



News from

The Garden



Week 8 September 4th 2017

Thank you for coming out last Wednesday evening to our Open Night. It was great to see the students so excited to share their classrooms with their families. I am sure you will agree with me your children are making very pleasing progress and they are very proud of their efforts.

I was delighted to see so many families taking the opportunity to visit our Music room and our Science laboratory. As you know Mrs Graham and Mrs Raphael provide exemplary specialist programs that are giving your child rich learning experiences in addition to their classroom program. It was good to hear the very positive feedback about these two programs.

Father's Day Events in our Pre Primary and Kindergarten

Great to see so many Dads make the effort to attend our Father's Day events in the Pre Primary and Kindergarten. **Dads you are so very special in the life of your children and they just love sharing their school life with you.** Thank you so much for attending our special events. We hope you know you are welcome any time in our classrooms. Just let your child's class teacher know you are coming prior to the day.

Release of Business Plan 2017 – 2019

This week you should have received a Connect notice that had our school's new Business Plan attached. As an Independent Public school we are required to have a business plan that clearly outlines our vision, our goals, our targets and our strategies to achieve those targets. Our school's Board has endorsed this Business Plan and I commend this document to you. If you have children moving through our school over the next three years this document provides you with a very clear picture of the school's strategic direction and outlines the shared responsibility of home and school if we are to achieve our goals and targets.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Business Plan please email or phone me and I will gladly hold a parent information session. If you would like a paper copy please request one through the front office.

NAPLAN

Results of the National Literacy and Numeracy testing held in May this year have been released to schools and parents of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Parents of our Year 3 and Year 5 students now have their individual student

reports. At last week's board meeting our board members were presented with our school's results which will soon become public on the Education Department's 'Schools on Line' site and next year on the 'My School' website.

Our results show our students' performance varies greatly, with some children performing exceptionally well when compared to others in similar schools. However, we do have a significant number of children performing below minimum standard or well below expected levels when compared to 'like schools'.

My staff and I have every confidence that with parent support, we can significantly improve these results over the next three years. Our Business Plan outlines the strategies we intend to use to challenge and extend our high achieving students, as well as the strategies to ensure those students currently performing below expected level make significant progress and growth. My staff and I are equipped for this challenge. Please work closely with us to achieve our student targets.

Faction Athletics

Our faction athletic carnival days are THIS WEEK. Tomorrow Tuesday 5th September from 8.40 – 11.00 is when the jumps and throws events will be happening and Friday 8th September is our all day carnival. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved on this day. Attached is the program for Friday. Please remember the times may vary on the day.

Parents of children competing in the jumps and throws events have been notified by letter last week.

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 are available for sale through the front office. They 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.**

The P and C has organised a coffee van selling some food and the menu is attached. However you are encouraged to pack a picnic lunch to share with your children. So bring along a picnic rug or chair and enjoy our very first faction athletics carnival in the Garden. The weather forecast is good at the moment so fingers crossed we have a sunny day.

Foundation Mural

The foundation mural 'From Forest to Garden' has been installed and the response from the students, parents and visitors is so very positive.

Please contact me if you have a connection with an engraving business that may be able to help us with the plaques naming the foundation students.

Nuts and Nut Pastes

Please do not send your child to school with nut paste sandwiches or any sort of whole nuts. This includes Nutella and various varieties of peanut paste. Some children have extreme allergic reactions to any form of contact with nuts. Just a smear of nut paste on a water tap or a pencil could be enough to trigger an anaphylactic reaction. Please respect these children and their families and keep nut paste sandwiches for home.

Community Assembly Week 10

Our next community assembly is not until Week 10, the last day of school this term. This will be a Music assembly and I do encourage you to attend. In addition to some fantastic music performances by our students Mrs Graham will share with the community some exciting music opportunities planned for our students. Come and celebrate a really happy and successful third term.

Special Events End of Fourth Term

Hard to believe fourth term will be upon us very soon. Parents are asked to note the dates of significant events at the end of Term 4. You may like to request leave from work to attend these special days and celebrations.

Awards Assembly and the unveiling of the Foundation Mural Plaque: **Friday 8th December at 8.45 am**

Christmas Carols Concert and Evening in the Garden: **Friday 8th December from 5 pm**

Graduation Assembly: **Wednesday 13th Assembly at 8.45 am**

Whole school picnic in Rockingham: **Thursday 14th December (All Day)**

Numero Cards for Sale in the Office

The students have been enjoying playing the card game 'Numero' in class and at the lunchtime club organised by Mr Batt. We now have Numero Cards for sale at the front office. They are \$12.00 per packet. They can be paid for at the front office using Cash or Eftpos.

P and C Update

The P and C has been very busy. This term we have attended some P&C Training and the WACSSO Conference. We have had a couple of well attended meetings and we've also established the P&C Facebook page - find us at Baldivis Gardens P&C. One thing we've been working to achieve this year is starting a canteen. Last week a group of parents met to form an official Canteen Committee. We will be meeting every Tuesday morning in the Conference Room till the end of term if you would like to join us.

**Next P&C Meeting is Wednesday
13th September 7-8pm**

Thank you

Kiya (President)

2018 Enrolments

Do you know families who are moving into Baldivis and plan to enrol at our school in 2018? Can you please ask your friends to contact the school as soon as possible. This will allow us to have a more realistic idea of expected numbers. Similarly if you know your children will not be attending Baldivis Gardens in 2018 then please let us know.

I look forward to seeing you at our very first faction athletics carnival on Friday!

A reminder that students must wear their school uniform shirt on the carnival day. We will provide them with a coloured sash for their races. They can wear ribbons, decorate their hair, paint their face and carry streamers.

Have a happy week and remember feedback always welcome via my email Jayne.ebsworthy@education.wa.edu.au or phone 9523 7000.

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