We will shortly commence the process of forming classes for 2015. Our staff spends a great deal of time and thinks carefully about the placement of every child in classes for the next year. There is always an attempt to create homogenous groups that are tolerant of individual differences whilst ensuring some degree of common development.

Sometimes parents have requests for the placement of their child or children and this often complements the decision making process. Where requests are made for special placement they should be based on any relevant special needs of your child and should be made in writing, addressed to the Principal. Requests for students to be with specific teachers or friends cannot be considered. Any written requests meeting the above criterion will be considered in conjunction with the other factors that are always taken into account. We cannot guarantee however that requests will be met as there are a multitude of variables to consider when forming classes. Requests should be submitted no later than Friday 21st November. Late requests will not be able to be considered.

The school Class Placement Policy and Request Form can be found in the schools web site:

Classes are very difficult to organise and fluctuations in numbers often mean that changes have to be made at the very last minute. Teachers have not yet been allocated to classes and this will not occur until very late this year or early next year if plans have to change. Student enrolments can change considerably over the Christmas break. Because of this we will not publicise class arrangements until the commencement of the 2015 school year. Lists will be displayed in the undercover area from Friday 30th January 2015. Class lists remain confidential until published.

Composite or multi year level classes are nearly always necessary and next year will be no exception. We are confident that being in a composite class offers no educational disadvantage to children.

It takes a few weeks for children and classes to settle down at the beginning of a new school year. Please give your child time to settle into their new class.

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND DRESS STANDARDS

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who support the Settlers Primary Dress Code by ensuring that your child/ren are dressed neatly in school uniform or school colours at all times.

All students need to be in full school uniform. If this isn’t possible the students need to wear plain clothes (no pictures, logos) in a similar style to the uniform and in the school colours.

Additionally, all students (boys & girls) need to;
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- Tie back hair that is shoulder length hair or longer.
- Ensure that they don’t wear makeup or nail varnish to school.
- Ensure that dress is appropriate for school (no short dresses or shorts or inappropriate logos).

Only wear permitted jewellery – watch, one pair of sleepers/studs (no necklaces, chains, wrist bands, etc)

Students are required to wear a sun smart hat when playing in the sun. Students who do not wear compliant hats are required to play in the shade. Suitable hats are available from the school uniform for reasonable prices.

The following information regarding sun smart hats has been obtained from the WA Cancer Council.

“Cancer Council WA recommends wearing a hat that provides good shade to the face, back of the neck and ears when outdoors. Broad-brimmed hats should have a brim at least 7.5cms wide. A broad brimmed hat that provides good shade can considerably reduce the exposure of UV radiation to the face. Bucket hats should have a deep crown and sit low on the head. The angled brim should be at least 6cms and provide the face, neck and ears with good protection from the sun. Legionnaire style hats should have a flap that covers the neck and meets the sides of the front peak to provide protection to the side of the face.

Baseball caps and sun visors are NOT recommended as they leave the ears and back of the neck exposed.”

Stephen Yates
PRINCIPAL

TRANSPERTH BUS ROUTE CONSULTATION

Councillor Matthew Whitfield has advised us that Transperth is looking at a new service as well as amending at least one other service from next year.

He has advised us that Transperth will be conducting two Public Consultation Sessions at the Stockland Shopping Centre (Thursday 23rd October and Saturday 25th October) as well as offering a link through their website to make a submission.


MERIT CERTIFICATES

Junior Assembly– 26th September 2014

A Block - Zane P, Alex M, Chloe N, Isaiah L, Cai J, Lily M, Benjamin L,

B Block - Lukas W, Beau H, Tarquin G, Jordan H, Madeline V, Sara H, Gracie T, Sean C, Amelia G, Jolie C,

C Block - Blake W

E Block - Lachlan M, Hailee T, Diba D, Ella R, Alex Q

HEALTH - E4

SAVE THE DATE:
The next P&C Meeting is on Thursday 30th October at 7pm in the school Staffroom.

Everyone welcome.

NEXT JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 24th October, C2, Year 3 Mrs Watson

NEXT SENIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 31st October, D3, Year 6/7 Mr Yarnall
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. For further information telephone VacSwim on 9345 4007 or email vacswim@education.wa.edu.au.

adidas SCHOOL FUN RUN

Next week, 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. Sponsorship money can be handed in to the canteen until 3rd November 2014.

