



Parent Communication

Week 1 April 28 2017

Swimming Lessons

What an awesome response for registration and payment for swimming lessons commencing 15th May. Mrs Harvey was run off her feet on Friday with parents making swimming payments. Please don't let your child miss out on this chance to learn to swim at minimal cost. Remember speak to me or our office staff if you would like a payment plan put in place. I have also attached information on making online payments using the Qkr! App which makes paying for your voluntary contributions and excursions quick and easy.

Term 2 Planner

I have attached a Term 2 Planner so you know what is happening this term. We will update as the term goes on and this will be updated on the website

Half Day School Closure

12 pm Wednesday 14th June Week 8

Teachers will hold parent-teacher interviews next term in the lead up to the release of the end of semester student reports. These meetings will be held at various times in Week 8. On Wednesday 14th June we will close the school from 12 pm to allow some additional time for these interviews. We ask parents who can make other arrangements for their children from 12 pm on the 14th June to support this closure, which is supported by our Regional Director and formally approved. However, if you cannot arrange for your child to be cared for on this afternoon your children may remain at school, and they will be supervised by Admin or specialist staff until the regular close time of 2.50 pm.

Footy Before School

Thanks to our wonderful Physical Education Specialist Mr Gardiner Years 4.5 and 6 students can register for Footy Focus before school on Thursday from 7.00 am – 8.15 am. A note was given to all Year 4, 5 and 6 students but I have also attached a note for your information. A great way for your children to be active before school!

PPP Parenting Workshops

Parenting is hard work and tough at times but can be made much easier with some encouragement and simple strategies. We would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a series of parenting workshops. The workshops are open to all parents in the Baldivis community. They will be held on the 16th, 23rd and 30th May at 9.00 am. Please see the attached flyer.

Choir Opportunity

We have many new families enrolled in our school so our Music Specialist Mrs Graham would like to extend an invitation to our new Year 1 -6 students to join our choirs. Senior Choir is on a Wednesday and Junior Choir is on a Thursday before school at 7.45 am. Your children are welcome to join her this week. As they are rehearsing for special events students who are interested must start this coming week.

NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5

Our Year 3 and 5 students will complete their NAPLAN testing this term in Week 3 from Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th May. Please ensure your year three and five children are present on these days as this assessment provides valuable information to you, the school and our education system. A good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast will help them achieve their best possible results.

Attendance Certificates

Students who achieved 98% attendance last term will receive a special award certificate this week. We do respect that student attendance is influenced by their health and students do need to stay home if they are unwell. However, we wish to acknowledge and celebrate excellent attendance as regular attendance greatly influences student achievement.

Uniform Reminder

Winter uniform is navy bottoms with our uniform shirt and uniform jacket. Please try to buy a school jacket if you can afford one, and if not, we would appreciate your

children wearing a plain navy blue windcheater or jacket. Please try to avoid brightly coloured jumpers and jackets. It is a very good idea to write your child's name large and clear on the white lining to avoid confusion with other children's jackets. When students are all in the same uniform there is a greater sense of belonging and pride in our school and this promotes student engagement in learning .

WOW! What healthy lunch boxes!

Not only are we reducing waste but we are also making lunchboxes healthier. Children's brains do not function well on foods with high levels of sugar and colouring. Whole grain cereals, meat, eggs, cheese, fruit or vegetables are the best foods for school. We have seen a huge change in our students' lunch boxes and we thank parents for the effort they are making to send healthy snacks and lunches.

Voluntary Contributions

Your voluntary contributions are now due. As you can imagine in a new school there are lots of resources that the school needs to buy. As you know our P and C is not up and going yet so the parents voluntary contributions will really help us resource the school. Your prompt payment through Qkr! or by cash or cheque will be greatly appreciated.

Future Enrolments

If you know of people building in our area who plan to move in later in the year, and intend to send their children to our school, can you please ask them to contact us to assist our future planning.

Scholastic Book Club

I am delighted to inform you that one of our parents has taken on co ordinating Scholastic Book Club. We extend a very big thank you to Brooke Paskin for offering to do this. We value her willingness to help our school.

Book Club is a way for parents to buy well priced books for their children and for the school to benefit by receiving significant rewards for the sales made. Here is a message from Brooke. She can be contacted on bgpsscholastic@gmail.com

Guess what has just hit Baldivis Gardens Primary School? BOOKCLUB!!!

Hi! My name is Brooke Paskin. I am a Kindy mum and will now also be organising Bookclub :-) Your first catalogue should get to you very soon if it hasn't already. The last day for orders is Wednesday 11th May 2017. If you check the back of your catalogues you

will see the payment options through LOOP which is an app available on all iphone and Android devices making it much easier for everyone. Payment is preferred this way please but cash will be accepted if needed :-) I look forward to doing your orders. I am new to this so please bear with me :-)

School Data and Assessments

On the pupil free day my staff worked very hard to closely analyse the student data and information we have collected over Term 1. One area of concern for many of our students is their speech (articulation) and language (receptive and expressive language). I would like to encourage parents to ensure their children receive early intervention if you are aware your child is having speech and language delay. The younger your child is the easier it is to get intervention through the government system. This is because early intervention has such positive results and therefore there is more funding for pre school intervention. Speak to your child health nurse, your class teacher or myself if you would like to know more.

I look forward to another happy and productive term as together we share the responsibility for your child's growth and development.

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