FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members;

The school year at Settlers is drawing to a close for another year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school community and our parents for your support over what has been a most successful year.

Our P & C have worked hard this year to support our school in numerous ways. A strong relationship between the school and parents has continued. Thank you to Mrs Howard, P&C President for the many hours of work you and the committee have put into making this year special. I also appreciate the work done by the uniform shop ladies led by Mrs Carlyon, the Canteen led by Mrs Cheesman and the fundraising committee also led by Mrs Howard. I would also like to acknowledge and thank P&C secretary Mrs Dover and the executive for all the background work undertaken. 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! We have seen improvements to our school in numerous areas, all contributing to make Settlers Primary the very best learning environment that we can.

Thank you to the School Board: On behalf of the children and staff of Settlers Primary School thank you for your governance and vision this year. A special thank you to Mrs Antulov, school board chair for supporting me to settle in so seamlessly.

Also, thanks to all those parents who found the time and energy to assist in any way and who attend P&C and Board 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

This year we farewell the following teaching staff who are moving on to new positions or taking leave:

Mrs Hartley, Mrs Fortescue, Mrs Darroch, Mrs DeGalt-Rohlf, Mrs McAnearney, Mrs Hill, Miss Watson, Mrs Stockschlader, Mrs Mans, Mrs Cairns and Mr Weis

We thank 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 this week and heading off to new schools. To our Year 6’s, best wishes for high school and the future. To the other students moving on, good luck for the future and enjoy your new schools.

CHRISTMAS BEST WISHES

On behalf of all staff at Settlers Primary I wish students and their families a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Gary Brown
Principal
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If anyone would like to join us to make next year bigger and better, please join us for our AGM on March 3rd, 7pm in the staff room. All positions on the P&C will be up for nomination, so if you would like to lend your voice, dedication and inspiration to help our school thrive, then we'd love to have you join us.

Thank you all and have a safe, wonderful school holidays. See you in 2016!!

Jen Howard
P&C President 2015

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**Personal Items Lists**

All students should have now received their Personal Items Lists for 2016. 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 29th January 2016** from 9am to 12pm.

Year 6 students will wear the garnet coloured polo shirts in 2016.


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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 2016 school year. Lists will be displayed in the undercover area from **Friday 29th January 2016**. 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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**MESSAGE FROM THE P&C**

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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.

BACK ROWS: Tafari M, Aylish L, Ryder C, Chelsea R, Lily I, Emma T, Aiden H, Jacob C, Daemon E, Tom L.
MIDDLE ROW: Jasmine E, Alisha P, Hannah T, Katie L, Dylan T, Jack B.
Aussies of the Month

Semester 2 2015
Year 6 Dinner Dance