Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

NEW PRINCIPAL FOR 2015

Earlier this year I informed the School Board of my intention to retire at the end of the 2014 school year. My reasons are many-fold, but the decision was not taken without some regret. I have loved my time at Settlers Primary School and I will miss the students, staff and school community. It has been a privilege to spend the final 3 years of my 34 year career at this wonderful school.

I have taught in a range of schools across Western Australia, from the Pilbara to Ravensthorpe on the south coast. The last 25 years of my career have been spent as Principal and it is in this capacity that I have worked to have a positive impact on the lives of the thousands of students across the state. However it is my time to move on to other things in life.

A new Principal has been appointed for 2015 and beyond. Mr Gary Brown will take up his appointment in January. Mr Brown is an experienced school leader who is committed to continuing to lead Settlers Primary into the future. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Brown and to sincerely thank the students, staff and community for your support over the past three years.

SCHOOL CROSSING

Parents and community members may have noticed that bollards and road markings have been installed at the roundabout at the intersection of Tranby Drive and Arpenteur Drive. As we have mentioned in previous newsletters, a School Crossing has been approved for this location and these works are in preparation for this. A crossing guard has not yet been appointed and we expect this to occur in the not too distant future. In the interim, it is important that students and parents are aware, that when a crossing guard is not on duty that this is not an official school crossing. Normal rules apply and this means that pedestrians need to give way to vehicles when crossing at the roundabout.

2015 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS AMENDMENT

2015 School Development Days have been published in previous newsletters with an extra day added in error. The published School Development Day for Tuesday 21 July was added in error. This date will in fact be the first day of Term 3 for students. School Development Days for Settlers Primary School for 2015 are as follows:

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

REPORTS

Semester 2 reports will be issued to students on Monday 15th December.

Stephen Yates
PRINCIPAL
2015 TERM DATES

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

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

Term 3
Commences Tuesday 21st 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.

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.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Junior Assembly– 21st November 2014

A Block – Brayden B, Diego O, Mollee T, Izabelle D, Logan M, Emily M.
B Block - Adelaide T, Seth E, James S, Duop K, Weston L, Taj R, Aanyka N, Arina P,
E Block - Monica N, Lucas S, Faye M, Dakota I, Kaitlyn E, Cheyne C, Mia H, Samuel I, Adelaide T, Seth E.

HEALTH - E4 SCIENCE– B3

Senior Assembly – 28th November 2014

St John Ambulance believes every child in Western Australia should have access to vital first aid knowledge. First Aid Focus is a free school program that provides first aid training to school students of all ages. The course is specifically tailored to deliver an enjoyable and enlightening program which is a great way to introduce primary school students to the importance of first aid.

In Week 6, Year 1 class E5, Year 3 class C5 and Year 4 classes F1, F2 and F3 took part in the First Aid Focus Program during their Health lesson. The program was delivered by a St Johns Ambulance First Aid Trainer. Introducing the notion of first aid at an early age helps to equip children with the confidence and ability to help in an emergency.

Topics covered with the Year 1 and Year 3 class included:

- Looking for danger
- Staying safe
- Checking for response (talk and squeeze)
- How to call for an ambulance
- Recognising a paramedic

Topics covered in the Year 4 classes included:

- Introduction and principles of first aid
- How to call for an ambulance
- Dealing with an unconscious casualty
- Recovery position demonstration and practice
YEAR 6 and YEAR 7 GRADUATION CEREMONIES

The Year 6 and Year 7 Graduation ceremonies will be held in the school undercover area on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December respectively. Both ceremonies commence at 9:30am and are expected to go for approximately 1.5 hours followed by a morning tea. Due to space restrictions students are limited to bringing two guests. Students have also been asked to supply a plate of food to share on the day of their graduation. There will not be the opportunity to heat food prior to morning tea so food supplied will need to be able to be served at room temperature.

APPLICATIONS FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMS NOW OPEN FOR YEAR 7 IN 2016

With Year 7 students moving to secondary school from 2015, Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs will start a year earlier. This is an exciting opportunity for you, our parents, as you consider secondary school opportunities for your children. Gifted and Talented academic, languages and arts programs provide a unique and challenging curriculum designed to bring out the very best in your child. These elite programs are available at 17 select public secondary schools, and you can apply no matter where you live in Western Australia.

If your child is in Year 5 now, you can apply for entry into Year 7 in 2016. The selection process will take place in 2015 when your child is in Year 6.

Limited places may also be available for children entering Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 in 2016.

Applications close 12.00 noon on Monday 9th February 2015.

All applications must be made online.

For more information and to apply:
W: det.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented
E: gate@education.wa.edu.au
T: 9264 4307

Christmas Markets

Sunday 14th December
10am —1pm

Mary Davies Library & Community Centre
Settlers Ave, Baldivis

Come along to a family friendly Christmas market featuring a huge variety of handmade and unique stalls, a busker and a face painter.

There will also be a free children’s Christmas craft activity, mega bubbles and giant games.

Find us on facebook. Local & General Markets
Phone (08)9524 8845 or email Markets@streethassle.com.au
Settlers Primary School P&C Committee presents

Christmas Disco Party

Friday, December 5th

Settlers Primary School Undercover Area

Permission forms & tickets available from the canteen December 1st ~ 4th
8:30 ~ 9:15am & 2:30 ~ 3:15pm

Kindy, Pre Primary & Year 1
4:15 ~ 5:30pm

Years 2, 3 & 4
5:45 ~ 7:00pm

Years 5, 6 & 7
7:15 ~ 8:30pm

Let's celebrate a fabulous year! Come & join in the festive fun!
Don't forget to put in your song requests to go into the draw for disco dollars.
Hot food, refreshments, LED & Glow items available to purchase.

Settlers Primary School P&C would like to wish all students, staff & all their families a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
Baldivis Community Market
Corner Fifty Rd and Baldivis Rd
8am to 12pm
Entry Gold Coin Donation

Plants
Commercial Stalls
Fruit & Vegetables
Food, Drinks & More

FIRST SATURDAY OF MONTH

CAR BOOTERS: $5.00 ++ $5 Insurance First come first served!
STALL HOLDERS: $10.00 ++ $5 Insurance For booking form contact 0410 143 942 or email baldiviscommunitymarket@hotmail.com

GROUNDS OPEN: 6AM MARKET STARTS: 8AM to 12PM