

News from The Garden



Thursday 1st April 2021 Today's Community Assembly

If you were at today's community assembly I am sure you will agree it was a happy time and your children showed great respect and beautiful listening manners. Miss Cooper's Year 1 class shared some information and entertained us around the theme of the Zones of Regulation. This is a strategy we use here at Baldivis Gardens to help our students acknowledge their different emotions and learn how they can move between the different zones so they are 'ready to learn'. They did a fantastic job. Everyone loves a Year 1 assembly!



We also celebrated our GROW award winners and I am delighted to see so many of our students thriving in The Garden and demonstrating our GROW ethos.



We were also privileged to hear our senior choir sing the song they sang at the Crown Theatre last week as part of a

Telethon breakfast event. This was a large production that acknowledged the organisations and groups receiving Telethon funding. Thank you to Mrs Graham and our Senior Choir who represented our school so well. Our choir has worked so very hard and made lots of sacrifices to perform at this level. Thank you to the parents who encourage and support their children to participate in choir. If you would like your child to join choir send Mrs Graham an email kate.clarke@education.wa.edu.au She would love to hear from you.

May I share with you a parent app that has been funded by Telethon called Bright Tomorrows. You may find it very helpful as you face the challenges of parenting.



Staffing Changes for Term 2

Next term, in Mr Batt's absence, Miss Clare Addison will join Mrs Mel Stewart and myself in the front office in the Deputy Principal role. Clare will be a great asset to our team as she is an experienced educator and school administrator. We welcome Caitlin Woodward to our school who will take Clare's Year 5/6 class for Term 2.



We welcome Caitlin to The Garden!

Harmony Assembly

I would like to thank the parent community for supporting our Harmony Day last Thursday. Your children looked wonderful in their cultural dress and the colour orange. We couldn't do events like these without your support and thank you sincerely. We are one!



Interschool Swimming Carnival

Last Friday our interschool swimming team competed at our district's interschool swimming carnival. Once again we were so proud of the values our students demonstrated while competing. Congratulations to Dasha Tetlow Year 6 Champion Girl, Lucas Glenn Year 4 Runner up Champion Boy and David Glenn Year 5 Runner Up Champion Boy.



Congratulations Miss B!

Miss B is getting married over the holidays and I am sure the school community will join with me in wishing her well on her special day.



Half Day School Closure Wednesday 30th June

I have recently received confirmation and approval from our Regional Education Office to close the school from 12 pm on Wednesday 30th June from 12 pm for end of semester parent/teacher interviews. Please note this date in your calendar. Our Baldvis Gardens school community has supported this Department of Education approved closure in past years and I am sure this year will be no exception. Next term you will be sent a form to be returned through QKR to acknowledge you are aware of the closure and inform us if you cannot make alternative arrangements for your children. Our understand OSH Club will be providing extended hours from 12 pm on this day.

ANZAC Day Service

Our ANZAC Day service will be held in Week 1 Term 2 on Thursday morning 22nd April. We will be asking parents to contribute a small bunch of flowers for our wreaths on the Wednesday. Please see attached invite.



Dental Therapy Holiday Opening Hours

The Dental Clinic will be open 2 days over the school holidays.

Friday 9 April 8am to 4pm and

Wednesday 14 April 8am to 4pm.

Emergency contacts for the school holiday period.

Week 1: East Waikiki DTC 9527 8188

Wed 7 April 8am to 4pm

Thurs 8 April 8am to 4pm

Week 2: Wellard DTC 9553 0610

Mon 12th and Tues 13th April 8am to 4pm

Thur 15th and Fri 16th April 8am to 4-m.

Baldivis Gardens DTC | Dental Health Services

Ph: 08 9523 7011

Vacant Parent Board Position

I would like to ask the parent community to consider nominating for a parent position on our school Board. Our school Board is responsible for the governance of our school and in our recent school review their important role was acknowledged, as was their effectiveness. Our Board is a fun group of people who are committed to our school. If you would like to know more about this position and the process for election please email me Jayne.ebsworthy@education.wa.edu.au. We hope to have our new board member elected early next term. I look forward to having a chat with any parent who is interested in this important role.

News from our Board Chair

On Thursday 25th March we held our last board meeting for this term, it was much more pleasant than our previous meeting when we all had to wear our mandatory face masks! This time, we were invited to the Library to watch a 'Mini Lit' presentation which is a literacy program run by Mrs Musilli. Mini Lit is an early literacy intervention program which teaches reading skills to children in Years 1 - 2 who are achieving below the expected range for their age group. It was a very informative and interesting presentation. Mrs Musilli is clearly very passionate about improving student's literacy and confidence in their abilities.

