Dear Parents, Carers and Community members;

Term four has commence at the usual frenetic pace. On the pupil free day the staff and School Board members met to review student performance in relation to the school review and targets from our 2013-2015 Business Plan. We are now considering new targets for our next Business Plan. These targets set our vision and direction for the next planning cycle and three year plan/plans, we will then set yearly Operational Plans in learning teams. The underlying principle is to identify how students are progressing and ensure our programs meet the needs of students to achieve future goals. These goals will challenge our community but need to be attainable.

We have a number of classes participating in In Term Swimming and we are almost ready for the Interschool Athletics Carnival to be held next week.

New Programs

From the analysis of student performance across the school we are introducing two new programs. The Literacy Leapers Program has identified students in years two and four working on an intensified literacy program with Education Assistants under the guidance of Ms Murray and Mrs Dennerley. This program will follow these students next year and end at NAPLAN time. We will then set up the program with new students again in years two and four and repeat the cycle, funding dependent.

We have introduced as a trial, to selected classes, the online Mathletics numeracy/spelling program. This is an individualised comprehensive maths/spelling program that allows teachers to set units of work at determined levels for students to work through. It is exciting, fun and also provides information for teachers on student progress. Students are also using the program at home, we are very pleased with the feedback we are receiving from students and families. A final decision on fully implementing the program across the school will be made at the end of the trial later this month. Should your child be participating in the program you can support them in the following ways:

- Take an active role in your child’s mathematics progress.
- Encourage your child to use Mathletics 3 to 5 times a week.
- Encourage a balance between the full curriculum section and live maths.
- Encourage your child to do activities that challenge, rather than those he/she find easy.
- If the course is too easy or difficult, then change to a more appropriate course.
- Celebrate your child’s success. Print certificates and put them on the fridge.

Feedback to program coordinator Mrs Webb please.

Gary Brown
Principal

Next P&C Meeting
Thursday, 29th October @ 7pm
ENROLMENTS 2016

Although it seems a long way off, the school is already making preliminary plans for 2016. To assist in this regard we would appreciate being advised of any students (excluding Year 6 leavers) 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.

CLASS PLACEMENTS 2016

We will shortly commence the process of forming classes for 2016. 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. Alternatively, you may make an appointment to speak with the Principal directly. 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 on 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 later 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 2016 school year. Lists will be displayed in the undercover area from Friday 29th January 2016. 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.

SKOOLBAG COMMUNICATIONS APP

Settlers Primary School now has its own Skoolbag iPhone/iPad and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. Download our app to be kept up to date with everything that is happening at Settlers Primary School. It features Events, News, School Enews Newsletters, Documents, and push notification alerts direct from the school.

Detailed instructions are contained further in this newsletter.
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2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

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3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
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Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8 1 Phone and Windows 8 1 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8 1 Windows Phone or Windows 8 1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
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FRONT ROW: Taj R, Jesse H, Myah C, Crystal J, Sariah C, Lilly C.
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 year the P&C will be running a sausage sizzle during the evening to fundraise for the school. More details about what will be on offer will be available soon.

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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Sarah Beahan
Science Specialist Teacher

★★IMPORTANT★★

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE A RESPONSIBLE ADULT ACCOMPANYING THEM WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN AT THIS EVENT
Wow, Term 4 here we come!

What a massive time of year this is! So much is happening!

First up, a reminder about our **adidas Colour Fun Run**, happening next **Thursday October 29th**. Each class has been given a colour to wear on the day. If you don’t have anything at home that is the colour you’ve been given, near enough is good enough, but there will be spot prizes for best dressed. See class list on the right. Sponsorship forms and money can be dropped in the drop box in the front office. We’ve heard there have been some classes who were not given the sponsorship booklets last term. If your child has missed out, there are sponsorship form copies available at the office. All sponsorship forms and money are due back on the day of the fun run. This will ensure that our prizes get here well before the end of term. All booklets received will go into the draw for a brand new bike, kindly donated by Paul Papalia. Draw date to be advised. Mr Ratz has planned the whole event to finish by recess, so parents, if you have the morning free, come and join in the fun.

Our Quiz Night is coming up fast! Have you got your tickets yet?
On Saturday November 14th, Port Kennedy RSL plays host to our Hollywood Quiz Night, MC’d by Councillor Matt Whitfield and our own Mr Rob Hall. If you’re a movie buff, can recite catch phrases or sing advertisement jingles on cue, if you’re always dazzling your friends with your huge depth of music knowledge or know every little bit of celebrity gossip, then this quiz night is for you! Bring your dancing shoes and spare change as we have a tonne of prizes up for grabs with a heap of raffles, spot & door prizes, games and some surprises. Much fun to be had. Tickets are only $10 each! See poster below of details.

Well done to all year 6 students and their families on a very successful chocolate drive fundraiser and all of the **Bunnings sausage sizzles** you’ve been working hard on! All funds raised will be going towards a special outing being planned for our graduating class at the end of term. Year 5 parents, there are plans to kick start next years graduating classes fundraising with a Bunnings sausage sizzle on Saturday, November 21st at Port Kennedy and also the Star Gazers event on Monday November 16th. If anyone is available to help on those occasions, even for an hour it will be much appreciated. Please contact us on settlerspandc@yahoo.com

Our Big End of Year Disco has been pencilled in for Friday, November 27th, but we’ve already been informed a few of our regular volunteers aren’t available to help due to other commitments. Hoping some new faces will come and save the day and help the disco go ahead this term. If you hold a Senior First Aid Certificate, love to dance and lead a conga line or you simply look fabulous in hi-vis yellow or orange vests, we’d love for you to come and help. Please leave your name with the canteen ladies or send us a message at settlerspandc@yahoo.com if you can help out that night.

We’re also very excited for the first **Settlers Christmas Concert** on Monday December 14th! We’ll be putting together a special Xmas raffle with a fantastic first prize, so stay tuned for details. Ho ho hope to see you all there……haha!

And last but certainly not least, our Term 4 P&C meeting will be held on Thursday October 29th in the Staff Room. Everyone in our school community is more than welcome to come along, share ideas, listen in to what’s happening around the school and converse with a great bunch of people who are passionate about helping our school grow. Kicks off at 7pm.

That’s all for now folks,

Jen Howard
SETTLERS PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

HOLLYWOOD QUIZ NIGHT

HOSTED BY COUNCILLOR MATT WHITFIELD AND OUR OWN MR ROB HALL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
PORT KENNEDY RSL
27 PAXTON ROAD, PORT KENNEDY

RED CARPET ROLLS OUT AT 6PM FOR A 6.30PM START

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