Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

2015 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS/TERM DATES

At their October meeting the School Board endorsed the following School Development Days. These days have been co-ordinated with all of the Baldivis public schools to reduce any inconvenience:

- Thursday 29 January
- Friday 30 January
- Friday 29 May (Friday of the Foundation Day long weekend)
- Monday 20 July
- Tuesday 21 July
- Monday 12 October
- Friday 18 December (last day of term 4)

Term 1
Commences - Monday 2nd February
Concludes - Friday 3rd April

Term 2
Commences - Monday 20th April
Concludes – Friday 3rd July

Term 3
Commences – Wednesday 22nd July
Concludes – Friday 25th September

Term 4
Commences - Tuesday 13th October
Concludes – Thursday 17th December

Public Holidays for Western Australia for 2015 can be found at [www.commerce.wa.gov.au/LabourRelations/Content/Employers/Pay_rates_leave_and_conditions/Public_holidays_in_Western_Aus.html](http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/LabourRelations/Content/Employers/Pay_rates_leave_and_conditions/Public_holidays_in_Western_Aus.html).

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES SCHEDULE

The School Education Act 1999 requires schools to inform parents of the likely costs involved in schooling your child for the year. In order to comply with this we have established a schedule of contributions and charges and this has been forwarded to all families accompanying this newsletter. This schedule has been endorsed by the School Council.

The maximum costs for excursions and school activities have been included. In most instances families will not be asked to pay anything near the maximum. The idea of the schedule is simply to inform you of possible expenses.

The voluntary contribution requested for 2015 has not been increased and remains at $40 per student for the year. This remains below the maximum of $60.00 per child that can be requested and represents a contribution of about $1.00 per week per child for the school year. Your support by paying the voluntary contribution is greatly appreciated.
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The 2015 Contributions and Charges Schedule is also available on the school web site


PERSONAL ITEMS LISTS

Personal Items Lists will be sent home with students next week (Monday 10 November). Orders are placed directly with Ziggies Enterprises who are our new providers. All orders placed before 12th December include free home delivery and they will arrive in time for the start of the school year.

The lists are also placed on the school website:


Please note that the TI –15 Calculator on the Year 5 list is the correct calculator for students entering Year 5 in 2014. This should mean that most parents of students currently in Year 4 should not need to purchase a new calculator for 2014.

Stephen Yates
PRINCIPAL

PARENTING PLANS, FAMILY COURT AND OTHER ORDERS

Parents are reminded that the School Education Act 1999 obliges parents to inform schools of any parenting plans, Family Court orders or other orders which are applicable to their children. All details are treated in the strictest confidence. Enquiries can be made through the school office.

STUDENTS ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that students are asked to time their arrival at school so as not to arrive before 8.30am as supervision before this time cannot be guaranteed. We also ask that students make their way home promptly after school to ensure they do not spend extended time unsupervised in between being dismissed and arriving home.

Any children arriving before 8.30am are required to wait in the area outside D Block until 8.30am when teachers will allow access to classrooms to prepare for the day. Sports and playground equipment is not permitted to be used before and after school.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Junior Assembly – 24th October 2014

A Block – Maisie L, Cooper H,
B Block - Emma H, Leanne V, Sienna M, Jade H, Millie M, Aliesha R.
E Block - Tsneam J, Jack B, Scott T, Jack D, Oliver H

HEALTH - E5 SCIENCE - E1

Senior Assembly – 31st October 2014

C Block - Jack S, Kayla R, Michael C,

NEXT JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - 7th November 2014 - A2 Pre Primary, Mrs Fyfe
NEXT SENIOR ASSEMBLY - 14th November 2014 - D4 Year 6/7 Mrs Taylor
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.

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.


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.

INSURANCE

The Department of Education does not carry insurance for students or their possessions both at school and when participating in educational activities away from the school site (camps involving an overnight stay are an exception). It is the responsibility of parents or carers to ensure that their children are adequately covered by insurance for accidents that are not caused through negligence on behalf of an employee of the Department.

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.
Have a great day at Fremantle Ports

Maritime Day

Victoria Quay | Saturday, 8 November | 10am - 4pm

FREE ENTRY

Visit an Australian navy ship!
- Harbour activities
- Svitzer tug on show
- Free harbour boat rides
- Maritime displays and careers information at B Shed
- Inner Harbour Classic yacht race

- Bands and other entertainment
- Kids’ activities
- Delicious food
- E Shed Markets and B Shed Café open
- Maritime Museum gold coin entry

Be there for a day of fun, action and colour.
Lions Christmas Cakes & Puddings

Traditional Lions Pudding
900g
$12

Lions Traditional Christmas Cake
1kg
$12

Lions Traditional Christmas Cake
1.5kg
$16

For orders
Tel: Chris Martin 0408914079
or
Email: chris.martin.9644@gmail.com
Expressions of Interest

Baldivis after school ART AND CRAFT activities for kids aged 8 – 12 years.

To be held at:

BALDIVIS HOUSE
cnr Huxtable Tce and Arpenteur Dr,
SETTLERS HILLS WA 6171.

A joint initiative by South Coastal Women’s Health Service and Kwinana Early Years’ Service (KEYS)

To register your interest please call Sally Lewis on 0434 019 913 or email sally.lewis@southcoastal.org.au.

Ideas for additional activities welcome.