

Welcome to Week 1 Term 3 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Just a reminder that copies of all of our Newsletters and an events calendar are also available on our website at www.baldivisgardensps.wa.edu.au.

Welcome Back

I hope that everyone had a safe break and we look forward to welcoming the students back tomorrow morning. Staff have been busy engaged in professional development activities today.

Reports

Reports were emailed to parents on the last Wednesday of last term. Please remember that the report link only remains active for four weeks, so you need to save the electronic copy of the report somewhere safe. Copies of reports are also available on Connect (via the desktop site only). Please contact the front office if you have not received the report link via email (please check your junk or spam folders first).

Attendance

Some parents would have noticed a comment on their child's report regarding attendance falling below 90% during the first semester.

Learning in class is sequential and it is therefore important that students attend school each and every day. If they miss lessons in a sequence this can lead to them missing critical information in the lesson sequence.

I appreciate that students cannot attend school when they are sick, but we are seeing many other reasons for non-attendance.

The table below shows how non-attendance can add up over the years of schooling:

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

Protective Behaviours

A letter will be sent home tomorrow regarding protective behaviours being taught in all years during this term. I have attached another copy of this letter together with the Department's parent handbook to this newsletter. This is part of the required curriculum as laid down by the Schools Curriculum and Standards Authority in WA. Please talk to your child's teacher or myself if you have any concerns.

Year Six High School Transition

Year Six parents should receive an enrolment pack for Baldivis Secondary College (our local intake high school) tomorrow. Students in Year Six will also receive their orders for graduation shirts tomorrow.

Kindergarten Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments for 2020 close this Friday 26th of July. Please ensure you have enrolled your

child in Kindergarten and share this information with other parents in our catchment. Letters of acceptance for Kindergarten will be sent out by mid-August.

Pre-primary Enrolments

We will be accepting enrolments for Pre-primary this term. For all children attending our school, an application will be sent home with your child this week.

Students Leaving in 2020

We will shortly be starting our planning for the 2020 school year. Can you please let us know as soon as possible if your family will not be returning to the Garden in 2020.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on Students with Disability

Each year, all schools in Australia participate in a collection of data on students with disability. This information is collected in August and helps both the state and federal governments to plan for and support students with disability. For more information, please see the attached letter regarding the NCCD

This Week

This week we have a few events ...

Footy Focus is on tomorrow morning from 7:30am. Thanks to Mr Gardiner and Mr Richardson for organising and running this.

On Wednesday, the Year 6 class will again be holding 'Cheesy Wednesday'. They are available at recess and cost \$2. All profits go to the Year 6 graduation event.

Choir is on this week, with the Junior Choir at 7:45am on Wednesday and the Senior Choir at 7:45am on Thursday.

On Thursday, our Netball program continues for students in Years 3-6 who have signed up. Thank you to Mrs Bruce and Mrs Raphael for coaching the students.

All students will be attending our Forest Excursion on Thursday or Friday this week. Many thanks to our

Forest to Garden committee for organising this fantastic opportunity to learn more about the local area and the history of the surrounding land and people.

Looking further ahead

I have attached a term planner for Term 3 for your reference. We have lots of exciting things happening this term.

During week 2, our Year 4 students will be attending a German Day Out as part of their language studies. Many thanks to Frau Merta for organising this opportunity.

Mrs Gibson's Pre-primary class will be entertaining us at their assembly on Friday 2nd August.

Swimming will take place in Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 3. This is an important part of the students learning program and all students are required to take part. Permission forms have already gone home and are due back tomorrow. Please contact the front office if you have any questions.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Woolworths Earn and Learn has now finished and thank you to everyone who brought their stickers in. We have now ordered some fantastic resources for the school using the stickers collected.

A message from your P & C



The P&C are organising a Father's Day stall to enable students to purchase their father or significant male in their lives a gift. More details will follow later this week.

Thank you

Anita Lacic
P&C President

I thank you for your continued support,

David

David Batt
Principal

