

## **Welcome to Week 1 Term 1 2020**

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

What a joy to return from the school holidays and see the smiles on your children's faces as they met their new teachers. I am sure you will agree our teachers did a wonderful job welcoming your children back to school and helping them to settle into their new classroom.

I am confident the year ahead will see our community continue to thrive and your children make excellent progress across all areas of the curriculum. May I assure you we will continue to focus on the explicit teaching of Literacy and Numeracy in a safe, orderly working environment. My staff and I are very committed to explicitly teaching social and emotional skills and we have raised awareness of the need to address the mental health needs of our students. If your children are to maximise the wonderful, rich and exciting learning opportunities we provide in 'The Garden' they must be supported in their physical, emotional and social development. We need your help to do this. So from next week, I will include a few simple things you can do to support the work we do and make our school's Vision a reality. I hope you will find them helpful.

### **New Staff**

It is my delight and privilege to welcome the following new staff to our school. I know the school community will make them feel very welcome. These staff have settled in very well and have already shown their

professionalism and commitment to their role in The Garden. We welcome:

Miss Teleah Meuleners to Year 2/3 in Cockatoo Block



Mr Michael Johnston to Year 2 Whistler Block



Mr Jake Nelson to Year 3 Cockatoo Block



Mrs Tara John as Music Specialist K – 1



Mrs Tamie Douglas as Kindergarten Education Assistant



Miss Clara Puhl Languages Assistant



### **Miss G has become Mrs Harmse**

Miss G who taught in our Year 5 class last year is now Mrs Harmse and she is teaching Year 2. Congratulations Simone!



### **Class Teacher Parent Meetings**

The 2020 classroom teacher meetings will be held on the following dates at 5 pm in Week 3. We would love you to take this opportunity to hear from your child's classroom teacher and be informed about class routines and expectations. When you are aware and informed about classroom practices and communicate regularly with your child's teacher you are better able to support your child in their learning.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 5 pm**

**Goshawk and Whistler Blocks** (All Year 1 and 2 classes except the Year 2/3 class)

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 5 pm**

**Sandpiper Block** (All K and PP classes)

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 5 pm**

**Cockatoo Block** (All Year 3 classes including the Year 2/3 class and the Year 3/4 class)

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 5pm**

**Swallow Block** (All Year 4, 5 and 6 classes except the Year 3/4 class)

### **Connect Notices and Communication**

It is wonderful to see an increase in the number of families who are accessing our Connect notices. Close communication between home and school leads to better outcomes for your children. So if you have issues with the Connect app please have a look at our

website's FAQ related to Connect. If you don't find the answer here then please give us a call.

<https://baldivisgardensps.wa.edu.au/connect-faq>

### **Picnic in the Garden**

Our Picnic in the Garden is happening this Friday evening from 5 – 7 pm. The P & C is providing the live music and a whole range of extra fun activities. A huge thank you to the parents who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to make this a special community event. Please bring a picnic tea and a rug or picnic chairs, and come and enjoy the opportunity to meet with other families and have a fun night out as a family.

**I do remind parents that you will be responsible for the supervision of your children at all times.**

The band that will be playing is CopyKatz and they play music that spans four decades, from Rolling Stones to Screaming Jets. They will get you and your children dancing!



### **Coronavirus Update**

I have attached the note that went out on Monday with the latest information related to the coronavirus. Please see me if you have any queries or concerns.

### **School Voluntary Contributions**

Have you paid your voluntary contributions for 2020? If so you go into the draw to win a family movie pass OR a reserved parking spot outside the office door for all of Term 2!

As a new growing school we need your help to buy additional equipment to support the teaching of Literacy and Numeracy as well as improve the technology our students have access to. I sincerely thank everyone who has paid their contributions through the office or through Ziggies, and I look forward to seeing the percentage of families who pay their voluntary contributions improve over 2020.

### **Assembly Day**

Our assembly day has changed and will now be a **Thursday morning**. We have made this change due to the large number of interschool senior sport carnivals on a Friday and the growing number of weeks required to allow every class to take a turn at leading the assembly.

### **Planner**

Please see the Planner attached and note important dates in your calendar.

### **Hot Weather and Shade**

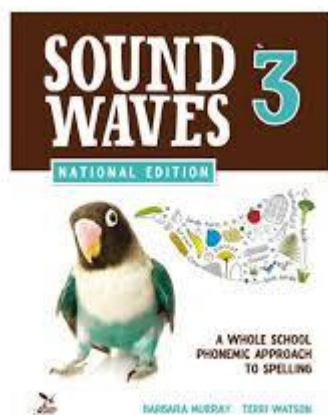
We experienced some very hot weather in December and again yesterday the mercury climbed to well over 40 degrees. When the weather is extreme, as it was yesterday, the children eat their lunch inside and have a reduced outside playtime. Very soon we will have shade over both playgrounds. This will ensure play equipment does not heat up and students are able to play on this equipment in full shade.

You can help your child cope with the heat by ensuring they have a school hat, a water bottle and an ice pack in their lunch every day.

### **Sound Waves Books**

All children from Years 3 -6 had a Soundwaves book on their 2020 booklist. Many children do not have this book. Could you please place your orders at the Admin office as soon as possible or your child will miss valuable learning opportunities. The Soundwaves program is our whole school Spelling program and it

is essential every child in Years 3 - 6 has one. The books are \$17.95. Thank you!



### Allergies

We have several children with severe nut and egg allergies and we ask our community to respect this by not sending any nuts or nut paste (including Nutella) or eggs (products containing eggs are ok) in your child's lunch. If your child was anaphylactic to nuts or eggs you would want to know our school was a safe place for them, so please help us provide a safe place for these children to learn.

### P & C News



*The P&C would like to invite you all to come along to our next AGM. This is to be held on the **26th February 2020 at 6.00pm** in the staff Conference Room. We encourage new parents/caregivers to come along and see how the P & C can benefit your child's schooling. Children are also welcome to come along. There are lots of ways you can contribute, whether it be your time, your skills or even your ideas! So please join us as we would love to have as much input as we can this year.*

*If you are also interested in being on the Executive Team for either the President's Role,*

*Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer role, then please send an email to [baldvisgardens.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:baldvisgardens.pandc@gmail.com) with a wee blurb about yourself which may include any skills you could bring to the team or why you would like to join the team along with a photo of yourself. We also have nomination forms in the front office for you to fill out and return to the office.*

*I believe we all want the same thing for our school - and if we work together we can accomplish many things. 2020 is going to be a wonderful year to put back into the Garden.*

*Michaela*

Thank you for taking an interest in your child's schooling. Don't hesitate to contact me in the front office, via email or when you see me around the school.

*Jayne Ebsworthy*  
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**Principal**

