# News from Baldivis Gardens Primary INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

# Welcome to Week 1 Term 1, 2019 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Welcome back. I do hope you and your family have enjoyed a happy summer holiday. Our year has stared very smoothly and we have currently 433 students enrolled at Baldivis Gardens Primary School.

We also welcome five new staff to our growing school. Mrs Charlene Okely is a new education assistant, after working for us as a relief EA quite frequently. Mrs Laura Pridmore is working in Early Childhood as a support teacher. Tayla Honey and Chloe Thorpe are new teachers in Pre-primary after working for the last three years in Kalgoorlie. Tess Cooper is working as a Year One teacher after providing relief for us last year. Lastly we welcome Matthias Kraut, our new Language Assistant.

We have a new playground being developed for Year 1/2 which will be open shortly and more equipment will be added to it over time. Our staff have been working hard to ensure every classroom is ready to go and I know we are in for another great year. If there are any problems or issues please do not hesitate to see me in the front office.

Kind regards,

David Paine

#### Parent Information Handbook

The 2019 Parent Handbook has very important information about our school and I hope every family will read this handbook.

The 2019 Parent Handbook will be available;

- Through the Connect notice sent out today
- Through the front office (printed copy)
- On our website <u>https://baldivisgardensps.wa.edu.au/</u>

## **Term Planner**

Important dates are on the term planner. A copy is included in the Connect notice. Events will be added to this planner through the term and will be updated on Connect and on the website.

# **New Parents Morning Tea**

We are hosting a morning tea to welcome our new families to Baldivis Gardens PS this Friday at 8:30am. I look forward to meeting with all our new families.

### **Class Parent Meetings**

In Week 3, there will be class meetings after school to discuss classroom expectations, upcoming events and to discuss any questions you might have. Times will be in next week's newsletter.

#### Weekly newsletter via Connect

Newsletters of 'From the Garden' will go out via Connect every Monday evening. Please make sure you keep up to date with the news. You can pick up a printed copy from the front office on Tuesday morning if you would prefer.

#### Next week...

#### Choir

Choir will start in **Week 2**. Junior Choir (Years 1 -3) is on Wednesday at 7:45am in the Music Room. Senior Choir (Years 4-6) will be at the same time on a Thursday in the music room. All students are welcome to attend the first week. Choir is a commitment but is also very rewarding with opportunities to perform in a variety of locations.

# Allergy aware

We have quite a lot of students with a wide range of food allergies. While we can't ban foods, what we do ask is if parents can find alternatives to certain foods, especially foods containing whole nuts in your children's lunchboxes. Our policy is that food should not be shared but severe reactions can be caused by someone not washing their hands after eating or being in close proximity to someone who is allergic. We appreciate your assistance in this as one child having an anaphylaxis reaction while at school is one too many

#### **Uniform and Hats**

I am sure you will agree the students look great in their uniform and hats. Thank you for supporting our dress code and providing your child with a school uniform. Please print your child's name in large permanent letters on the brim of the hat.



#### FREE PARENTING SEMINARS

You are invited to attend the Triple P Seminar Series. You will learn practical, positive and effective ways to deal with common behavioural problems and ways to help your child achieve their best at school and in the future.

Parents are encouraged to attend all 3 seminars:

- 1. Children's behaviour the tough part of parenting
- 2. Raising Confident Children
- 3. Raising Emotionally Resilient

The next FREE 3 week Series is held:

When: Location: RSVP: Starting Tue 26 Feb 2019 Kwinana Darius Wells Library Bookings are essential and places are limited



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