

Welcome to Week 9 Term 3 2019

Monday 16th September 2019

It's good to be back!

Today was my first day back at school after an absence of more than twelve months. What a delight to return to 'The Garden' and be welcomed by your beautiful children and my wonderful staff. My year's leave was a very positive experience full of family, friends and travel both overseas and within Australia. Unfortunately I fell while hiking a mountain in Scotland fracturing my pelvis, and this delayed my return to school. Although I am still moving slowly, I am ready to return, and I am excited by the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead for us in 'The Garden'.

On my return to school today it was evident our school has been in very good hands during my absence. I would like to acknowledge and thank Mr David Paine and our very own Mr David Batt, for their leadership and management of our school. Together with Mrs Stewart and Miss Addison they have worked tirelessly to ensure our school's Vision becomes a reality and our GROW ethos is embedded in our school culture. Our Business Plan has been adhered to and the outcomes achieved are indeed to be celebrated. These achievements would not be possible without exemplary, professional and hard working staff. It is a joy and privilege to once again join these staff in 'The Garden', as together we work with you to *'nurture your children in a safe and supportive learning environment where we take shared responsibility for your children's growth and development, resulting in your children thriving and a community that flourishes'*.

I am aware there are many new families in our school and I look forward to meeting new parents, and catching up with the parents I know well in the coming days. Never hesitate to phone me if you

would like a chat or come up and say hi when you see me around the school. I very much look forward to seeing all parents at our **'Open Night' on Tuesday 24th September**. Classes will open between 4:30pm and 6:30pm and it will be a great opportunity to view your child's work, meet your child's teacher and take part in some special activities. Your presence will mean a great deal to your children. Our Book Week Scholastic Bookshop will also be open during the open night.

BASSA Interschool Athletics Carnival

On Friday, we hosted the BASSA interschool athletics carnival in beautiful sunshine. Congratulations to Baldivis Primary School on winning the overall shield. Our students performed well and we were awarded the shield for the most points based on number of students. Congratulations also to Shemanne and Jaden who received individual medals for their accomplishments in Years 6 and 3 respectively. Thanks also to Mr Gardiner for organising this interschool event.

Healthy Sandwich Day

Last Thursday, the students had the opportunity to prepare a healthy sandwich for lunch. Many thanks to our Health and Wellbeing Committee for organising this event.

Students Leaving in 2020

We are in full swing for planning for 2020. Can you please let us know as soon as possible if your family will not be returning to The Garden in 2020. Thank you to the parents who have already taken the time to let us know.

This Week

This week we have a few events ...

Footy Focus is on for tomorrow, many thanks to Mr Gardiner and Mr Richardson for organising this.

The Year 6 students will be holding 'Cheesy Wednesday' this week. Please remember they cost \$2 and will be available at recess.

Choir is on this week, with the Junior Choir at 7:45am on Wednesday and the Senior Choir at 7:45am on Thursday. The Senior Choir are busily preparing for the Massed Choir performance at Perth Concert Hall on Friday and will be attending a whole day rehearsal this Wednesday.

Students in Years 1-6 have an opportunity to make a healthy sandwich before school this Wednesday for a gold coin donation. Please remember to bring a container for the sandwich and we look forward to seeing you in the covered assembly area from 8am.

Netball is on Thursday after school. Many thanks to Mrs Raphael and Mrs Bruce for running this.

Looking further ahead...

Our Book Week assembly will be held on the last day of the term, Friday 27th September. Most teachers

have already contacted parents via Connect to notify them of the chosen author for their class.

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.

Kind regards

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