

Week 5 August 14th 2017

I returned to school last week after my surgery and it was wonderful to be back in The Garden. I did miss you all, however I was very confident you were in good hands with Mr Batt and Mrs Stewart our two highly valued deputy principals.

I thank them sincerely for filling my role so capably in my absence. They did an amazing job and the feedback from staff, students and parents has been very positive.

Can you believe we are in Week 5 already? We are half way through Term 3. The last five weeks are very busy so please keep your term planner close by as there are lots of special events coming up. I **have attached a new term planner as we have changed the choir assembly planned for Week 7 to Week 10 22nd September, the last day of term.**

Foundation Mural

As the foundation Baldivis Gardens school community we have a responsibility to leave a lasting legacy for future generations of Baldivis Gardens families. As you will be aware by now, the children are participating in an Artist in Residence project to make an eight metre long mosaic mural to be displayed on the library wall. The mural will reflect our school project 'From

Forest to Garden' and every child's name will be written on a brass honour board. **Please ensure your child has paid their money for their Artist in Residence workshop commencing tomorrow.** We have kept the cost to a minimum and reduced the cost for those with more than two children. This payment pays for the workshop and we are currently liaising with other groups and businesses to help us pay for the other associated costs. I have attached another copy of the note that has gone home.

Our School Garden Project: From Forest to Garden

This week you will see more action in our school garden at the back of the library. This garden is being created thanks to some very generous donations from Bunnings. Following on from the successful planting of some bush tucker plants during NAIDOC week, courtesy of our PALS grant, we will now commence work on the next stage of our garden. We will plant a garden reflecting the foods the early settlers grew and also flowers, fruit and vegetables from the times when our school site was a market garden. We thank Bunnings for their enormous generosity in providing the planter boxes, plants and tools we need to establish our garden project.

Community Assembly this Week

Mrs Bruce's Pre Primary class is leading this week's assembly. Please don't miss this wonderful time where our community comes together to celebrate our students' learning and achievements. Morning tea will be served following the assembly.

Choir Performances

Our Junior and Senior Choir performed last Wednesday for the residents of the Affinity Retirement Village in Baldivis. The residents loved our choirs' performances and they also enjoyed the interaction with the students. Thank you to Mrs Graham and our talented and committed choir students.

Enrolments for 2018

We are still waiting on some families who have not enrolled their Kindergarten and Pre Primary children for 2018. Please come to our front office and complete the enrolment forms this week. We do have kindergarten places still available, so if you know people moving into the area please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible. Also, could you please let us know if your family won't be here in 2018. This will help our planning.

Absences

I wish to remind parents of the importance of regular attendance at school. However, when your child is unwell please notify us on the morning. You can do this by emailing the school

Baldivisgardens.ps@education.wa.edu.au or phoning our school on 9523 700.

Earn and Learn

Shopping at Woolworths? Then please collect the stickers and ask your family and friends to collect them for us. The stickers will earn us some great resources. Thank you to everyone who has already returned lots of stickers to our collection box in the library.

School Board

Attached is a report of the last meeting from our Board Chair Judith Hill. I encourage you to keep in touch with the work of our School Board.

The school board members would like to invite interested parents to an open board meeting on **Tuesday 29th August**. This is a great way show your support to the board members and also to find out more about how are school is governed. Put the date in your diary. The meeting starts at 7.00 and will be over by 8.30 at the latest.

Triple P Parenting Seminars

The second of a series of three Parenting Seminars is on this **Tuesday 15th August** at 9.00 am in our conference room near the front office. The final seminar will be on the 22nd August. Parenting can be tough at times and this workshop will provide you some advice and guidance in how to raise confident and resilient children.

Lunchtime Student Wellbeing Group

Deb Cunningham is our much valued school chaplain and she has been running a lunchtime club for our students. A report is attached. We are so fortunate to have such caring staff in our school who are prepared to run these extra activities for our students. Thank you Deb!

Book Fair

Our first Scholastic Book Fair is happening next week in our school library! Don't miss out on the chance to support our school by buying some quality books for your children or as gifts for others. The Book Fair will be open from Tuesday 22nd August after school and you should have already received a note about this.

Book Week Dress Up Assembly

By now you should know what book your class is dressing up as for the Book Week Assembly. If not, have a chat to your child's classroom teacher. This will be a very special assembly and we invite you to join us on Friday 25th August at 8.45 am. We have a lot of fun planned for this day!

A friendly reminder....

Payment of your voluntary contributions will allow us to resource our school with quality resources and play equipment. If your financial situation allows please pay your voluntary contributions as soon as possible. **Every family who pays their 2017 voluntary contributions by the beginning of next term, will go in to the draw to receive their**

whole family's 2018 booklist requirements for no cost. This would be a considerable saving for your family!

Helpers in the Classrooms

Teachers are looking for more helpers who can come on a regular basis in their classrooms. So if you would like to help out on a regular basis let your teacher know or come and see us in the front office. We are particularly looking for parents to help in our kindergarten two or three mornings per week for about 30 minutes.

Feedback

Should you have any queries, concerns or feedback please come and have a chat to me or you may prefer to email me Jayne.ebsworthy@education.wa.edu.au

Don't forget we have a website.

<https://baldivisgardensps.wa.edu.au/>

We also have a Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/Baldivis-Gardens-Primary-School-484472595091317/>

I'm looking forward to another exciting week in The Garden. Please join us when you can!

Jayne

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