Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

Principal’s Message

THANK YOU

The school year at Settlers is drawing to a close. I would like to take some time to thank our school community and our parents for your support over what has been a most successful year. In my time at Settlers I have been impressed by the sense of community that prevails in the school given that this has been lost in many other schools. Whilst we have our ups and downs, this has been a constant and I believe that it is worth fighting for.

There are many that I must thank, and whilst there are some that I will name, others I will thank as a part of a group – there are just too many to name individually!

The P & C have worked hard this year to support our school in numerous ways. A strong relationship between the school and parents has continued. We have seen significant improvement to our school facilities over the past three years and I am most thankful for all that you have done to assist our students.

On behalf of the children and staff of Settlers Primary School I would like to extend our thanks to the School Board led by Leeanne Antulov and the P & C Association, especially the Executive Committee, ably headed by Jackie Swar, for their outstanding contributions. I also appreciate the work done by the uniform shop ladies led by Michelle Carlyon, the Canteen Committee ladies and the fundraising committee led by Sharon Cheesman. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the P & C Treasurer Susan Stroud and Secretary Marianne Dover. Of course thanks are also extended to all those members of our P & C whom I have not mentioned above. Your contributions are all valued!

Also, thanks to all those parents who found the time and energy to assist in any way and who attend our meetings. The school values your input. There are so many who find time to assist our students and your efforts are all valued and appreciated.

I would like to thank our staff both teaching and non-teaching for their dedication and commitment to the children of Settlers Primary School. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of professionals working tirelessly for our children.

STAFF CHANGES

2015 sees Year Seven students leaving Settlers and moving to high school. This combined with the opening of Tuart Rise will see a significant reduction in our enrolment and as a consequence our staffing levels will decline accordingly.

This year we farewell the following teaching staff who are moving on to new positions or taking leave:
Mrs Darroch, Mrs Gauder, Miss Manno, Mrs Van Rongen, Miss Baldwin, Mrs Fortescue, Miss Hardy Mrs Terry, Mr Yamall, Mrs Blomfield. Miss Dunstan, Mrs Williams, Mrs Herrick, Mrs Douglass, Mrs Marshall and Mrs Manns.

Mr O’Keeffe is expected to return in 2015 at this stage, however our declining population may also see him move to a new location. And of course, as I mentioned in our last newsletter, I am retiring at the end of this year and will not be returning in 2015.

Some of our wonderful support staff will not be returning in 2015 also. Mrs Spencer from the front office will not be with us on a regular basis and Mrs Turton and Mrs Woodvine are also unlikely to return.

The above staff have all contributed significantly to the educational progress of our students during their time with us at Settlers. I sincerely thank each and every one of you.
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE CONTINUED

them on behalf of the entire school community for their dedication and commitment. I know that the school community will miss them immensely and we wish them well, wherever life’s journey takes them.

FAREWELL STUDENTS
On behalf of the staff I would like to say farewell to the students who will be leaving us at the end of 2014 and heading off to new schools. To our Year 6’s and 7’s, best wishes for high school and beyond. To the other students moving on, good luck for the future and enjoy your new schools.

AND FINALLY
On behalf of all staff at Settlers Primary I wish students and their families a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Students return on Monday 2nd February, 2015.

Stephen Yates
PRINCIPAL

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Junior Assemblies– 5th and 12th December 2014


E Block - Amber N, Ariq A, June G, Jasmine H, Ryan R,

HEALTH - C1 & C5

SCIENCE - E2

STUDENT COUNCILLORS & FACTION CAPTAINS 2015

Congratulations to the following Year 5 students who after completing a rigorous process of a written application and interview have been successful in being selected to represent the school as student councillors and faction captains for 2015.

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Friday 30th January 2015  -Uniform Shop 9am-12pm and Class lists on display
Monday 2nd February 2015  -Term 1 Commences—students return
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)

TERM DATES

Term 1
Commences - Monday 2nd February
Concludes - Thursday 2nd 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

CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP CLOSURES

The last day for the canteen is Wednesday 17th December 2014. The canteen will be closed on the last day of school, Thursday 18th December.

It will be open on the first day of term one 2015.

The uniform shop will not be open this Friday 19th December as it is not a school day. Parents who need to purchase uniforms can do so at the uniform shop on Friday 30th January 2015.
**Personal Items Lists**

All students should have now received their Personal Items Lists for 2015. These are also available on the school website: [http://settlers.wa.edu.au/index.php?page=booklists-2012](http://settlers.wa.edu.au/index.php?page=booklists-2012)

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**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop will be opening prior to the commencement of the new school year on **Friday 30th January 2015** from **9am to 12pm**.

Year 6 students will wear the garnet coloured polo shirts in 2015.


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**Class Lists**

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. Class list information will not be provided over the phone.

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.

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**Canteen**

The Canteen will re-open on the first day of school, Monday the 2nd of February 2015. The menu for Term One, 2015 will be the same as the current menu.
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.

SWIMMING LESSONS TERM 1 2015

Students in Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 will have the opportunity to participate in In Term Swimming Lessons during weeks 3 and 4 of Term 1 2015. As we have been scheduled so early in the term notes will be sent home with students as soon as we return in 2015 and will need to be actioned promptly by parents wishing for their child to participate.

Students in Pre Primary, Year 3 and Year 5 will get this opportunity during Term 4 2015.

YEAR 6 CAMP 2015

To support our 2015 Year 6’s in building new friendships, developing cooperative skills and team camaraderie, Settlers Primary will be offering a camp experience at Camp Mornington, just south of Harvey in WA’s southwest. To this end, we will be encouraging all of our Year Six students to attend and try their best in all activities on offer. The Camp Mornington excursion has been booked during Week 9 of Term 1, for departure on Monday 30th March and returning on Thursday 2nd April 2015.

Costs for the camp are only an estimate at this stage, as we will be unable to provide a final exact cost until we can confirm how many students will be attending the camp. At this stage we estimate a cost of between $350-$500 per student, including the cost of accommodation, food and activities for 3 nights, and bus travel to and from Settlers PS. Please note this is an estimate figure only. We will make every effort to keep the final cost to a minimum.

In Term 1, Week 1 next year, a note will be sent home asking for a $100 deposit towards the costs. This deposit will be your initial payment towards the cost of camp. From this date, we will be able to collate the final numbers of students attending the camp and provide the total final cost of the camp for you.

Parents who wish to get a head start on making payments towards the cost of next year’s camp can do so via direct deposit. Please include your child’s name and the reference CAMP.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL – THANK YOU

Thank you to all the families who donated non perishable food items to our Christmas appeal in support of Emergency Relief, St Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army. The donated items were collected by a representative from one of the charities last Friday and she was thrilled with the response from our school community.

Settlers Primary School is proud to be a part of making this festive season brighter for those less fortunate.

Thank you
Mrs Moses and the Year 6/7 Councillors