



SETTLERS' PARK PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We had an incredibly happy end of the week with our Mums' morning on Thursday and the Dogzcool show on Friday. Many thanks to all the mums, family members and friends who spent time with our little people doing fun activities, meeting old friends and sharing contact details with new friends. It was lovely to enjoy the beautiful autumn weather and to have some time to chat to everyone. The children loved the outing to Settlers' Park field on Friday. They listened so well to their teachers and all walked beautifully. As always Lloyd Bristow and his champion agility dogs were phenomenal. The tricks that they do are amazing. The children loved watching them and sang "Who let the dogs out?" with great enjoyment each time a different dog took the limelight. Thank you for trusting us with your children. How wonderful that we can have some of our functions and shows again.

Please look at our Facebook page for lovely photos of these two outings. *Please share our recent post for*



Change of e-mail addresses:

Please take note of our new e-mail addresses:

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Dads' morning:

We would love to celebrate Fathers' Day with our special Dads on the same field on Friday 18th June 2021. It will be a great time for Dads and children to have fun together. It is our pirate dress up day so please join in the fun and dress up as a pirate with your children doing the same. Please meet us at 7.45 a.m. on the field with your child and some activities of your choice – books, puzzles, a game as well as a "breakfast picnic." It will be a good idea to pack a hot drink in a flask e.g., milo or hot chocolate and include some marshmallows. *(Or you can stop at Coffebox on your way to the outing.)* Some ideas for pirate snacks are cannon balls (cheese puffs, meat balls, chocolate balls, chicken balls or any fruit cut into balls), sandwiches or cheese cut into appropriate shapes – eye patch, crocodiles, hooks, pirate punch (blue), scurvy dogs (hot dogs), pirate gold (cheese cut in squares), gold chocolate coins, jelly sharks, dead man fingers (cocktail sausages), peg legs (cocktail sausage rolls), popcorn (pirate teeth) or any other fun ideas. Pinterest has lovely ideas. Please bring a picnic blanket to sit on. We know that not all our dads will be able to make it. In that case, please send a grandpa an uncle, a brother, or a friend. Children are welcome to go home afterwards with their Dads as it is break-up day (This will be a normal school day with aftercare). If not, please drive your child back to school at 9 a.m. to continue our day. Please chat to your child's teacher or me if you have any queries. Vehicle access to the field is from Allan Hirst Drive. (across the road from Northern Park school). Please park on the long grass adjacent to the cut area. Please follow all COVID protocols. In the case of inclement weather, we will meet at school.

Term 2 children's progress: (Family fun time)

Towards the end of this term, you are invited to observe your child performing various tasks and skills both in the classroom and outdoors. Your observations will be recorded and handed back to the class teacher. The dates are: **Mon 7 June, Tues 8 June, Wed 9 June and Thurs 10 June between 12h30 and 13h30 (some classes may run until 14h30)**. There will be time slots over the 4 days where you can choose a date and time that suits you. Each session will be an hour. From **Tuesday 25 May**, there will be a class clipboard at your entrance gate where you can book your time slot. **Please use your own pen**. On the day, your child's teacher will explain the process to you.

Please note: It is extremely important that each parent (or both parents) attend these sessions as it is a vital part of our year's assessment for each child's progress.

Welcome:

We are happy to welcome new children and their families to Settlers' Park – Yuna Young, Mason Robinson and Gabriella Rabe have joined the Crickets class.

Cole Robinson, Wade Barnabas and Grayson Jarvis are in the Fireflies class. We trust your stay at Settlers' Park will be a long and happy one.

Some important Aftercare news and reminders:

- 1) Parents or anyone who is fetching, must please bring a pen to sign children out. If children come to aftercare on a casual basis, parents/lifts also need to bring a pen.
- 2) Children need two separate lunch boxes and they need to be shown which snack is for school and which is for aftercare.
- 3) Some of the food that the children are being given is not nutritious (chips, biscuits, cake, take away food). Please follow our school policy for food. If unhealthy food is brought, this will be sent home.
- 4) Please make sure children have shoes and a warm jersey/jacket in their bag.
- 5) Please notify staff if different people are collecting children

Congratulations to Mrs. Siobhan Redinger who despite being very ill at the end of last year, passed her teaching practical with distinction. Siobhan, we are so glad for you. Very well done.

FUNDRAISING FOR TERM 2:

Mini Comrades: Many thanks to everyone who has already returned the Money Tree sponsorship / donation forms and money. We would appreciate your support for this initiative. *Please return all money and forms by Wednesday 2 June 2021.*

My School: Please encourage family members to register and nominate us as a beneficiary.

Glass Recycling: Please recycle glass into our bin outside the school. Please throw bottles *into* the bin.

2022 enrolment:

To assist with our planning for 2022, please return a hard copy of the form that was mailed on Monday 10 May 2021.

Dates to diarise: Please check dates carefully.

Friday 14 May: 2020 past pupils' reunion 12.45 p.m. – 1.45 p.m.

Mid-term break: Friday 21st May – Monday 24th May (school starts on Tuesday 25th May)

Saturday 5 June: Mini Comrades (*For more details please read Newsletter 4 dated 23 March 2021*)

Order of events:

Please note that parents with more than one child at Settlers' may choose which event they wish to participate in. Parents and siblings may all participate in the run/walk if they wish. Please wear old clothes as all events will be colour runs.

08:00 – 08:45: Fireflies and Crickets (1 lap)

09:00 – 09:45: Caterpillars and Butterflies (up to 3 laps)

10:00 – 11:00: Ladybirds, Ants and Bees (up to 5 laps)

Family Fun time Mon 7 June, Tues 8 June, Wed 9 June and Thurs 10 June.

Wednesday 16th June: Public holiday (Youth Day)

School closes on Friday 18th June (normal school day and Aftercare until 5 p.m.) We are having a pirate fun day. (See details above.) Term 3 starts on Tuesday 13 July.

Kind regards,

Ellen Borain
Principal



There is so much hope in a little flower and so many flowers in a little hope."