

4 August 2017

Dear Parents

As you are well aware your child is a foundation student at Baldivis Gardens Primary School, having enrolled in our very first year of operation. I have been working to determine the most appropriate way to acknowledge our foundation school community in a way that will provide valuable historical information, have meaning and significance for our students and also enhance our school grounds.

With the support of the staff, the Board and the P and C the decision has been made for all students and staff to participate in an 'artist in residence' project where every student and staff member will contribute to the creation of a mosaic mural reflecting the history of our school site: 'From Forest to Garden'.

As you know we have commenced our school garden with the planting of a bush tucker garden as part of NAIDOC Week. This garden area on the back wall of the library, in the courtyard facing the covered assembly area, will be expanded in the weeks and months to come to include plants reflecting our early settlers and the flower and market gardens that followed. The garden will be a focus for a whole school integrated curriculum that has been developed by my staff, and will include the Humanities and Social Sciences, Science and Languages curriculum areas.

The mosaic mural will be placed on the back wall of the library next to the school garden. It will cover an area of approximately eight metres. Each participant, both staff and students, will make their own element and also contribute to other shared areas of the mural (butterflies, dragon flies, bees and ladybirds). The mural will be placed at a height that enables the children to touch and identify their work.

The artists that will work with your children are Lisa and Paul Petale from Workshed Mosaics and I have worked with them before on a similar project and I can assure the community that the process of the children creating their own unique piece of this mural will be both educative and enjoyable. I am also confident the final product will be visually appealing and a lasting tribute to our foundation school community. I refer you to the Workshed Mosaics website and in particular the murals created at Burrendah Primary school as an example of the quality of the art work that will be produced.
<http://www.workshedmosaics.com.au/gallery/index>

Placed next to the mural will be a brass plaque that names all foundation students and staff. This area of the school will become a focus when the school celebrates significant milestones. Having recently been involved in 40th year celebrations at my previous school, I understand the importance of ensuring our history is well preserved and accessible to future generations of students who will attend Baldivis Gardens Primary School.

Obviously, there are costs involved in a project of this quality. We are currently applying for grants and seeking financial support from local businesses. Please contact the school if you know of a business that would like to contribute to our foundation mural project. Every business that contributes will be acknowledged on the brass plaque next to the mural.

The cost of the 'artist in residence' project that the students will participate in will be **\$15.00 per child or \$30 for families with two children or more**. Payment can be made by **Cash** or **EFTPOS** through the admin office, or online through **QKR** or for **Direct Deposit**: BSB – 066040, Acct - 19903864 (please provide family name and purpose in the reference).

Please return the consent slip below with your payment to the front office

We look forward to you supporting this project by ensuring your child's artwork is represented in the mural. My past experience assures me that the children will be so very proud of their work and interact with the art work on a regular basis.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for clarification of any matter related to this project. We look forward to receiving your family's payment by **Monday 14th August, 2017**.

I am excited by the opportunity to create a lasting legacy of our foundation Baldivis Gardens school community and I look forward to your support and attendance at the official opening of this art work later in the year.

Mrs Jayne Ebsworthy
Principal

Please complete the consent form below and return to the front office with payment by Monday 14th August, 2017.



FOUNDATION MOSAIC MURAL WORKSHOP CONSENT FORM – WEEK 5 TERM 3

I have read and understood the information regarding the Mosaic Mural Workshop and have enclosed payment for my child/ren to participate in the 'artist in residence' project and consent for:

_____ in Room: _____

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_____ in Room: _____

_____ in Room: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

If you are having difficulty in paying by the due date please contact admin on 9523 7000 to discuss a payment plan

☐ I am interested in contributing extra funds to this project through sponsorship.

Please provide details & contact number: _____ Contact No: _____

Office Use Only

Payment Received: _____ ☐ Cash ☐ EFT ☐ QKR ☐ Direct Deposit Batch Ref: _____