

## **Welcome to the 2021 School Year**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

After a week of 'lock down' we were delighted to welcome our students back into The Garden on Monday. The first week of school has been a smooth one thanks to my hard working and very professional staff and also the parent community, who have respected the need for social distancing and mask wearing. Term 1 is now an eight week term, however we will pack plenty of learning into these eight weeks.

I wish to extend a special welcome to our new families joining us in The Garden for the first time in 2021. I would like to invite interested parents to an information session, as our planned session was cancelled last Friday due to the lock down. If you are a new or recently arrived parent and you would like to meet with me to learn more about our school or ask any questions you may have then please email me at [jayne.ebsworthy@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:jayne.ebsworthy@education.wa.edu.au) and we will make a time to suit you.

I would also like to inform the school community that I will be taking long service leave each Friday for the 2021 school year. In my absence Mr David Batt will fill the Principal role every Friday and Miss Clare Addison will join Mrs Mel Stewart as Deputy Principal. We welcome back one of our much loved permanent staff members, Sophie Capewell, who is returning from maternity leave. Miss Capewell will teach Miss Addison's class on a Friday. As you may be aware David Batt has capably led our school in my absence previously and I have every confidence we will share this role effectively, with no disruption to the governance of the school.

Thank you for keeping in contact with us through these Connect Notices. Can I also refer you to our 2021 Parent Handbook which was emailed out earlier this year. I encourage you to access our website which contains up to date information for you to refer to including these newsletters, the Handbook, planners, uniform information and out of school hours care (OSH Club) information. We also showcase what is happening in our school via our Baldivis Gardens Facebook page.

Included below are some important information I would like to bring to your attention.

*Jayne*

**Jayne Ebsworthy**  
**Principal**

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

Please refer to our Term 1 school planner attached which shows clearly when your parent teacher meetings are commencing next **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February**. Your children's teachers would love you to attend these meetings so they can share some really important information with you. When parents and teachers have a shared understanding of routines and expectations your children will benefit greatly. Please try to prioritise these meetings if your work commitments allow.

### **Elections of Student Leaders**

This week we held our first faction assembly and during this assembly we announced our newly elected Year 6 student leaders. These students were elected by their peers after some very inspiring speeches given to their year 4 – 6 peers last year.

Congratulations to the following students who will be presented with their badges at our first community assembly on 25<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Head Boy**

Alexander Va'a

#### **Head Girl**

Akezia Aranui

#### **Councillors**

Harper Strother

Charlize Stark

Myli Anderson

Emily Schiller

Isabella Lenaghan

#### **Red Faction Captains**

Omar Azmadi

Annabel Abey

#### **Green Faction Captains**

Dasha Tetlow

Zealand Gavin

#### **Gold Faction Captains**

Elodie Baldini

Max Low

#### **Blue Faction Captains**

Zavier Nicholas

Le'vael Van Zyl

#### **Community Assemblies**

Term 1 community assemblies are marked on the planner attached, however what form these will take and who will be able to attend will depend on COVID restrictions. Mrs Harmse's Year 2 assembly that was scheduled for this week will now be held in Week 5 next term.

#### **Gifted and Talented Program**

Year 6 Parents are reminded of the closing date for the Gifted and Talented Secondary program has been extended and will now close on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Families need to apply through this [website](#).

#### **Medical Updates and Forms**

Parents if your child needs medication administered in school hours we need you to complete an updated medical

form. Please return to the office as soon as possible so we can ensure we can administer medication correctly and as required.

#### **After School Play in Playgrounds**

We are happy you are enjoying our Early Childhood and Junior playgrounds after school. Can we please ask two things:

1. Parents can you supervise your children closely when they are playing. School rules apply when playing on the playground.
2. Parents can you please leave the area by 3.15 pm when the gates need to be closed by our cleaners.

#### **P&C AGM**



Our P & C would like to invite all parents to their AGM on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 6 pm in our staff room. Show your support for our P& C Executive and do all you can to attend this meeting.

#### **COVID next week**

I will send out a parent communication when I know what the next stage of our COVID restrictions will be for next week. Thanks so much for your ongoing support and cooperation to keep our community COVID safe.

#### **An OSHClub Message**

Welcome Baldivis Gardens families to OSHClub!

We are excited to commence our new journey together and a great year ahead of care for your children.

Attached is our key information sheet, specific for the Baldivis Gardens program as well as our OSHClub Handbook.

Some important additional information

- The service's direct contact number is 0400 521 941 and will be available during session times from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February

- For any account or booking assistance please contact our Customer Service & Billing Team on 1300 395 735
- For any feedback please contact our local service support manager, Fiona, on 0455 323 189
- The OSHClub main room for drop off and pick up is the enclosed Undercover Area
- All Kindy and Pre-Primary children will be delivered and collected from class each session
- Parents are to enter for drop off and pick up via the gate next to the dental therapy building at the front of the school.

We are also pleased to introduce our people who will be welcoming you and your children next week.

Please find attached some information on our Coordinator Siobhan Dillon and Educator Emilie Carver.

We look forward to welcoming you and your children into the service!

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