

Wednesday 24th February 2021

Today was the culmination of our School Review Process when Rod Lowther Director of School Review and Trudy Burke Principal Burns Beach Primary School visited our school to meet with staff, students, parents and community members. My staff, my School Board and I are always reflecting on our achievements and challenges and reviewing our processes and practices. However, this is an opportunity to be reviewed by others outside our school. Rod and Trudy gave us some very positive feedback at the end of the day. Thank you to all our parents who contributed to this review process. The final review report and recommendations will be made public when the report is finalised.



Community Assembly TOMORROW 25th February

Tomorrow's community assembly will be led by Miss Addison's Year 5/6 class. Today they have been rehearsing in the covered assembly area. This is our first community assembly for the year. Due to Phase 4 COVID restrictions we ask that **only** parents of children in Miss Addison's class and the parents of the GROW award recipients attend the

assembly. We do appreciate your co operation in this matter and we look forward to coming together as a whole school for the first time for quite some time.



Icy Poles are Back Every Wednesday at Recess

Don't forget to send your child with a \$1 every Wednesday recess this term. Money raised goes towards our 2021 Year 6 Camp.





We had a fabulous turnout last night at our first GM for the year! So lovely to see familiar faces plus welcome some newcomers too.

We have just created a new Facebook group which should enable more direct communication and better features so be sure to search for Balddivis Gardens Primary School P&C on Facebook and share amongst you.

We are now looking for volunteers for our upcoming Election Day sausage sizzle which will be held on Saturday the 13th March. For anyone interested in helping us out, please let us know!

Over the next week, the children will be coming home with a booklet containing Bendigo Bank raffle tickets for them to sell to their family and friends. There are some amazing prizes up for grabs in this raffle.

P & C Executive

Protective Behaviours Workshops

Attached are flyers for two important parent workshops coming up at our school.

The **Protective Behaviours Workshops** to be held at our school are workshops that no parent should miss. Every parent wants their child to be safe, but unfortunately the statistics show that many children are at risk. Please make the time to attend these free workshops and hear about some strategies that could protect your child. Please encourage your friends and other family members to attend. See the flyer for registration details.

The **BOOST Workshops** are a must for any parent who wants to do all they can to help their child learn to read and write. These workshops are designed for parents of Kindergarten, Pre-primary and Year 1 students.

Our School Violin Program



This year Mrs Graham has initiated and organised our very own Balddivis Gardens violin program in addition to the Department of Education's Instrumental Program. Mrs Graham a talented and experienced violinist and instrumental music teacher is teaching these classes. We are so fortunate to have a Music teacher with these skills, expertise and passion. Our first cohort of violin students have just begun and are enjoying their first lessons with Mrs Graham. However, we know learning this instrument won't be all fun and there will be lots of hard work required. We do encourage parents to do all they can to support and encourage their children to persist with learning a musical instrument as the long term benefits are great. Research tells us learning to play an instrument has a very positive impact on students' academic achievements. You may like to read this article to encourage you and your children to take up the wonderful music opportunities we are offering at our school and to persevere through the challenges of daily practice and rehearsals.

<https://www.abc.net.au/classic/read-and-watch/music-reads/learning-music-early-can-make-your-child-a-better-reader/10506140>

Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival is coming up on Monday 15th March. This will be held at the Rockingham Aquatic Centre commencing at 12 pm. This carnival is for all Year 4 -6 students as there will be traditional races for those who can confidently swim and also fun games and activities in waist deep water for the other students. Payment and permission

forms can all be done through Qkr so please read the attached permission note and the explanation about how to use Qkr. All excursions and events requiring permission and/or payment will now be done using Qkr.

Before and After School Safety

Just a few reminders about before and after school:

- All students who arrive at school before 8.25 am must go to the covered assembly area where there is supervision from 8.20 am.
- Doors to classrooms open at 8.25 am.
- Please no playing on any of the playgrounds before school.
- After school Year 1 – 6 students are released from classrooms without waiting for a parent or carer to pick up, and therefore any families with access restrictions or court orders in place must be waiting to meet your children to ensure their safety.
- Children may play on the Early Childhood and the Junior Playground after school if they are closely supervised by an adult. When the bell rings at 3.10 pm can everyone leave so our cleaners can close the gates please.

BASSA Carnival

Due to circumstances beyond our control the District BASSA carnival has been moved to Tuesday 9th March. A note will be sent home to our Year 5 and 6 students today via email today. A copy of this note is attached.

Voluntary Contributions



Thanks so much to the following families who have already paid their voluntary contributions. These families are already in the running to win a reserved parking space in front of the Admin block or a family movie pass, however most importantly they have contributed to our school budget and allowed us to buy more technology, and more Literacy and Numeracy resources.

ABEY	HUDSON	PINKNEY
ADAMS	HUNT	RAMSAWAK
ALLAN	JENKINS	RAPHAEL
ALSUDANI	JONES	REED
ALVAREZ	KANWAL	REID
BANN	KARGINOFF	RICHARDS
BATSON	KATTAMPALLY	ROBERTS
BENTLEY	KELLY	ROBINSON
BINDOFF	KRUGER	ROBIS
BOW	LAJH	SAINI
BROOKSBANK	LING	SCHILLER
BROWNRIGG	LLOYD	SCOTT
BWANYA	LORETO	SELVAKUMAR
CAMPBELL-ROBERTS	LOURENS	SHERRIFF
CASEY	MAGWAZA	SMART
CLARK	MALIA	SOMMERVILLE
CLEAVER	MANCILLA-ZULETA	STORER
COCKRAM	MANSILLAS	STREICH
CROSS	MASOE	TAILOR
DE OCAMPO	MCLEISH	TAYLOR
DE VANEY	MCMANUS	THOLE
DEWAR	MICHELS	TIEMAN
EATON	MOAGI	TURNER
ENKUZIS	MOFFAT	VAN ZYL
GIMONDO	NURDIANTO	VELLA
GLENN	OWEN	VERMEER
GULLEN	PASKIN	YOUNG
HAWKINS	PASSMORE	ZAMPINO
HEWSON	PATERSON	
HOLLANDS	PEARCE	
HOSKING	PETERS	

Smart Watches

As you will be aware, students are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during school hours and these must be handed into the front office for safekeeping.

We are noticing an increasing number of smart watches being brought to school and we strongly discourage this as these are very expensive if damaged or lost. If smart watches must be brought to school, they need to be placed in airplane mode or handed into the office in line with Department of Education Policy. In addition, students must not use these devices to film, take pictures or make sound recordings during school hours.

School Canteen

As you are well aware we don't have a canteen. The parent community has tried very hard over the last four years to get a canteen happening. Thank you to all the parents who gave it a go, your efforts were appreciated. However, a canteen needs a lot of people to allow it to run effectively and efficiently. As our parents have busy lives and many people work it is hard to find enough volunteers. The decision has now been made, for the school to take on the process of sourcing a business to run our canteen. Our School Board will be involved in this process which will take some time, however I hope we can have a canteen up and running by second semester.

Enjoy your long weekend this weekend.

Kind regards

Jayne

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Principal