

Welcome Back to Term 3

I hope you had a happy and safe holiday shared with your children. Holidays are very special times when families can share experiences with their children that not only build positive relationships between family members but also give your children valuable experiences that will enhance their learning at school. I look forward to hearing the children's holiday news on Tuesday.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families and trust their transition to the Baldivis Gardens school community will be a smooth one. There are lots of opportunities to become involved in our school community and I encourage our new families to participate in our Parents and Citizens group or volunteer to help in our classrooms or our library.

What is coming up in Term 3?

This term is a busy one and the school calendar is full of lots of school and P and C events that we would love you to be involved in. The planner was sent out last term but I have attached another copy to this notice.

We will commence the week celebrating NAIDOC Week on Wednesday with the planting

of bush tucker plants in our school garden. Local Elder Charlie Kickett who gave the Welcome to Country at our opening ceremony will share his local knowledge with the staff and students. This is the beginning of our school garden project. Our school garden will be located adjacent to the library wall in the flag pole courtyard. We look forward to sharing our vision for this garden with the community over coming weeks. The garden will be the focus for our integrated cross curriculum studies incorporating Science, Language Studies and the Humanities and Social Sciences. This school project is titled 'Forest to Garden' and we have secured funding from a range of sources to ensure the sustainability of this project. If you have an interest in gardening and would like to support staff and students maintain our garden please email me.

Changes to our Early Childhood Play Area

You may have noticed some activity in our Early Childhood playground over the holidays. The bitumen area allocated for future transportable classrooms is being dug up and replaced by grass and woodchips to create a far more appropriate play surface for our Kindergarten and Pre Primary students. We have been

waiting for a long time for this to be actioned and we are delighted your children will now have more space to play and we will have more opportunities to provide creative play opportunities.

Can you help us transport a tractor ?

We are very keen to get our tractor into this new play area, however we need a contact for someone who can transport this tractor from Kenwick to Baldivis where it will be sandblasted and painted. If you know of anyone with a vehicle with a tip tray who could help us please let me know as soon as possible.

Enrolments for 2018

Enrolments for Kindergarten and Pre Primary for 2018 are due by **THIS FRIDAY 21st July**. We need to plan for next year and so we ask parents to ensure they have enrolled their 2018 Kindergarten and Pre Primary children. If you know of families who plan to attend our school next year then please ask them to enrol as soon as possible. Year 6 students planning to attend Baldivis Secondary College should also enrol for Year 7 2018.

School Board Vacancy

At our last community assembly it was my pleasure to introduce some of our Board members, including our Chair Judith Hill. Due to Sherilee Fish moving to New Zealand we have a parent member vacancy on our School Board. I have attached a nomination form and do

encourage you to nominate for this position. Nominations close at 4pm on July 28th. As an Independent Public School the School Board has an important role in the governance of our school. Please email or phone me if you would like to know more about what is involved. Our School Board meets twice a term and there is some training required.

School Banking

School Banking will commence this Friday in the covered assembly area before school. Please refer to the attached information.

We Welcome a New Staff Member

Tami Law joins us in the role of Manager Corporate Services this term while Shari McGregor takes long service leave. We welcome Tami to our school. Tami will join Shiralee Harvey in our front office. Both Shiralee and Tami look forward to meeting you and assisting you with your enquiries.

Acting Principal Roles

Unfortunately I need to have some surgery on my feet and so I will be taking a few weeks sick leave from this Wednesday 19th July. Mr Batt and Mrs Stewart will capably fill my shoes in my absence. I look forward to returning as soon as I am mobile again.

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***Jayne Ebsworthy
Principal***