

Welcome to Week 10 Term 3 2019

Monday 23rd September 2019

Are you coming to our Open Night tomorrow night?

Tomorrow afternoon (Tuesday 24th September) we open our gates at 4.30 pm and welcome parents, family and friends into our classrooms and learning areas. Your children will love you to join them on this special evening. Classroom teachers, specialist teachers and the Leadership team will all be here to meet with you. Students can participate in an 'Art Walk' through the classrooms with some wonderful prizes to be won. Also the Book Fair is happening in the library if you haven't had a chance to get there this week. See you tomorrow night!

Massed Choir Festival

What a joy to watch our Senior Choir perform at the Massed Choir Festival at the Perth Concert Hall. Congratulations to every member of our choir and also a very big thank you to our Music teacher Mrs Michielsen for preparing our students for this special event. We also thank Mrs Musilli and Mrs Goddin who supported Mrs Michielsen on the evening and also provide invaluable support at all choir rehearsals.

NAPLAN results 2019

This week we received some of our NAPLAN school summary data. I will take great pleasure in presenting this data to the School Board on Thursday night. After I have shared in more detail with the Board and staff I will share with the wider school community. However I can tell you, as we have just completed our first three year NAPLAN cycle, we received our first Year 3 to Year 5 progress data. The stable cohort of students who were first tested at Baldivis Gardens as Year 3 students in 2017 have shown truly remarkable progress in the latest Year 5 NAPLAN tests. All credit must go to our incredible teachers who have worked tirelessly to ensure your children are making consistent progress across all areas of Literacy and Numeracy. Thank you to the parents of this cohort of students who have consistently shared the responsibility for their child's development. These results prove that when the school, the parents and the child work together, great things can be achieved. I look forward to sharing more about this data in future newsletters.

We are collecting.....

Milk containers needed please! The Forest to Garden Committee needs more two and three litre milk containers so the students can collect more 'worm juice'. Our 'worm juice' has been a very popular item for sale in the front office. Donations of clean milk containers can be placed in the wheelie bins located near Swallow Block.

Also we need to remind you we are still collecting bottle tops and bread tags which are being used to help with prosthetic limbs and wheelchairs for children. You can deposit these in the allocated boxes in the wet areas.

Attached Documents

The following documents are attached to this week's Connect notice. They are all relevant to families of children and young people and they are all available in our local area. I encourage you to have a look and see whether they are relevant for your family.

- Anxiety and Depression Youth Workshop
- A free fun program for children who are above a healthy weight
- Learn German through 'Sing and Play' for children 0 - 5 years old

This Week

This week we have a few events ...

Footy Focus is on for tomorrow

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

Netball is on Thursday after school.

Book Week Assembly...an event not to be missed!

Parents and friends are encouraged to join us on Friday morning as the children parade and we celebrate the different authors our classrooms have chosen. The theme for this year's Book Week is 'Reading is My Secret Power'. Teachers should have already contacted parents via Connect to notify them of the chosen author for their class and details about possible dress up characters. Any questions related to your child's dress up costume should be directed to your classroom teacher.

I look forward to seeing you at this special school event on the last day of term in the covered assembly area from 8.45 am.

Success out of School

MC Bann participated on the weekend in a karate competition at Joondalup ECU University where all karate clubs throughout Perth and surrounding districts competed. MC competed in both the Kata and Kumite competitions. He received a gold medal in the Kata and a bronze medal in the Kumite.

MC certainly looks like he is having a great time, enjoying this physical activity and competition. Congratulations to MC on his success!



Happy holidays!

I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday shared with your children. I know many children are very excited about planned holidays and activities. Remember what your children will enjoy most is uninterrupted time with you. Whether that is at home or away on a holiday it doesn't really matter.

Children love to spend time with their parents and siblings and benefit greatly from this time.

The outdoors provides so many wonderful opportunities for happy family time. This website has lots of suggestions for outside family fun.

<https://www.natureplaywa.org.au/things-to-do/events>

I look forward to seeing you back in 'The Garden' next term. **Students return to school on Tuesday 15th October.**

Kind regards

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