

Welcome to Week 6 Term 2 2020

Wednesday 10th June 2020

What a great week this has been. The sun has shone and we are delighted to welcome parents back on school grounds for pick up in the afternoon. As a school community you have embraced every recommendation we have made in relation to keeping our community safe through this COVID journey and this week was no exception. Thank you for adhering to the guidelines that were sent out last week. The guidelines we have put in place are:

- Parents of students in Years 1- 6 are asked to leave their children at the gate.
- K and PP parents will continue to enter and leave the Early Childhood area through the car park gate. Please note Kindergarten and Pre-primary students will now be released at 2.50 pm and there will be no staggered finishing times.
- Parents are invited to come into the school grounds to pick up their children and connect with their classroom teacher at the classroom door if they wish.
- Parents are asked to refrain from entering the classrooms.

We will review these guidelines at the end of term and I invite parent feedback and comment to me at jayne.ebsworthy@education.wa.edu.au

Semester 2 School Events

I am delighted to say the current lifting of restrictions has allowed us to go ahead with planning some of the extra curricular events we have previously held in 'The Garden' and also look for different learning opportunities to engage our students. As we have had no charged school events in the first semester we are delighted to offer your child the opportunity to participate in a variety of challenging and engaging extra curricular events. We have done everything we can to reduce the cost of these events and we have put together a payment plan package with all the planned events for the remainder of 2020 included, with the exception of interschool carnivals. These carnivals are not confirmed yet and therefore not included in our package.

The events we have packaged for P - 6 students include:

- An Artist in Residence: Mosaic Art Work for our school grounds
- I Dance
- An excursion to the Baldivis Children's Forest

- An excursion to Sci Tech

Kindergarten students will receive a different package.

A note that will come home later this week with more details of each activity and will also outline the charges and the discounts available. There are significant savings for those who pay by the end of this term and there is an opportunity to have a payment plan over Term 2.

We are excited to offer these extra learning opportunities in a year that has been very different and I am sure the parent community will support the school through the prompt payment for these second semester events.

Cross Country Event Years 1 – 6 Week 9 Friday 26th June

A few weeks ago I indicated in a Connect notice we may not be able to allow parents to attend this event. However, with the lifting of restrictions our cross country carnival can go ahead with events staggered to reduce the number of parents on our oval at the one time.

A note will be coming out this week confirming if your child has nominated for this special school event. Students nominate to run the cross country as not all students feel comfortable running long distances and find the event quite stressful. The students who attend school regularly have had a lot of opportunity to practise so they are very much ready for the event. The students who have not nominated will be cheering the other children on.

We need parents to read the note carefully and strictly adhere to social distancing expectations. I

look forward to seeing you there if your work commitments allow you to do so.

Whole School Sandwich Making

Next term we hope to see the return of our very popular 'whole school sandwich making day'. This is an event the students love and an event that promotes healthy eating. Many of our students have very healthy lunches with minimal packaging, however we are noticing an increasing amount of packaged snack type foods in our students lunchboxes. Teachers are expressing their concerns that students are hungry or high on sugar following recess and lunchtimes. Your growing children cannot focus on learning when they are hungry or high on sugar so please give them a substantial and healthy lunch.

Jackets in Winter Time

We are seeing a lot of hooded coloured jackets now we have cooler mornings. Can parents please not send children to school in coloured jackets and jumpers. A plain navy blue jacket or windcheater or the school uniform jacket is what children need to wear. We are proud of our school uniform and the sense of belonging it creates for our students. Always name your jackets clearly so they can be returned to your child.

Appointments and Early Pick Ups

We understand that sometimes students will need to be collected during school time for appointments. Can you please call the office on 9523 7000 prior to your arrival (10 – 15 minutes) so that the office staff are able to organise for your child to meet you in the office. Please note: Our

recess time is 10.40 am – 11.00 am and lunch time is 1.00 pm to 1.40 pm. If students need collecting throughout these times please call before the start time as office staff are unable to locate students throughout this time.

Enrolments 2021

If you know of families moving into our area who plan to enrol in our school next year can you please ask them to contact the school. Similarly, if you know you will be moving from The Garden then please let us know. I realise it seems very early to be thinking about 2021 but I am required to submit estimated numbers and request extra transportable classrooms for 2021 over the next few weeks so it is very helpful to know if families are planning to attend.

A message from our P & C



WHO WANTS TO WIN A SCOOTER?!

Reece Whitby our local MP has kindly donated a **BRAND NEW SCOOTER** to help with P&C fundraising. To abide by social distancing the events we can hold are limited so we have decided to run a colouring in competition.