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.

BALDIVIS SECONDARY COLLEGE—PARENT INFO EVENING

Baldivis Secondary College is holding a Parent Information Evening for parents of Year 7 and Year 8 students in 2015.

Date: Monday 27th October 2014
Location: BSC Performing Arts Centre

5:00pm to 5:15pm - Welcome
- About Fees and Charges
- Arrangements for the Evening

5:20pm to 7:00pm (Concurrent Sessions)
1. Arrangements for Year 7 students in 2015
2. Arrangements for Year 8 students in 2015
3. BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Program
4. Connecting with the College
5. About AVID
6. Student Services

7:00pm to 7:30pm - Refreshments in the College Library

VACSWIM DECEMBER/JANUARY HOLIDAY SWIMMING PROGRAMS
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
Dear Parents and Carers

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN A LOCAL SAVINGS PROGRAM THAT MATCHES EVERY DOLLAR YOU SAVE, UP TO $500.

As you may be aware, the Department of Education supports parents to provide financially for their children and refers families to community and government organisations that can offer additional support to families. Saver Plus, Australia's largest matched savings program, is one such program and assists people to save for education expenses by matching their savings dollar for dollar up to $500.

Saver Plus was developed by the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ in 2002 and is delivered by The Smith Family and Anglicare WA in Western Australia. More than 20,000 people across Australia have participated in the program, saving over $13.5 million.

The Department wishes to offer eligible parents the opportunity to participate in Saver Plus.

What this means for you
Saver Plus is a free ten month program that provides you with financial education, budgeting and savings tips to assist you to:
- Build your skills around managing money
- Become a regular saver; and
- Reach a savings goal

Once you finish the program, ANZ will match your savings dollar for dollar, up to $500. You can use your matched savings for education-related costs, such as school uniforms, computers and tablets, text books, school excursions and more.

Can I join?
You may be eligible to join if you:
- Have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card;
- are at least 18 years old
- Have some regular income from work (yourself or your partner) including casual, part-time, fulltime or seasonal work; and
- Have a child a school or attend vocational education yourself.

Please note: a family may receive matched funds only once

Your Privacy
The Department, through local schools, will communicate directly with families where the Saver Plus program is available. The Department respects your privacy, and your personal information has not and will not be provided to any of the organisations associated with this program.

The Department will not know if you decide to participate and your decision to participate in this program is entirely voluntary.

How do I find out more?
Saver Plus is delivered by the Smith Family in the City of Stirling, Swan and Wanneroo in the north and the City of Kwinana, Cockburn and Rockingham in the south, and by Anglicare WA in the Mandurah, Peel and Albany area.

The Smith Family and Anglicare WA invite you to join Saver Plus today. To contact your local Saver Plus worker, call or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355 or email saverplus@bsl.org.au

Kind Regards

SHARYN O'NEILL
DIRECTOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

CLaire LINDSAY-JOHNS
NATIONAL MANAGER, SAVER PLUS
BROTHERHOOD OF ST LAURENCE

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.
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OCTOBER
ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

safety AND family EXPO 2014

3PM - 9PM CHURCHILL PARK, ROCKINGHAM FOreshORE

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
Free children’s activities, information stalls, amusements, a fire truck, St John’s Education Ambulance, performance by Constable Care, interactive displays and much more.

REMEMBER to Slip, Slop Slap and BYO water.
FREE Movie at 7pm – Frozen (PG) | Bring a blanket and enjoy.

For further information, contact Community Safety on 9528 0333 or email customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au.

Community Safety Starts with You

www.rockingham.wa.gov.au
Head down to the Fremantle Markets this weekend for some Earth Science fun!

Sunday 26th October

Giant geological sand sculpture

Hands-on activities
Fake a fossil
Dissect a meteorite
Bring in and classify your rock collection with a geologist

Sandcastle investigations

Geological Architecture walking tours of Fremantle by ESWA (Earth Science Western Australia)

Find us in Market Lane at the Fremantle Markets (off Henderson St)

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