



News from

The Garden



Welcome to Week 4 Term 4 2019

Monday 4th November 2019

It is already Week 4 and your students have achieved so much over the last few weeks. Your children are working hard for their teachers and it brings me joy to see them applying our GROW ethos and our school values in all that they do. I have attached a copy of our GROW ethos and our school's Values so you can reinforce these values at home. If home and school have the same consistent expectations then your children will truly thrive. You may like to have a look at these posters with your children.

Safety of Students Arriving and Leaving School

I have been concerned about your children's safety at pick up and drop off time. One area that is of particular concern is the back gates on Elderberry Drive at the back of the covered assembly area. This is a trade/vehicle entrance and our bins are regularly picked up from this area. There have been a number of near misses in this area so we are going to trial closing this gate from 7.45 am each morning until 3.45 pm. It will be open prior to 7.45 am in the morning and from 3.45 pm in the afternoon, for the YMCA OSHC parents to drop off and pick up through this gate.

The alternate entrances for families who live at the back of the school, will be through the basketball court gate from the oval or through the gate closest to the roundabout in Linaker Street (near the demountable classrooms). This is being put in place

to provide a safer entry and exit for students. The change will take place from Wednesday this week.

As you are well aware there is no "kiss and drive" drop off access available at our school as a result of the original design of this school. We had no control over the design of our school buildings so we need to work around what we have. Parents are also reminded to only use the parent car park on Nadine Promenade and not to enter the Staff and Dental Clinic Carpark for pick up or drop off, as this too presents a dangerous situation for your children.

A Message from our Acting Board Chair

I was privileged last week to take on the role of Acting Board Chair in the absence of the wonderful Judith Hill. Board meetings are held twice each term and include representation from parents, the local community and the teaching and administrative staff from Baldivis Gardens. The Board is an important part of the governance of the school, having both an approval and advisory role, and ensures that the school's priorities reflect the needs of students.

At our most recent meeting on 24 October, topics that we discussed included the 2020 booklist, an overview of school finances and contributions and charges for 2020. The highlight of the meeting was the discussion about the 2020-2022 school Business Plan where we reflected on the achievements of the past three years and had an opportunity to contribute to the next business plan. Board members also took the time to congratulate the Administration team for the fantastic results in NAPLAN this year. The work they have

been doing to ensure high quality education for all of our children is evident.

There will be a vacant position coming up next year for a parent representative so if you are interested, please get in touch with Jayne Ebsworthy as soon as possible and she will be happy to provide further detail. It is a great opportunity to get involved with our outstanding school.

Kat Lothian

Acting Board Chair

I Dance

I think I need to clarify that participating in IDance is not optional and it is expected that all children will participate. Dance is an important part of the Arts and the Physical Education curriculum. The IDance performance is also our end of year concert and we don't want any child to miss out on this special performance in the last week of school. I have attached the I Dance permission form for those parents who have not returned this form.

Dental Clinic Closed

As we have a meeting tomorrow our clinic will be closed in case of any emergencies please contact 9537 2619. We will reopen on the 6th November.

Kind regards

Candice

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Parent Survey

There is still time to complete our parent survey. Every school in the state is required to send out this survey to their parent community. Please show your support for our school by completing the survey. If you don't tell us what is important to you we won't

know. We would like all surveys completed by this Friday please.

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/BGParentSurvey2019>

Languages at Home

Do you speak another language at home with your children? If so we would like to hear from you. Speaking more than one language is a great asset and as a school we would like to celebrate the languages other than English spoken at home. Could you please let your class teacher know what language you speak at home, or you may like to phone the office (9523 7000). We will compile a list of languages spoken in our community. We would like to share this with the community, and at various times of the year we would like to celebrate the cultures and languages spoken in our school.

Community Assembly is on this Friday.

Miss Thorpe's Pre Primary class will lead our assembly and entertain us at this week's community assembly. Don't miss this opportunity to come together as a whole school community. See you in the covered assembly area at 8.45 on Friday 8th November.

P and C



If you would like to know more about our P&C and would like to be added to our mailing list. Please email us at Baldivisgardens.pandc@gmail.com.

Coming up soon....

Friday 15th November is a **BIG** day and one to mark in your diary.

Our famous community healthy breakfast is on again. So pack your plastic plates, bowls and cutlery and bring the whole family to the covered assembly area at 7.30 am and enjoy this wonderful community event.

The Colour Run is back and commences at 2pm on the same day. All students are to bring a white T shirt for this event. Please make sure you have registered your family so you can help raise funds for our interschool sporting uniforms and other sporting equipment. Thank you to all the parents who have registered and are doing such a super job of raising funds. It is not too late to register. I have attached the Fun Run note that has all the information you will need to register.

Icy Pole Day Tomorrow

And don't forget icy poles are for sale at recess **TOMORROW TUESDAY 5th OCTOBER** to raise money for next year's Year 6 camp.



Have a great week and enjoy the sunshine. Don't forget to let me know if you would be interested in nominating for the School Board. Email me at Jayne.ebsworthy@education.wa.edu.au or call me on 9523 7000. I would love to hear from you!

Jayne

Jayne Ebsworthy
Principal