



News from

The Garden



Week 4 August 7th 2017

We had a fantastic first community assembly for Term Three last Friday. Mrs Taylor's class demonstrated to us the importance of respect and showed us how to respect each other. This is one of our nine core values and forms part of our GROW ethos. Well done CB2 Room 2!

We look forward to Mrs Ebsworthy's return on Thursday of this week. She has recovered fabulously and is looking forward to being back.

Choir Performances

Our Junior and Senior Choir will be performing this Wednesday for the residents of the Affinity Retirement Village in Baldivis. Then on Thursday they make the journey to Churchlands for their first Cluster Rehearsal in preparation for the Massed Choir Festival at the Perth Concert Hall in Week 10. Our committed choir members along with Mrs Graham and Mr Batt, spent time at school on Saturday rehearsing for the performances. Thank you to the students and Mrs Graham for the amazing dedication you have shown to our school choir. Your hard work is paying off and you sound fantastic.

Choir Solo Selection

We are very proud of both Alisha and McKenna who tried out for some individual roles in the Massed Choir Festival that will take place later in the term. Around 450 students will be performing on the night and we are very excited to announce that Alisha was selected to perform a solo at the event. Congratulations Alisha!

Enrolments for 2018

Enrolments for Kindergarten and Pre-primary for 2018 have closed. Kindergarten acceptance letters were sent out last 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 were also sent out on Friday so expect them soon. If you haven't yet enrolled for Kindergarten or Pre-primary for next year please do so as soon as possible.

Voluntary Funds

Each year, schools ask for a voluntary contribution from parents to assist in the provision of resources that add value to the learning experiences of students. We have currently received less than 40% of our voluntary contributions. This money is spent on the students so please consider carefully if your family can afford to pay their voluntary contributions. All families who pay this year's voluntary contributions will go into a raffle draw to win their children's book lists paid for in 2018.

Parent Help

We love parent help in all of our classrooms, especially in our Early Childhood classes. We value any amount of time you can share with us to support your child and others in the class. We are currently seeking volunteers to work in a Kindy class for 20 minutes per day, three times a week, to provide much needed support. If you would like to help out then please let us know.

Foundation Mural

By now you will have received a note regarding our school mural project which I have attached to this Connect notice. This is a great chance to cement your child's name in the history of Baldivis Gardens as a foundation student. Students will be working with an 'artist in residence' to create a mosaic tile. The tiles will be put together to create a mural reflecting the history of our school site: 'From Forest to Garden'. We have asked for a cost of \$15 per child or \$30 per family. Please return your payment and form by Monday. We look forward to being a part of this exciting project.

Dogs on the school ground

It is a Department of Education policy that dogs are not allowed on school grounds. We have some children in the school who are allergic to dogs and others who are afraid of dogs. Please do not bring your dog on the school grounds.

Wipe Out Waste (WOW) Wednesday

Congratulations to Mrs Harris' Year 2 class for being our WOW warriors last week and earning themselves some extra play time. Don't forget that every Wednesday is our WOW day. Please help us reduce our impact on the environment by reducing the waste you send to school.

Book Week and Book Fair

We will be celebrating Book Week in Week 6, culminating in our Book Week parade which will be held on the morning of Friday 25th of August. Mrs Goddin will also be running a Book Fair in the Library during Week 6. A display will be set up with a fantastic range of books catering for all ages and interests. This provides you with a wonderful opportunity to purchase books for your child with the added bonus of helping us purchase books for our Library.

School Banking

Will continue to run every Friday from 8:15am outside the Library. For more information, speak to Vanessa and Tenneal, our hard-working coordinators on a Friday morning.

Earn and Learn

Our school is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program this term. Don't forget to help us with this promotion by asking for the tokens when you shop and placing them in our school's collection box. Thank you if you are already collecting tokens.

Triple P Parenting Seminars

Three free parenting seminars will be held at school over the next three weeks, the first one being held tomorrow in our Conference Room. 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.

Have a fabulous week!

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