



News from

# The Garden



**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

## **Harmony Day Assembly**

Tomorrow is our Harmony Day Assembly. We look forward to your children wearing their cultural dress or something orange. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background. Your children have been involved in classroom activities throughout the week and our Harmony Day Assembly will allow us to come together as a whole school to celebrate our school's cultural diversity. Please join us for a parade prior to the assembly commencing at 8.40 am from the top courtyard near the Administration Block.



## **Congratulations Mr Batt!**

It was a pleasure to inform the school community of Mr Batt's appointment as Acting Principal at Gibb Street Primary School for next term. This is a wonderful opportunity for

David and I am sure you all will join with me to wish him well as he takes on this new role. Our school community will eagerly await his return in Term 3. We are currently running a process within our school to fill the positions created by David's absence and I hope to be able to inform the school community of these staffing changes early next week.



## **Half Day School Closure Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

I have recently received confirmation and approval from our Regional Education Office to close the school from 12 pm on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 12 pm for end of semester parent/teacher interviews. Please note this date in your calendar. Our Baldivis 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.

## **ANZAC Day Service**

Our ANZAC Day service will be held in Week 1 Term 2 on Thursday morning 22<sup>nd</sup> April. We will be asking parents to contribute a small bunch of flowers for our wreaths. More information to come closer to the date.



### **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.

**Baldivis Gardens DTC | Dental Health Services**

Ph: 08 9523 7011

### **Meet our Chaplain Laura**

Have you met our Chaplain Laura Ballantyne? Laura is here every Monday and Tuesday and supports our staff and students in many ways. We thank Laura for her valuable work in our school. Employed by Youth Care, Laura is also a community member on our school Board.

**Meet the Chaplain**

**A little bit about Laura**  
My name is Laura, and I am the chaplain at Baldivis Gardens Primary School. I am still quite a new chaplain but am enjoying every minute of it, as I love creating strong relationships with staff and students. My main goal is to support the school however best I can, whether it be a long chat, helping a classroom or a quick game of 'Uno'.

**Goals for 2021**

- Equip students with activities to improve their social skills.
- Organise programs that support emotional regulation.
- Participate in 'Breakfast Club', sports carnivals, camps and other school events.
- Provide social and emotional support to students, staff and the community.

**Contact**  
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Phone: 9523 7000 - Monday and Tuesday

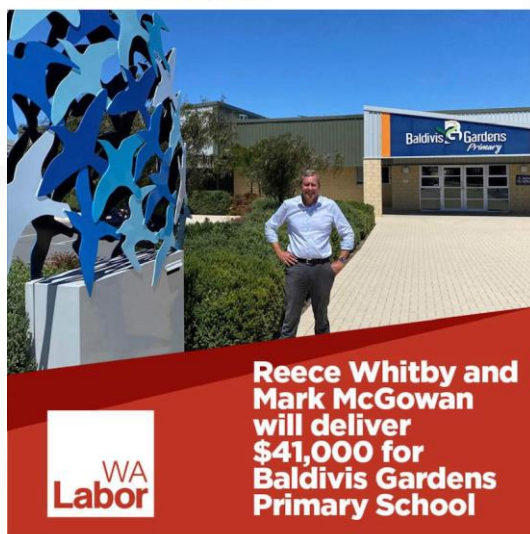
### **Shade for our Whistler Transportable Classrooms**

Look what our Labour Government has offered our school. This is so very exciting as it will mean our Whistler Block has protection from sun and rain. We are very appreciative and look forward to the money arriving and the building starting.



A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will deliver \$41,000 for an outdoor shelter structure at Baldivis Gardens Primary School.

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### **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, we have lots going on at the moment, such a busy and exciting time! By now the children should have come home with their raffle books for the Bendigo bank raffle.



To be in with a chance of winning that \$15,000 prize, make sure you return your completed raffle book and money to the P&C box in the office by May 12th.

You should all have also received an order form for our special Remembrance tea-light candles. As we only have 200 of these available, be sure to get your order form and money into the P&C box in the office as soon as you can!



Just a reminder that we have our 50c cheesies again, available at recess on Thursday from the canteen. For K-PP kids, just hand the .50c to your teacher at the beginning of the day.

If you haven't already done so, please spare a few minutes to complete our survey. We take everyone's feedback on board and want to make sure everyone is happy with what we are doing within the P&C.

The children will be coming home with an Easter colouring competition as well- to be in with a chance of winning a prize, please return their completed colouring in to the office.

And finally, next term we 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. More details to come very soon!

Michaela  
P & C President

### Subway Orders



Subway Lunch Orders are on again the last week of Term 1. Orders are due back Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Cash only as we don't always have change.

Thank you to all who support our Subway Lunch Orders - \$1.00 from every Subway order is donated to the school to support reducing the costs of buses for excursions.

Last year we were able to fund the whole school Baldy's Children's Forest bus cost. This would not be achievable without your support.

### Voluntary Contributions

Next week we will draw out the name of the lucky family who will win their very own reserved parking bay outside the office or a family pass to the movies. Every family who has paid their voluntary contributions will be in the draw. I sincerely thank the families who have paid their voluntary contributions as you have truly made a difference to our budget. You have allowed us to buy Literacy, Numeracy and Technology resources that without the contributions we would not be able to buy.

I look forward to seeing you at our special Harmony Day assembly tomorrow which will be capably led by Mr Richardson's Year 4 class.

*Kind regards*

Jayne  
Jayne Ebsworthy  
Principal