FROM THE PRINCIPAL

18th November 2014

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

SCHOOL CAR PARKS

Like nearly every school in Western Australia, parking for vehicles is problematic, particularly at peak times before and after school. As Settlers Primary is a particularly large school, this problem is somewhat exacerbated.

In order to assist with parking for parents, a number of years ago the Department of Education, the City of Rockingham and Tranby College each contributed to a car park on Arpenteur Drive, just north of the Tranby Drive intersection. This car park has 50 bays and a further 10 drop off bays and is available to all parents collecting or dropping off children. It is only a very short walk from the school.

Other parking around the school consists of street parking around the school and one small car park accessed from Fullman Turn. The main school car park off Arpenteur Drive is a staff only car park. There is a Kiss and Drive loop as part of this car park and parents are able to use this to drop off students before school and collect students after school. Of course students and staff will be moving around the school during this time, so due care and attention is required. A small number of day care and after school care providers use bays in the kiss and drive loop to collect students after school. Apart from these providers there is no parking in the Kiss and Drive loop.

Although the staff car park is for exclusive staff use, an exception has been made in the past for parents with disabilities and parents of students with disabilities who carry a current ACROD permit. The car park has one accredited ACROD bay and a further two unofficial bays have been marked to support these families. Parents with current ACROD accreditation are able to use these bays when visiting the school provided that they are not used by other parents or staff. Where the bays are occupied, families are asked to park elsewhere. (There is a second accredited ACROD bay in the car park off Fullman Turn.) This exception to the use of the staff car park is conditional upon the correct ACROD accreditation and vacant bays.

KISS AND DRIVE

The Kiss and Drive service that runs after school relies predominantly on parent volunteers. It is a service that benefits the entire school community but finding enough volunteers is always a difficult proposition. The continuity of this service relies on having sufficient volunteers and we are desperately in need of more. It would be a pity to see the Kiss and Drive service withdrawn because of a lack of volunteers. If you are willing to assist, please let the staff in our front office know and they will arrange for a co-ordinator to contact you.

As I stated above, traffic around schools is always heavy, particularly immediately after school breaks up. All drivers need to display care, courtesy and concern in order to ensure the safety of all students.

Stephen Yates
PRINCIPAL
TERM DATES AND SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2015

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 http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/LabourRelations/Content/Employers/Pay_rates_leave_and_conditions/Public_holidays_in_Western_Aus.html

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Junior Assembly– 7th November 2014

A Block – Jessi R, Lianna M, Georgia C, Bonn J
B Block - Amelia N, Melissa O, Khy J , Pippa J
C Block - Alleyah G, Rohan W, Timothy T, Eva N, Katie L, Holly K, Joshua M,
E Block - Emily C, Adam M, Makay-Lei M, Olivia N, Cassius D, Jayd H,
HEALTH - C4

Senior Assembly – 14th November 2014

C Block - Jaimie T, Maddison G, Haziq R, Mandusa V, Emma K, Tarni D, Joel C.
D Block - Ebbony B, Isabellah P, Matthew C, Terina M, Ebony K, Emma M.
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.

The school Class Placement Policy and Request Form can be found in the schools web site: http://settlers.wa.edu.au/index.php?page=class-placement-2

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.

PERSONAL ITEMS LISTS

Personal Items Lists have been sent home with students. 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.


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 FUN RUN

Thank you to all students who have returned their sponsorship money. Prizes have been ordered and are on their way. If any students still have sponsorship money to hand in it’s not too late, take it to the canteen as soon as possible so the organisers can still arrange your prize.

Two bikes have been generously donated by Mr Paul Papalia MLA and all students who returned their sponsorship money by 11th November will go into the draw to received one of these bikes.

The bike draw is being conducted this week and the bikes will be presented by Mr Papalia at the senior assembly on Friday 28th November 2014.

DISCO

SAVE THE DATE: The last Disco for the year is on Friday 5th December 2014.

For the disco to be fun for the students we need volunteers for each session to do a variety of things (collect tickets from students, sell glowsticks and food, take students to the toilets, to name a few). If you can help out at the disco please either see the ladies at the canteen or email settlerspandc@yahoo.com.au, If we don't get enough volunteers the disco will be cancelled. We need at least 15 people per session. Thank you.

The session times are:

- Kindy to Yr 1 — 4.15pm to 5.30pm
- Yr 2 to Yr 4 — 5:45pm to 7:00pm
- Yr 5 to Yr 7 — 7:15pm to 8:30pm

P&C NEWS

Independent auditor required.

To ensure that our P&C is abiding our constitution we are required to have a written financial audit of the P&C accounts for this calendar year (2014). If you have bookkeeping experience and knowledge of MYOB, would you be interested in doing the audit? If you are or if you want more information, please email settlerspandc@yahoo.com.au and a representative from the P&C will get back to you.
On the evening of Monday October 27th Settlers Primary School held its first ever stargazing night on the school oval. The night was a huge success, with hundreds of students and their families taking advantage of the opportunity to see some of the features of the night sky up close.

We had an absolutely perfect night for it. The sky was completely clear with no cloud cover and there was a small crescent moon to look at. The Astronomy Society of WA (ASWA) astronomers found some great features for us to look at through their telescopes including the Moon, Mars, some distant galaxies and some of the prominent constellations. We even got to see a satellite go past.

Judging by the popularity of the astronomy night this year I will definitely look to organise one again next year so if you missed out this time don’t worry. You’ll get another chance next year sometime.

Thank you to all the families that supported this event and made it such a successful night. The students got so much out of it and really enjoyed the opportunity to view space through the telescopes.

Miss Beahan
Science Specialist Teacher

Thank you to Katrina Mohsenin for providing the photos
Your Invitation to Join the Conversation

Free to all community members from all walks of life.

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

Henry Ford.

These exciting discussions facilitated by Peter Kenyon, Bank of Ideas will explore these critical questions:

- How do we get it?
- How will we know when we get there?
- What have we got?
- What do we want?
- Who are we?
- Where are we at?

We look forward to meeting you at one of the following sessions:

**Session 1**
7.30am – 9.30am, Tuesday 18 November 2014
Rockingham Art Centre,
14 Kent Street, Rockingham

**Session 2**
5pm – 7pm, Wednesday 19 November 2014
Singleton Community Centre,
Lawrie Stanford Reserve, Cavader Street, Singleton

**Session 3**
9.30am – 11.30am, Friday 21 November 2014
Mary Davies Library and Community Centre,
17 Settlers Avenue, Baldivis

Light refreshments will be provided.

Registration is essential as numbers are limited. To register please call 9528 0333.
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PEOPLE WITH Disability

FREE ENTRY

Participate, Communicate and Celebrate!

Come down and join in the fun.
Featuring activities, entertainment, performances and stalls.

Date: Thursday 4 December 2014
Time: 9.30am – 2pm
Location: Gary Holland Community Centre and Village Green, 19 Kent Street, Rockingham

For more information contact City of Rockingham 9528 0333 or customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au

www.rockingham.wa.gov.au
Lions
Christmas Cakes & Puddings

Traditional Lions Pudding $12
900g

Lions Traditional Christmas Cake $12
1kg

Lions Traditional Christmas Cake $16
1.5kg

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.