PRIZES

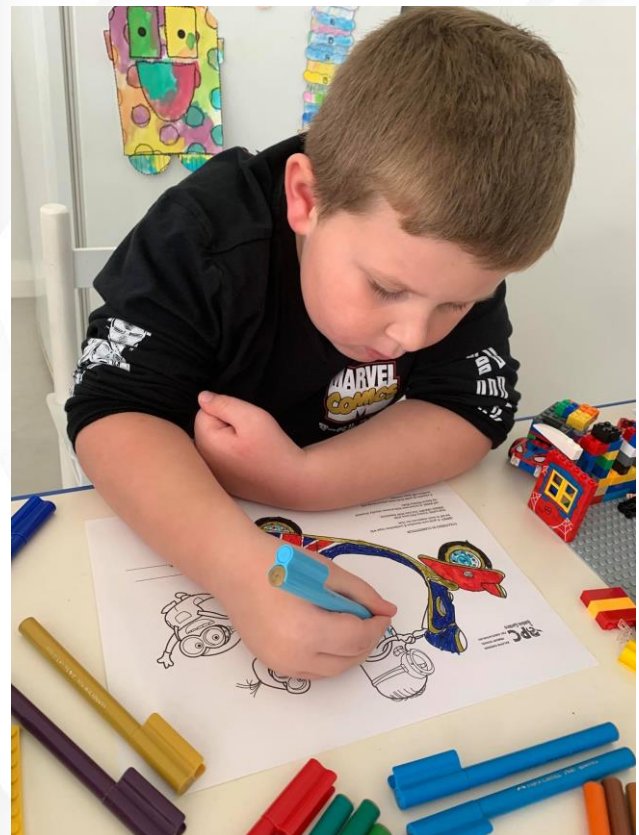
Reece Whitby is going to choose one winner from each school block. These four winners will be added to a hat and Reece will draw one of these to win the scooter. The three runners-up will win pizza vouchers. The winners will be announced during the week 10 assembly.

1st Prize - Brand New Scooter and helmet!

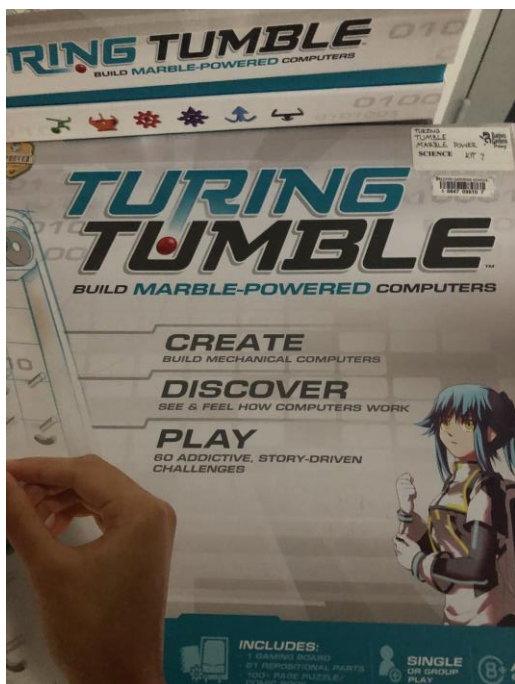
Runners-up - Pizza Vouchers

HOW TO ENTER

Your child should have been given a copy of our colouring in competition. All you have to do to enter is send your child with a gold coin along with their colouring sheet and bring it back in the envelope to their teacher or office before Friday 26th June.



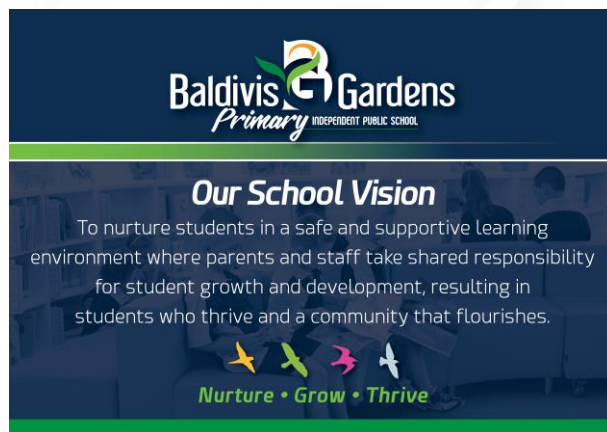
Digital Technologies : Turing Tumbles



Great to see our Year 4, 5 and 6 students loving their digital technologies lessons. 'Turning Tumble' is an activity that allows our students to simulate building a computer. They create patterns, count, compare numbers, solve problems and use logic. It is hands on learning that challenges and builds skills across a range of areas. No one is off task in these lessons!

Attendance

Well done to the families who are attending regularly. COVID – 19 resulted in a disruption to your children's learning and it is important that you minimise future disruptions for your children this year. Your children definitely need to stay home when they are unwell however they need to be at school every other day. This is not the year for your children to be absent for any other reason. Our teachers work very hard planning and preparing their teaching and learning programs and they simply can't keep going back and catching children up on work missed due to unnecessary absences. Every day matters for your child, so please share the responsibility with us for your child's growth and development by ensuring your child attends every day.



Enjoy the rest of your week and thank you for your ongoing support!

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