Once we were back to the conference room Mr Batt and our MCS Ms Law gave us a very thorough break down for the financial update. It was interesting to learn what payments we receive and the strategy the school uses to best maximise the use of resources to enable the school to meet its education objectives. We also discussed the encouraging results of our recent school review and that the next one will be in Term 1, 2026. You will see that we have a parent board member position available. For me personally being a parent board member has been a very informative fulfilling role that I enjoy a lot. I work during the day so I am not always available to help out in class or with P&C fundraising activities so this way I still feel like I am contributing to the school and community. We have two meetings per term on Thursday nights from 6-7:30pm, if this is something you think you could commit to please contact Jayne or wave me down at school if you need any further information.

Gillian Clifford

Board Chair

After School Winter Sport Opportunities

Footy Focus and After School netball is back so look out for the information attached to this newsletter. What a great opportunity for your children to take part in some additional physical activity and have lots of fun with their friends.

P & C



Well our winners have been picked for our Easter Colouring in Competition. We had 182 entries! We hoped the children enjoyed it. Our winners were announced during today's assembly and their teachers will hold onto their prize until after school.

Today Thursday 1st April is also the last day to get your order in if you would like to buy one of the Remembrance

candles. If you have lost your form please message one of our members. There is still plenty left to order. They are a beautiful way to pay respect to our fallen soldiers. These will be available to collect in week 1 term 2.

Cheesy toasties for 50c on a Thursday have been a big success! I would like to thank Jen and her wee team of helpers who have given up their Thursday morning to make them also to Tracy for storing the bread rolls in her personal freezer!

The P&C would also like to announce that we will be donating \$1500 to the school to go towards the cost for buses! Hopefully this will help bring the costs down for bus hire to our school and to our parents.

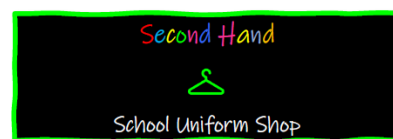
Lastly I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped us in Term 1. We have had a lot of support and it really warms my heart when we all come together as one. Have a safe and happy Easter holidays see you in term 2 for some exciting things!!!!

Michaela
P & C President



Second Hand Uniform Shop

Next term the P & C will be starting up a pop up second hand uniform shop for buy and sell. This will be held over near the undercover area on Mondays at school pick up and Thursdays at school drop off.



On week 2 of term 2, the P&C will be starting a second-hand uniform shop. We will be set up outside the wet area of the Goshawk block on the following days:

Monday afternoons 2:30pm – 3:00pm
Thursday mornings 8:10am – 8:40am

We will be selling school polo's, jackets, and hats as well as navy shorts, skorts and long pants.

For the first week, we will be selling only to get us started. Then from the second week, we hope to be able to buy your items from you. It will be cash only.

Come on down and say hi and get to know us as well!

Thank you to our Awesome P & C

The P & C has advised me they will be donating \$1500 to reduce the cost of swimming lessons coming up in Term 3. As parents you must be very grateful for the work being done by our P & C and their commitment to supporting parents as much as they can.

Canteen

I am pleased to advise the school community that we are moving forward to gain expressions of interest for an external provider to run a canteen. A full time canteen is too much for our parent community to commit to so this is the best alternative. We know the parent community is keen to see this service available and encourage you to share this request with any business or individual you may know.

Baldivis Gardens Primary School is seeking expressions of interest for an external provider to run and operate the school's onsite canteen.

The term of the arrangement will be for a period 5 years and ideally the school would like the canteen to operate a minimum of 5 days per week.

The school currently has 480 students in years Kindergarten to Year 6 and 45 staff onsite.

The successful Respondent will need to comply with the Department of Education's Healthy Food and

Drink in Public Schools Policy and all staff will need to undertake a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check (NCCHC) through the Department's Screening Unit.

Submissions can be emailed to tamra.law@education.wa.edu.au or BaldivisGardens.PS@education.wa.edu.au and must be received by 5.00 pm on 14th May 2021. Submissions received after the closing date and time will not be considered.

Murdoch University After School Program

Murdoch University *After School Program in Mathematics and Physical Sciences* provides classes once each week 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Please see the attached flyer or email Afterschoolprogram@murdoch.edu.au for Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. We provide classes with physical distancing in place, and our classes begin in the second week of each school term.

Ray Tauss

Deputy Coordinator

Murdoch University *After School Program in Mathematics and Physical Sciences*

Winners of Voluntary Contributions Prizes

I would like to congratulate the following families who paid their voluntary contributions and were the lucky ones to be drawn from the lucky dip box.

The Young Family (Hutch) won a family movie pass.

The Enkuzis Family (Ella) won an Easter hamper.

When you pay your voluntary contributions you contribute greatly to our school's resourcing and you REALLY make a difference to your child's education.

I have heard that next term the P and C will be offering a really awesome prize for a lucky family who pays their voluntary contributions. Look out for more information next term.

Updated Term Planner

I have attached an updated Term 2 Planner. Once again it is a busy term full of learning and lots of fun and rewarding class and school community experiences.

May I wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday. I know your children will be looking forward to spending time with you and getting out and about doing exciting holiday activities. While you are doing that, my staff and I will rest up, take some time with our family and friends and look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 20th April.

Kind regards

Jayne
Jayne Ebsworthy
Principal

