

Week 6 August 21st 2017

Welcome to **Book Week**. There is much excitement in The Garden as we begin our Book Week celebrations which will culminate with the Book Week dress up assembly on Friday morning. You should have received a note or Connect notice from your child's class teacher informing you of their class book. The children are asked to come dressed as a character from this book. We do hope you will join us for the assembly.

We also hope you will support our school's **Book Fair** which commences tomorrow afternoon in our school library. Reading to your children every day and providing opportunities for your child to read at home will definitely make your child a better reader and writer. The research to support this is overwhelming. So Book Fair is a chance to buy some quality books for minimal cost to increase your home library. Your purchases will also allow us to buy more books for our school library. However, please remember books don't have to cost anything and your local library is always there to provide quality books at no cost to you.

Open Night

Next week Wednesday 30th August is our school's Open Night and you are invited and encouraged to come along any time between 5 pm and 7pm and join with your child to enjoy all the fun of their classroom. It is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents and other special people in your child's life, to participate in classroom Maths activities, look at their classroom work and celebrate their progress. You also will have the opportunity to meet our wonderful staff and ask any questions you may have. Our Science teacher Mrs Raphael will open up the Science lab for you to experience all the fun of Science the Baldivis Gardens way. I hope you can make it. I know your children will love to share this night with you.

Faction Athletics

Our carnival days are coming up. Please mark them in your diary. Tuesday 5th September from 8.40 – 11.00 will be our 400 metres event and also our jumps and throws. The main event is all day on Friday 8th September and all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved on this day. We would love you to join us if your work commitments allow. A program will go out next week.

School Board Open Meeting

Our Board members would like to invite parents to our next board meeting on Tuesday 29th August. Come along and be the first to see our new Business Plan, hear about our first NAPLAN results and listen to the discussion about the official opening of our foundation students' commemorative mural and plaque.

Triple P Parenting Seminars

The third workshop in our recent series of Parenting Seminars is on TOMORROW 22nd August at 9.00 am in our conference room near the front office. Do you want your child to be resilient and able to face the knocks life may throw at them? Our school's social skills program 'Highway Heroes' calls these 'bumps in the road'. If you want to help them cope with those bumps come along tomorrow and have a listen. You may find it helpful.

Foundation Mural

Your children did a wonderful job working on the mural last week and we can look forward to seeing the mural installed on the library wall sometime next week. Parents if you know a local business that could help us with the engraving of every child's name onto a brass plaque could you please contact me as soon as possible.

Our School Garden Project

Have you checked out our school garden? Our garden is taking shape thanks to the very generous donations from Bunnings. We truly

value this community support and thank Bunnings for their support of our gardening project 'From Forest to Garden'.

Uniforms and Lunchboxes

We would like all children to be wearing a school uniform hat and to be wearing a uniform jacket.

School uniform builds a sense of pride and a sense of belonging. However, if you cannot provide a uniform hat or jacket can you please ensure your child has a navy blue jacket and a plain navy blue hat. This would be very much appreciated.

I have noticed children getting their lunch boxes mixed up as some children have exactly the same lunch boxes. Please name them clearly on the outside so your child does not get confused and eat the wrong lunch!

Earn and Learn

Wow you have been such good shoppers! Thank you so very much. Keep shopping and keep collecting those stickers. We will receive some great resources for our school as a result of you collecting those stickers. Spread the word to your family members who may not have children attending a school!

Do you want your whole family's 2018 booklists free of charge? Are you in the draw for the prize?

If your financial situation allows could you 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!

Crunch & Sip School

We are now officially a Crunch & Sip school thanks to our school's Health and Wellbeing Committee. We thank you for supporting this whole school initiative. We know it takes a little extra time to make sure your child has their Crunch & Sip packed every day, however we really appreciate you doing this. Water and healthy food feeds your child's brain. Without water and food they can't achieve to their potential. Check it out at www.crunchandsip.com.au

School Banking

School Banking happens every Friday morning before school and is an initiative of our P and C. There is a special competition on at the moment and I have attached the details for you. Give your child the chance to see the value of saving for the future and enjoy the rewards along the way.

I have also attached some flyers for some community events happening in the local area. I thought some of you may be interested.

I look forward to seeing you at our Book Fair in the library or at our Book Week Dress Up Assembly on Friday.

Have a happy week and don't forget to be in touch with me if you have any suggestions and feedback.

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