

Week 3 July 31st 2017

Last week was again another busy week with our first ever school disco being held last Thursday. This was a huge success with lots of dancing, games and fun had by all. The P&C raised important funds to buy equipment for the set-up of our school canteen. A big thank you goes to Kiya, Terri and the P&C team for arranging such a fantastic fundraiser for the school and thank you to our wonderful school community for supporting it.

Choir Performance

Our Junior and Senior Choir will be performing next Wednesday for the residents of the Affinity Retirement Village in Baldivis. They will join them for morning tea before they perform several songs. They have been putting in lots of hard work preparing for this and we know the residents will love it. This will also be great practice for the students in readiness for the Massed Choir which is later in the term.

Enrolments for 2018

Enrolments for Kindergarten and Pre-primary for 2018 have closed. Kindergarten letters of acceptance will be sent out this week and you will need to confirm your acceptance by filling out the additional enrolment forms and sending them back by the 25th of August. Pre-primary letters of acceptance will also be sent out this week. If you haven't yet enrolled for Kindergarten or Pre-primary for next year please do so as soon as possible.

PEAC Testing

Our Year 4 students will participate in PEAC testing tomorrow. This is a program designed to offer extension and enrichment for gifted and talented students. All students in Year 4 will sit the test unless parents have notified the school in writing that they do not want them to. The school will be notified by the end of the year if any students qualify for the program in 2018.

Attendance Certificates

One of our priorities is to maintain good attendance at school. Students missing just one day per fortnight will miss around a year and a half of schooling by the time they reach Year 12. We know that high attendance at school provides more opportunities for student success. Students who had an attendance rate of 98% or higher in Term Two will be receiving a certificate this week.

Wipe Out Waste (WOW) Wednesday

Don't forget that every Wednesday is our WOW day. Waste is collected and measured each Wednesday and the class with the least amount of waste will receive some extra play time. Please help us reduce our impact on the environment by reducing the waste you send to school.

School Board

Our next School Board Meeting is this Tuesday. As outlined last week we had a vacancy on the School Board for a parent member. Nominations closed last Friday and I am pleased to announce that Katherine Lothian will be joining our board. The School Board looks forward to working closely with Katherine.

P&C Meeting

The P&C have a meeting on Wednesday 2nd August at 7pm in the Conference Room. Please come along and find out how you can help out with their projects.

School Banking

Again, many thanks to the P&C for getting this up and running so quickly. 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. For more information, speak to Vanessa and Tenneal, our hard-working coordinators on a Friday morning.

National Consistent Collection of Data

All schools are part of a national project about students with disability and/or learning difficulties. We have been asked to provide data about the types of needs and adjustments required for children at our school. The name of the school and students will not be reported but information about the educational needs and adjustments will be in order to help the Government and the Department of Education plan for future policies and funding. 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>

Earn and Learn

Our school is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program this term. This is a great opportunity to earn school resources such as Maths, Science and PE equipment simply by collecting stickers when you shop at Woolworths. There is a collection box at the Baldivis Woolworths with our school's name on it and also one in our school library. Please help us with this promotion by asking for the tokens when you shop and placing them in our school's collection box. More information is attached to this notice.

Triple P Parenting Seminars

Three free parenting seminars will be held at school on the 8th, 15th and 22nd of August. These will be run by the Child and Adolescent Community Health Service. They will provide you with advice and tips for parenting and raising confident and resilient children. A crèche will operate so please RSVP to reserve your place. For additional information please see the attached flyer.

Baldivis Secondary College Transition

Paul Jones, one of the deputy principals from Baldivis Secondary College met with parents last Thursday evening to go through transition to Baldivis Secondary College. During Term 4 our Year 6 students will visit the College for a transition day.

VacSwim

VacSwim is a Department of Education run program that provides families with affordable swimming lessons in a safe and enjoyable environment. Please read the attached flyer for more information on how to enrol your child in VacSwim swimming lessons for the October and December/January school holidays or find out more about VacSwim and to enrol online please visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming

Community Assembly

On Friday, we will be holding our first Community Assembly for Term Three. This will be hosted by Mrs Taylor's Year 1 class. Please join us for assembly and morning tea afterwards.

Have a fantastic week!

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***Mel Stewart
Acting Principal***

