



# SETTLERS' PARK PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I trust you are all keeping well. We would like to welcome Miss Shelby O'Connell to our staff. Shelby is a teachers' assistant in the Grade RR and RRR classes. She assists at Aftercare as well.

## Please see important reminders below:

**Mini Comrades: Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Please note that all COVID 19 protocols need to be strictly adhered to.**



Mini Comrades is one of the children's highlights of the year and is one of our main fundraising events. The children learn that through their efforts, they can contribute towards the wellbeing of their school. We also usually use the opportunity to support our Settlers' parents and friends who are runners. The emphasis is on participation, completing the event, and comradeship – not on racing and winning. The route is around the school buildings and playground and venturing a short distance outside the gates. The route has been cleared and marked. Staff are on the track to assist the children. Each circuit is one lap. Great fun is had by all, participants and spectators alike.

To comply with health and safety protocols, we have amended the programme. We have scheduled separate time slots for the classes. *(Please see details below.)* Parents and siblings may all participate in the run/walk if they wish, but they must please wear a mask or face shield. Settlers' Park pupils may wear a mask or shield if you prefer them to do so. Children may carry their own water bottle if they need one. Children will be given a Splash and a certificate on completion of their event.

**Order of events:** Please park outside the school as the carpark forms part of the route.

08:00 – 08:45: Fireflies and Crickets (up to 2 laps) (Please arrive from 7.45 a.m. through the gate where you normally drop and fetch your children.) We request that you please leave as soon as your event is completed to make way for the next round.

09:00 – 09:45: Caterpillars and Butterflies (up to 3 laps) (Please arrive from 8.45 a.m. through the front door.) Children need to go to the Crickets and Firefly classrooms. Please leave as soon as your event is completed.

10:00 – 11:00: Ladybirds, Ants and Bees (up to 5 laps) (Please arrive from 9.45 a.m. through the front door.) Children need to go to the Crickets and Firefly classrooms. Please leave as soon as your event is completed.

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

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



As mentioned in previous letters, these are on **Monday 7 June, Tuesday 8 June, Wednesday 9 June and Thursday 10 June between 12h30 and 13h30 (some classes also have 13h30 to 14h30 time slots).** You will be with your child and observe him or her carrying out various tasks and skills both in the classroom and outdoors. Your observations will be recorded and

handed back to the class teacher. There are time slots over the 4 days where you can choose a date and time that suits you. Each session will be an hour. On the day, your child's teacher will explain the process to you.

**Please note:** It is extremely important that at least one parent (preferably both parents) attend these sessions as they form a vital part of our year's assessment for each child's progress. Please fill in a time if you haven't yet done so.

### Dads' morning:



Fathers' Day will be celebrated with our special dads on the Settlers' Park 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 bring some activities of your choice – e.g. books, puzzles, and / or 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 Coffeebox 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 for those who do not go home with their dads. In this case, 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.

### FUNDRAISING FOR TERM 2:

**Mini Comrades:** Thank you to everyone who has already returned the Money Tree sponsorship / donation forms and money. We would appreciate your financial support for this initiative even if your child won't be attending the event. Please return all money and forms by tomorrow - 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:

**Mini Comrades:** Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June:** Public holiday (Youth Day)

School closes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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



**“Sometimes you don't see the value of a moment until it has become a memory.”**