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Bright ideas from the field.



SETTLERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE

Contact: Sharon Cheesman
(Canteen Supervisor)

-  LOCATION: Baldivis (50km South of Perth)
-  CLASSIFICATION: Primary school
-  TYPE OF SCHOOL: Independent Public school
-  STUDENT POPULATION: 760
-  DAYS OF OPERATION: Five days per week

STORY:

Settlers Primary School opened in 2005 with less than 200 students. When the building was complete by 2007, student numbers had grown to over 560. When the current Canteen Supervisor Sharon Cheesman, took over as supervisor in 2013 there were over 1,050 students. Today with 760 students, Sharon and Mardi have a fantastic job share arrangement. Sharon says this team structure has given them a lot of flexibility and scope to work around life and family.



It was in 2013 that three staff members completed the Canteen Management Course at Bentley TAFE. "Doing the course together was extremely beneficial and enjoyable" said Sharon.

Over the years they have been able to upgrade the ovens, fridges and freezers, which were all very basic in the beginning. This provides greater flexibility in being able to cook fresh items each day and bake in bulk and freeze as well. Items include quiches, homemade sausage rolls, quesadillas, shepherds pies, nachos, chicken pies, chocolate brownie (canteen approved of course), cookies and seasonal soups. One fabulous menu addition was 'Wombat Stew'. This was a result of Book Week celebrations.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LINKS:

The core focus of the canteen is being able to provide a healthy and affordable food service to the students every day. Sharon believes the success of the canteen can be attributed to the fantastic support from the Principal, school staff and P&C. Plus, the canteen staff always manage to come up with new and innovative promotions to keep the school community interested.



Pictured from left to right: Mardi Wishart, Gim Choo, Michelle Cawse, Amber Arpin and Sharon Cheesman

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LINKS:

The canteen staff love to get involved in theme days, such as Pirate Day and Book Week. According to Sharon, Mardi and Michelle are particularly talented and creative. They put their heads together, work out how to rename the recess items and add others according to the theme. This creates lots of interest and excitement with the students and these days are super busy, fun and profitable. They created quite a stir this past Book Week when the pet parrot Polly went "missing" on the big day. They hid laminated discs all over the school for the kids to find and redeem for an icy pole. Once all 20 discs were found, Polly miraculously appeared in her cage.



TAKE HOME MESSAGE:

"As a team we value the relationships we have with our whole school community. A deputy recently said to us that we have a unique relationship with the kids and that we should never underestimate the importance of our role in our school."

We are so grateful that we get to have fun doing what we do."

Sharon Cheesman

