

Welcome to Week 2 2018

Last week's very successful start to the new school year is due to my wonderful staff. They are indeed a very professional, enthusiastic group of educators who are totally committed to working with you to ensure your child achieves to their potential. I thank them sincerely for making our first week so positive and happy.

This year we have eleven new staff, and together with our existing Baldivis Gardens staff, they are very keen to meet with you at our class parent meetings next week. A copy of the parent meeting timetable is included in this newsletter. Please make every effort to attend to these meetings.

Let me introduce my new staff!

Clare Addison is teaching our Year 5 class.



Emma McKay is teaching our Year 3 /4 class



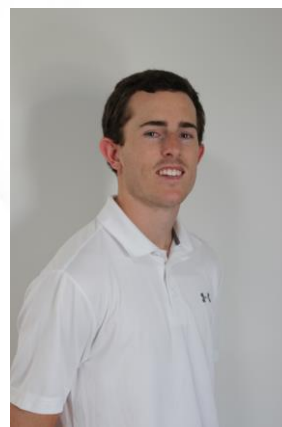
Kerry Gibson is teaching our Pre Primary/Year 1 class.



Kim Patton is teaching in our Kindergarten and Pre Primary on a Thursday and Friday.



Liam Richardson is teaching our Year 6 class.



Lisa Merta is our Languages teacher and will be teaching German and teaching in the Kindergarten on a Friday.



Bec Brooksbank is an Education Assistant and works in our Pre Primary/Year 1 class.



Rosemary Leed is one of our Year 2 teachers.



Rebecca Velda is one of our Kindergarten Education Assistants.



Sophie Capewell is one of our Year 1 teachers.



Lena Sparenberg is our Languages Assistant. Lena has just arrived from Germany and will be in our school on Monday supporting our Languages Program 'German in the Garden'.



German in the Garden

The Baldivis Cell of primary schools are very excited to share with the community that each of the six primary schools in Baldivis will be teaching the German language. How German will be taught varies slightly in each school but each school will have access to the support of the German Languages teacher from Baldivis Primary School Mrs Helen Kuehs. Helen is a great asset to our Baldivis schools as she is a very experienced Languages teacher. In time we are hoping the secondary schools in Baldivis will offer the German Language allowing our Baldivis primary students to continue their Languages studies in the future.

At Baldivis Gardens in 2018 German will be taught, assessed and reported on in Year 3 as mandated by the Department of Education, however all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be exposed to the German language through our 'German in the Garden' program and the integration of German into our cross curriculum project 'From Forest to Garden'. I look forward to sharing more news about our Languages program with you in the future. We are so fortunate to have Miss Lisa Merta and Miss Lena Sparenberg who will teach and support staff and students in learning the German language.

Willkommen in unserer Schule Lisa and Lena!

Here is a photo of Miss Merta and Miss Sparenberg teaching in our Year 3 / 4 class today with Miss McKay.



Lunchtime Reminders

We extend a very big thank you to the parents who are sending snacks and lunches to school in waste free containers. Help us educate our students about the importance of reducing waste, and at the same time provide healthier food for your children by reducing the amount of packaged foods in their lunch box. Please consider how much food you are sending in their lunchbox. Some children have far too much food and are not getting enough time to play as they feel they must eat what you have sent them. At lunchtime a sandwich, or a salad and a piece of fruit is more than enough. When a child has lots of additional packaged snacks they tend to eat those rather than their sandwich, salad or fruit.

Hats

Please make sure your child has a school uniform hat with their name clearly marked on the brim of the hat using a black permanent marker. The children require a hat to play at recess and lunch and to go to physical education classes.

Planner

Important dates are on the term planner. A copy is attached to this newsletter, on our website and was sent home last week. Events will be added to this planner through the term and the planner will be updated on Connect and on the website. Check out what is coming up this term.

Choir

Choir starts this Wednesday for Senior Choir (years 4-7) and this Thursday for Junior Choir (years 1 -3).

Mrs Graham would love you to join her but you must start this week as there is a public performance coming up very soon. Choir starts at 7.45 in the Music Room.

Bookclub

BOOK CLUB has started for 2018 and Issue 1 catalogues are out now!

Here at Baldivis Garden's all orders are placed online through Scholastic loop online. Issue 1 orders are due by: Friday 16th February 2018

Any queries see Brooke Paskin (Parent Volunteer) or Maria Goddin (Library Officer) in our school library or leave a message at the office.

P and C AGM



The AGM for our P and C is on Tuesday 13th February at 6.30 pm. The P and C made a great start in 2017 thanks to a very small hard working group of parents. We now need the 2018 parent community to step up and continue the great work. With increasing enrolments the need for more playgrounds and also shade areas is growing. School funds will not cover the cost of a new playground and we urgently need the help of our P and C to raise funds and seek community grants. If you think you have the skills, the time, the energy and motivation to get involved please come along to the AGM.

Attached is an overview, prepared by Kiya our P and C President, outlining the role of the P and C in the school, and the roles and responsibilities of the P and C executive members. We ask that you consider carefully if you could fill one of these executive positions.

Keep in touch with the P and C on their Facebook page or email the President Kya at baldvisgardens.pandc@yahoo.com

Voluntary Contributions

Helping in the P and C is one way you can help raise funds for our school, however another way you can help is by paying your voluntary contributions. If every family paid their voluntary contributions we would have enough money to build a new play space for our students. All families who pay their voluntary contributions by the end of term will go into the draw to win a family pass to the movies, but most importantly you will make available valuable funds that can be utilised early in the year.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Please note there are two different times for each class. You only need to attend one of those meetings.

Kindergarten Classes will receive a note from their class teachers regarding their class meeting times.

Pre Primary and Year 1 Class Meetings

(Note the Year 1/2 class (Mrs Taylor) has a different time. See below)

Monday 12th February at 7.30 am

OR

Thursday 15th February at 3.00 pm

Year 1/2 class (Mrs Taylor) and Year 2 Class Meetings

Monday 12th February at 3.00 pm

OR

Tuesday 13th February at 7.30 am

Year 3 and 4 Class Meetings

Tuesday 13th February at 3.00 pm

OR

Thursday 15th February at 7.30 am

Year 5 and Year 6 Class Meetings

Monday 12th February at 7.30 am

OR

Thursday 15th February at 3.00 pm

Picnic in the Garden

This is our annual whole school picnic in our beautiful school grounds. Come along and meet our new families, enjoy the live band music from the band Copycatz and celebrate the beginning of a new school year in 'The Garden'. Gates open from 5 pm. BYO rug and picnic tea or support the P and C by buying a sausage sizzle. I look forward to seeing you at the picnic on Friday evening.

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Jayne Ebsworthy
Principal