FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members;

Again we would like to celebrate another outstanding milestone in the activities we do at Settlers Primary. Mr Paul Papalia MLP attended our last assembly and presented a bike to the P&C to support fundraising. The bike was used as a raffle draw for those students who participated in the recent Fun Run. Kohl T from Year 4 was the lucky winner of this bike. The significance of this is that the P&C raised a total of $13,052.64. The P&C will work with the school to identify specific student related targets in which to allocate these funds in the new year. Special thank you to the many parents who supported the P&C throughout the year.

I would also like at this point to congratulate the numerous students who have been representing our school in out of school activities such as sports carnivals and excursions. The reports we received on student behaviour are exemplary.

Enrolments

As we continue to make arrangements for 2016 it is important that we have accurate student enrolment numbers to assist in our decision making. If your child will not be returning to Settlers Primary School in 2016 (excluding Year 6 leavers) and you have not already advised the office please do so as soon as possible.

Christmas Concert

We are all very excited about the upcoming Christmas concert. Keep your calendars clear on Monday evening 14th December for our Christmas Carols event. Specific details about this event are included in this newsletter.

Gary Brown
Principal

Thank You

The P&C would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the volunteers that gave us their time on Friday night at our End Of Year SUMMER PARTY Disco!

With your help, the Disco raised $2600 for our school, and also created a fabulous and fun event for the 280 students that danced the night away!

It was great to see so many new faces helping out, we are looking forward to seeing you all back next year!

Next P&C Meeting

This Thursday 3rd December 2015 at 7pm
Settlers Primary School Staffroom
ALL WELCOME

SMS ATTENDANCE: 0418 938233
IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

Term 1
Commences - Monday 1st February
Concludes - Friday 8th April

Term 2
Commences - Wednesday 27th April
Concludes – Friday 1st July

Term 3
Commences Tuesday 19th July
Concludes – Friday 23rd September

Term 4
Commences - Tuesday 11th October
Concludes – Thursday 15th December

The School Development Days for Settlers Primary School for 2016 are as follows:

Tuesday 26 April
Friday 3 June (Friday prior to Foundation Day long weekend)
Monday 18 July
Monday 10 October
Friday 16 December (last day of term 4)

Students do not attend school on these days.

Public Holidays for Western Australia for 2016 can be found at http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/LabourRelations/Content/Employers/Pay_rates_leave_and_conditions/Public_holidays_in_Western_Aus.html.

Settlers Primary School New School Time Table
The School Board has approved changes to the school timetable for 2016. This will not affect school start and finish times but does change the timing for lunch as outlined below.

Classroom doors open 8:30am

Instruction 8.50-9.50 1 hour block
9.50-10.50 1 hour block

20min Recess 10.50-11.10

Instruction 11.10-12.10 1 hour block
12.10-1.10 1 hour block

10min Eating 1.10-1.20
30min Lunch 1.20-1.50

Instruction 1.50 -3.00 1 hour 10 min block

Students dismissed at 3pm.
Settlers Primary Christmas Carol Concert

Monday 14th December 2015

5.30pm to 6.30pm

Please come dressed in your best Christmas outfit!

The song book with lyrics is available on the school bag app!

Parents are to drop off their children at the following locations at 5.00pm:-

Pre-primary and Kindy children – pre-primary play area

Year 1 children – E block

Year 2 children – B Block

Year 3, Year 5, F1, F2 and F3 classes – Outside library

Year 4 children – C Block

Year 5 children – in front of C/D block water tanks

Year 6 children – D Block

All children will remain with their year group until instructed to sit with their families.

There will be a raffle and all money collected will be donated to a local charity

Bring a picnic blanket and some nibbles and enjoy the entertainment!

This is an alcohol free family event
Applications for Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs are now open. For children with exceptional academic ability and creative talent, these Academic, Arts and Languages Programs are designed to challenge them to achieve at the highest level. 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 going into Year 6 in 2016, applications are now open for entry into Year 7 in 2017. The selection process will take place in 2016. Limited places may also be available for children going into Years 9, 10 and 11 in 2017.

Applications close 12.00 noon on Monday 8th February 2016. 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

YEAR 6 LEAVERS CEREMONY

The Year 6 Leavers ceremony will be held in the school undercover area on Monday 14th December. This ceremony commences at 9:30am and is 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.

