

## **Week 2 July 24<sup>th</sup> 2017**

What a busy first week! The students have come back to school ready to learn and have settled into routines really quickly. Jayne is at home recovering from her surgery and should be back in a couple of weeks.

On Monday, our teachers and support staff spent an afternoon at the Baldivis Children's Forest in preparation for our whole school excursion in Term 4. Everyone came back excited by the learning opportunities and we cannot wait for our class visits.

Last week we celebrated NAIDOC week and this included the establishment of our bush tucker garden on Wednesday. Students attended an information session hosted by Mrs Ashwood and then had the opportunity to plant the bush tucker plants in our new garden. This has been funded by our recent PALS grant.

<https://www.daa.wa.gov.au/community-development/pals>

The Kindergarten students have also been busy growing plants too and were able to harvest their silverbeet last week.

On Friday, we celebrated 100 days of school. As part of this, our staff dressed up as 100 year olds. We started our morning, with lots of fun activities in the covered assembly area and then in our classrooms.

### ***Changes to our Early Childhood Play Area***

We are pleased to say that the grass and woodchips have now been installed in our Early Childhood area and that the children should be able to access this within the next few weeks. We have been waiting 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.

### ***School Reports***

As you are aware all our school end of semester reports are now emailed to parents with a permanent copy available on Connect. The reports in Connect are only available via the website version and not the app at the moment. I have attached a help sheet on how to access these.

Please contact us if you have not received your report, would like another email link sent, or need your Connect details reissued.

### ***Enrolments for 2018***

Enrolments for **Kindergarten and Pre-primary** for 2018 closed last Friday. We are still accepting applications for enrolment after the deadline and would ask that you get these in as soon as possible. If you know of families who plan to attend our school next year, please ask them to enrol as soon as possible.

### ***School Board Vacancy***

As outlined last week, 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### ***School Disco***

Our first school disco is being held this Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, in the covered assembly area. I have attached a flyer for the disco and tickets are available each morning this week in the covered assembly area. Thank you to our hard-working P&C for getting this event up and running so

quickly. I am sure that great fun will be had by all.

### ***School Banking***

Pru the mascot and Libby from the Commonwealth Bank visited the school on Friday to encourage the students to start saving. This is a great fundraiser for the school, but also encourages saving and financial awareness for students. Banking is every Friday from 8:15am outside the library.

Please refer to the attached flyer for more information or speak to Vanessa and Tenneal, our hard-working coordinators on a Friday morning. Again, many thanks to the P&C for getting this up and running in our school.

### ***Baldivis Secondary College Transition***

Paul Jones, one of the deputy principals from Baldivis Secondary College met with our Year 6 students to get to know them, and answer any queries or concerns they may have about moving to secondary school. Baldivis Secondary College is keen to make our students' transition to secondary school as smooth as possible.

Parents of both Year 5 and 6 students are invited to meet with Paul Jones at our school this Thursday evening 27<sup>th</sup> July, while your children are enjoying the school disco. Please meet with Paul from 5.15 pm in our conference room next to the staff room. This is your opportunity to talk

to BSC staff in a relaxed and informal setting. I do encourage you to attend.

### ***Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for Students with Disability***

Our school is part of a national project about students with disability and/or learning difficulties. We have been asked to provide data about the number of learning needs of children at our school. The name of the school and the name of the students will not be reported. Information about the different types of needs and the programs and resources the school uses to overcome barriers and support children with special educational needs will be collected. We believe it is important to contribute to this because it will help Governments and the Department develop better policies that acknowledge the level of resources needed in schools to meet the needs of all students in Western Australia. If you would like to learn more about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for School Students with Disability you can visit this website:

<http://det.wa.edu.au/supportforschools>

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