

Welcome to the 2021 School Year

Monday 25th January 2021

The 2021 school year is about to begin and my staff and I are looking forward to seeing you and your children back in The Garden. I would like to welcome each and every family to the new school year. Whether you are returning to The Garden or whether you are new to our Garden we hope you feel welcome and 'at home' in our school community.

We have grown in numbers and reputation since we opened four years ago with 219 students. I am expecting we will commence the year with about 490 students. It is important our school community continues to work collaboratively to maintain our positive reputation as together we provide a quality public school education for our students, giving every child an opportunity to achieve to their potential.

In Week 2 of this term our school will be reviewed as part of the Department's review process. Every public school in WA participates in this review process and we look forward to sharing our school's journey over the last four years with the reviewers.

In preparing the evidence to be submitted for the review process, my staff and I have been reminded of the work that has been done over the last four years to establish and maintain our school vision and ethos. In 2016 when the school was formed our parent Planning Committee together with our Foundation staff worked very hard to create a brand, a vision and a school ethos that would sustain us as we moved into the future. Our Vision highlights the importance of staff and parents working together to share the responsibility for student growth. Our focus on working in partnership with parents, having a very clear strategic

direction and a focus on every child making progress has resulted in our school achieving some very pleasing outcomes, which I am sure will be acknowledged in our review. **Your involvement and engagement in your child's schooling really does make a big difference in their achievements.** Once again, we look forward to sharing your child's school journey with you in 2021 and encourage your feedback, support and involvement.

As you are well aware we still need to be very COVID conscious. Parents may enter the classrooms during the first week of school, however, please do not congregate in the classroom, and when your child is settled please leave the classroom. From Week 2 we will ask Year 1 - 6 parents not to enter the classroom. Of course if you or your children are unwell please do not come to school.

Below is some key information for you as you prepare for your child to commence school on Monday 1st February. I have also attached the 2021 Parent Handbook for your information and reference. If you have any queries or questions please phone or email the school.

Jayne

Jayne Ebsworthy
Principal

Class Lists and Open Classrooms

Class lists will be posted on pin up boards outside the Administration building in the top courtyard from 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm on Friday 29th January.

During this time students and parents are invited to go to their new classroom to meet their teacher. This is a time to say a quick hello to your new teacher. However, if you feel you need to talk to your teacher at length before the school

year begins can you please make an appointment through the front office by close of business Wednesday 27th January.

New Staff

As you know our staff is what makes our school so special and what makes the biggest difference to your child's achievement. We are delighted to welcome the following new staff to our school.

Kate Russell Kindergarten teacher

Reegan Ker Kindergarten teacher

Tania Graham Year 1 teacher

Staci Boden Year 2 teacher

Courtnee Johnson Year 3 teacher

Kurt Verdonk Year 5/6 teacher

Abby Barnden Physical Education Teacher

Lisa Thomas Special Needs E/A

Kim King Languages Assistant

First Day of School Monday 1st February

Classrooms usually open at 8.25 am but will open earlier than usual on the first day of school. **Classroom teachers will open their doors from 8.15 am on Monday 1st February to allow a gradual arrival of students into the classroom.** All children arriving before 8.15 am on Monday are asked to wait in the covered assembly area.

Booklists/Uniforms

Please refer to all details on our website.

Please note Soundwaves Books can be purchased through the front office or Ziggies.

A message from your P & C: Picnic in the Garden Friday 5th February



Every year we open our Garden from 5 pm on the first Friday of school for families to bring a picnic to share in our garden courtyard. This is a time for families to re connect and for new families to be welcomed into the Garden. The P & C has

organised a band, an icecream truck and a sausage sizzle so if you don't have time to make a picnic tea a sausage sizzle is certainly a great alternative.

Our P & C is looking for helpers so please connect with them via their Facebook page or email them at Baldyvisgardens.PandC@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing everyone in our Garden on Friday 5th February from 5 – 7 pm.

Payment of Voluntary Contributions

We were so appreciative of the parents who paid their voluntary contributions via the Ziggies Booklist option. Schools with a high percentage of paid voluntary contributions are at a distinct advantage over schools with a poor return of voluntary contributions. **Please help us by paying your voluntary contributions so our school is not disadvantaged and we continue to be able to resource our growing school.**

Q&R App and Connect Notices

Payment and permission slips for excursions and all school activities will be through Q&R and all communication and newsletters will go out through Connect. Parents are asked to contact the office if they are having any problems with either of these two apps.

Class Meetings Week 3

Class meetings will be held in Week 3 and Week 4 from 5.00 pm – 5.45 pm.

Week 3

Swallow Block classrooms will be on Monday 15th February

Cockatoo Block classrooms will be on Tuesday 16th February

Goshwak and Whistler Block classrooms will be on Thursday 18th February

Week 4

Sandpiper Block classrooms will be on Monday 22nd February

Parent Workshops/Sporting Opportunities

Please see the attached flyers for some very valuable parent workshops coming up soon and some after school sport options.