Do you have children 7 to 13 years old? Are you worried about their weight?
The Better Health Program runs for 10 weeks during school term at various locations across Perth. Sessions are run twice a week for two hours after school.

FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier & happier

Next FREE program running at:
Mike Barnett Sports Complex
Goddard St, Rockingham

Start Date: Monday 1st February for 10 weeks
Days: Mondays and Wednesdays
Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm

To register call 1300822953 or visit www.betterhealthprogram.org
On Monday 30th November, Playce Landscape Architects who specialise in play and youth spaces and representatives of Rockingham City Council came to the school to work with some of our year 5 and year 6 students on a master plan for the new Baldivis South Youth Space.

They worked with the students to get their opinion and design ideas for what they would like to see at Baldivis South Youth Space which will be located near our school on Tranby Drive.

Speaking with the organisers of the workshop they were impressed with our students’ engagement and their ideas.
On Tuesday the 24th of November 115 students from Settlers Primary competed in the 2015 BASSA Interschool Spring Carnival. Teams of Sofcrosse, Gaelic and Touch Rugby went with Mrs Moorman, Mrs Moses, Mrs Blackley and Mrs Doyle to Lark Hill Sporting Complex whilst the Basketball teams went with Mr Ratz and Mrs Dennerley to Mike Barnett Basketball Courts.

Settlers’ students competed against students from Baldivis, Makybe and Tuart Rise Primary Schools. All students who competed on the day did so with great enthusiasm, sportsmanship and pride in wearing their school colours.

The Gaelic squad fought gallantly through the windy conditions and came 3rd on the day. One of the Sofcrosse teams went through the carnival undefeated which helped the school come 2nd overall in the Sofcrosse carnival. The boy’s rugby team lost their first game, whilst the girl’s rugby team lost their first two games before both teams found their rhythm and neither team lost a game for the rest of the carnival to ensure that Settlers came 1st and brought the shield home for the 2nd year running! The basketball teams also came 1st overall, with the boy’s team coming 2nd and the girl’s team going through the carnival undefeated.

Well done to all students who participated and a massive thank you to all parents and teachers who helped make it such a successful day. Go Settlers!!

Mr Ratz
Scitech Reward Excursion

Settlers Primary School is very proud of the Science program that we run, where students get the opportunity to participate in Science lessons in a dedicated Science lab under the guidance of a Science Specialist teacher.

This semester we decided to acknowledge student achievement in the Science Learning Area by offering a reward excursion to the best Science students in the school.

Two students were selected from each Science class to accompany Miss Beahan on a very special reward excursion to Scitech on Monday November 30th. A total of 40 students attended the excursion to reward their outstanding work in Science this semester.

The excursion was a huge success. The students attended a show called “Things that Glow” where they learned all about light. They also got to explore the new “Astronaut” exhibition which was full of hands-on activities that demonstrate the physical and mental challenges of being an astronaut.

The students had a fantastic time and were enjoying themselves so much they were reluctant to leave at the end of the day. Their behaviour was absolutely exemplary and they were a credit to our school.

Thank you to all the students that attended for making it the best Science excursion ever!

Miss Beahan
Science Specialist Teacher
MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

MIDDLE ROW 1: Amali K, Adam C, Jackson T, Bailey B, Madison F, Jessica R, Regan T.
MIDDLE ROW 2: Joshua D, Hozay D, Charlise N, Sofia F, Emely O, Madeleine V, Hunter W, Emily S
FRONT ROW: Aneeka D, Jessikah, Jayla C, Gisele C,

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - 20th November

BACK ROW: Dominic J, Max P, Jack B, Mitchell E, Megan R, Taya N, Paige J,
FRONT ROW: Lachlan B, Evie H, Danica H, Brodie T, Jayce C, Arlee E, George H, Kaycee I, Charlee W,

SENIOR ASSEMBLY - 27th November 2015

MIDDLE ROW 1: Amali K, Adam C, Jackson T, Bailey B, Madison F, Jessica R, Regan T.
MIDDLE ROW 2: Joshua D, Hozay D, Charlise N, Sofia F, Emely O, Madeleine V, Hunter W, Emily S
FRONT ROW: Aneeka D, Jessikah, Jayla C, Gisele C,