

Welcome to Week 10 Term 3 2018 Monday 17th September 2018

Interschool and Sports News

Last Friday we hosted the Interschool Carnivals for the six primary schools in Baldivis. Congratulations to Tuart Rise PS for winning the shield. Thank you to the P&C and its volunteers for providing lunch on the day, they raised several hundred dollars which goes back into the students at the school. Well done to Mr Gardiner for all the organisation that went into the day. We are lucky to have such a wonderful PE teacher. It was also great to see all the families come down and cheer on the students. Last, I was so proud of the behaviour and attitude of the students at the carnival. They represented our Garden Community fantastically. Well done to Shemanne Sebar for winning Year Five Champion Girl.

Sadly, this is our final week for Footy Focus, Netball and Runners Club. The students who participated in the program saw their skills improve throughout the term. These programs are excellent as they build a base of motivation and skill to encourage students and their families to link up with local sporting clubs.



This week...

Massed Choir Festival

On Tuesday, the Senior Choir will be performing at the Perth Concert Hall. The students have been practising and if today's rehearsal is anything to go on then the concert will be spectacular. Senior Choir please remember to have something substantial to eat prior to coming back to school at 4pm as there is limited time to eat until the concert concludes at 9pm

First Aid

This week the students from Pre-primary to Year Six will be learning basic first aid as part of a free course provided by St John's Ambulance.

Assembly

Miss Vujovic's Pre-Primary will be hosting the assembly this Friday morning. I know the Pre-primary item will be wonderful.

Voluntary Contributions

Last assembly, Mr Reece Whitby MLA, presented the bike that is the raffle prize for the students who have had their voluntary contributions paid. Thanks to all the parents who have come in and paid them recently. This is the last week for you to get your children's name into the raffle.

In Term Swimming

In term swimming starts on the Wednesday, first week back at school. Please ensure all permission notes are back this week for organisation. Payment plans are offered. Contact the front

German Language

German Day Out

The Year Three and Year Four will be attending the German Day Out at Shelley Primary School on Monday 22nd October. The students will be involved in a variety of different activities and practise their language skills with other students.

Message from our German Teacher Frau Merta



This term our Year 3 and Year 3/4 classes have learned about St. Martin. In the past couple of weeks they have been working hard on their *Laternen* (lanterns) for *Martinstag* (St. Martin's Day). *Martinstag* is named after St. Martin, a Roman soldier who was a good man and showed great care and compassion towards his fellow people. According to the legend, he cut his cloak in half to share with a beggar during a snowstorm.

On the 11 November it is a tradition in for children in many parts of Germany to participate in a procession of paper lanterns in remembrance of St. Martin. In kindergarten and in school, they make their own lanterns and then gather on city streets to sing songs dedicated to *Martinstag*.

We are also going to celebrate *Martinstag* in our school next term. Stay tuned for the date and we hope to see you there.



Why German? Warum Deutsch? DE

Apart from being the language of great philosophers, poets and scientists, such as Albert Einstein, there are many other reasons for learning German. Here are just a few:

1. Digital literacy, bilingualism and creativity are the top skills for the future
2. German is in the same language family as English, it is easier than other languages, and you can learn more in a shorter time while at school
3. German is the widest spoken first language in Europe and is widely learnt as a second language throughout the world
4. Speak German with 203,300 annual visitors to Australia from Germany alone, and when you travel throughout Europe and the world
5. Speak German with the Austrian-, German-, and Swiss-born neighbours
6. Find a job with a global company e.g. in 700 subsidiary German companies in Australia (not incl. Austrian and Swiss), and more in Asia (Source: <http://www.agtv.vic.edu.au>)

New age group added!

TOMASSI'S SOCCER CLINIC

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 6-8 & U11's

Sundays

Term 4 commencing October 14th

8:15am - 9:15am
9:30am - 10:30am (Full)
10:45am - 11:45am

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BALDIVIS GARDENS PRIMARY

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PER 10 WEEK TERM

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TO REGISTER

Small group sessions to ensure each child gets the support they need to enhance their soccer skills

Head Lice

We have had a few classes across the school having issues with head lice. I have attached an information sheet to our connect page with the newsletter for you to read. Holidays are a great opportunity for all families to treat their children's hair to minimise the risk of head lice re-occurring.

Baldivis Gardens Values

Fair Go

The third value of our school is a fair go – to pursue and protect the common good where all people are treated fairly for a just society. Schools are a society in itself as we model and instil the values we would like to see in the wider community. A 'fair go' is an iconic Australian statement harking back to the Queensland Shearers' Strike of 1891 that eventually led to the Australian Labor Party being formed in 1901.

For me a 'fair go' is everyone has the opportunity to improve their circumstances. This is not about the rich getting richer but ensuring we place a value on fairness over being equal. Aristotle stated, 'the worst form of inequality is to try to make unequal things equal'. The right to a fair go is a value of equity where everyone is given what they need to be successful. This is seen in the 400 metre race at our recent faction carnival. Rather than everyone starting on the same line, meaning that those on the outside lane have to run further, the starting lines are staggered so everyone has the same distance to achieve.

At Baldivis Gardens PS we place an importance on giving each student the tools and knowledge they need to be successful. This can be through the variety of programs we offer, the extension and support provided in each lesson, teachers knowing each student and the strengths that they bring to school each day.

Next Term

Next term recommences on Tuesday the 9th October for students. Staff will start back a day earlier for planning and development. I hope you all have a great school holidays.

David Paine
Principal