

Week 7 August 28th 2017

What a wonderful Book Week celebration we all enjoyed last week. Thank you to the parent community for your overwhelming support of the Book Week celebrations, including the Book Fair. We all enjoyed the fun of the morning parade as we paraded our costumes related to our class book. In the afternoon the staff changed their costumes and performed a pantomime of 'The Wizard of Oz'. The performance had a Baldivis Gardens theme and the focus was on the values of Respect and Responsibility. What a joy and privilege to see the smiles on the children's faces as they watched their teachers enter the world of make believe, bringing a much loved story to life. We do hope the key message you took out of this week was that Reading matters! As a parent you have an opportunity to influence how well your child reads and writes, simply by reading to them every day. Our Vision statement says:

'To nurture students in a safe and supportive learning environment **where parents and staff take shared responsibility** for student growth and development, resulting in students who thrive and a community that flourishes.'

By reading to your children every day, listening to them read and ensuring your children have

access to good quality books at home, you are sharing the responsibility for your child's literacy development. Here at Baldivis Gardens we are committed to improving your child's literacy skills. Just how much your child improves will depend on how committed you are to helping them at home and supporting the work of the school.

Once again we have a busy week in the Garden so don't miss out on the opportunities being provided for you to share your child's education. Your child will value your involvement.

Open Night

This Wednesday 30th August is our school's first 'Open Night'. You are invited and encouraged to come along between 5 pm and 7pm with your children and other family members, spend time in your child's classroom and also visit the Science and Music rooms. Maths activities will be happening in your child's classroom and I know they will be keen to share their learning with you. Our Science teacher Mrs Raphael and our Music teacher Mrs Graham will be also opening up their rooms for you to visit.

Open Board Meeting

This Tuesday 29th August our Board meeting is open to all parents and carers interested in the

governance of the school. In this meeting we will look at our new Business Plan and also our school's first NAPLAN results. School finances will also be discussed in line with projected enrolment figures for next year. This will be an informative meeting of interest to all parents. The meeting will start at 7 pm and we hope to be finished not much after 8pm.

Faction Athletics

Our faction athletic carnival days are NEXT WEEK. Please mark them in your diary. Tuesday 5th September from 8.40 – 11.00 and all day on Friday 8th September. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved on this day. You will receive a copy of the program by the end of this week. Please remember the times may vary on the day.

Your children need to wear their normal uniform shirt and faction hat. We have bought coloured faction velcro belts to distinguish the students' factions when they are competing. Parents have not been asked to buy a faction shirt so could you please ensure your child has a faction hat on the day. These can be ordered on line at Willetton Uniforms.

<https://willettonuniforms.com.au/product-category/schoolwear/>

Your child will also need a full water bottle, sunscreen and their morning tea and lunch.

We will be encouraging students to get into the spirit of the day by wearing coloured ribbons, painting their faces and bringing streamers and

balloons. If spray cans are used to colour their hair this MUST be done at home and no cans are to be brought to school on the day.

If your work commitments allow please join us on this special day. Pack a picnic lunch to share with your children, bring along a picnic rug or chair and enjoy our very first faction athletics carnival in the Garden.

Foundation Mural

The foundation mural 'From Forest to Garden' has been installed today. We invite you to come and have a look with your children and let them share with you their contribution to this work of art.

The foundation honour board will not go up until fourth term when our 2017 enrolments are finalised.

Thank you to Lisa and Paul from Workshed Mosaics for their creativity in design, their teaching and guidance during the student workshops and their expertise and skills in preparing and installing the mural on the library wall.

<https://www.workshedmosaics.com.au>

Free 2018 Booklist for your Family

Thank you to those families who have paid their Voluntary Contributions this week and now have the chance of winning their family's booklist requirements for 2018. Payment of your voluntary contributions is a way for parents to

contribute to the school's resources without time consuming and energy draining fundraising ventures. At the moment we have less than 50% of our parents who have paid their voluntary contributions. As a new school we need resources both for the playground and classroom and if all our parents were to pay their \$60 per child voluntary contributions our school would be able to buy some much needed resources.

Communication Survey

Last week I sent out a short survey related to our school communication via Connect, Facebook and our school website. Thank you to those who have already returned this survey. I do value your feedback so please return the survey as soon as possible. I have attached another copy of that survey in case you have misplaced it.

Have a happy week and I will look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening at our Open Night.

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Principal