

News from  
**The Garden**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Week 10 Term 4**

The last week of the school year has been a busy week in The Garden.

The Awards Assemblies last Friday acknowledged our End of Year GROW award winners and provided an opportunity to enjoy the voices of our Senior and Junior Choir and the music of our School Band. Congratulations to our award winners and we commend Mrs Graham on all she has achieved with our choirs through a very challenging year with minimal performance opportunities.



Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Concert on Monday evening. It was wonderful for our whole school community to

come together to celebrate the joy of Christmas. We look forward to more whole school events in 2021.



What a joy to see our Year 6 students graduate yesterday. There was laughter, tears and many proud parents as the 'Class of 2020' graduated from The Garden. We wish these students well as they move on to the next phase of their education

and we thank them sincerely for their contribution to our Garden.



### **Last Day Fun Day**

Today is our Student Fun Day. It is the last day of school for students in 2020. Their teachers have organised some fantastic fun activities for the day and we thank our very generous P & C who donated two bouncy castles for the day. Our Monday Wednesday Kindy group also had a Bouncy Castle on yesterday thanks to our P&C.

### **2021 Reminders**

School commences on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February however, class lists will go up in the courtyard outside our Admin Block at 1.30 pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Teachers will be in their classrooms from

1.30 pm until 3.00 pm for you and your children to visit and say hello. We find this is very successful way of transitioning back to school.

We are keen to hear from you if you are leaving our Garden. Please email us and let us know you if you won't be returning in 2021. And if you know of families planning to attend in 2021 can you ask them to contact us as soon as possible.

Please see the attached information about school uniform supply and delivery.

### **OSH Club School Holiday Program**

Dear Baldvis Gardens Primary School Parents,

OSHClub are busy preparing for a great start in 2021, and if you need care during these school holidays, we've got you covered!

Bookings are now open for the Summer School Holidays at the nearby Baldvis Primary School service (Baldvis OSHClub) that commences on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. You can see all the details of the fun-packed program in the brochure attached to this email.

#### **Special offer - 25% discount on Summer Vacation Care**

To share in our excitement, and to smooth the transition we are extending a 25% discount on each day of care for all children who book and attend at the Baldvis OSHClub service over the Summer program. To reserve your child's place simply log into your account [here](#) and complete the enrolment for Baldvis OSHClub, and add the bookings for the days you require.

We have COVIDsafe plans in place in every one of our services, and our teams are ready to welcome your child in to a fun, active, and inclusive holiday program.



Kind Regards,  
Vacation Care Team





Another year has come and gone here at The Garden and our children are growing up so fast aren't they! As the year comes to an end, the P&C executives felt it appropriate to thank those who have given some of their time and energy in assisting the P&C throughout this crazy year that has been 2020.

We want to firstly thank the parents who have supported our humble fundraising efforts, and for joining us at our meetings. We would like to do a special shout out to our top P&C superstars:

- Zoe Carr and Mel Jarvis for their amazing contribution all year that saw our biggest fundraising profit for the P&C since opening with the cookie dough event. They have also not missed a meeting and are always looking for more ways they can help and raise money for the school. In appreciation we would like to award them with a little gift and certificate.
- Brooke Paskin for all your hard work with organising the bookclub orders each and every edition. This year has really put extra pressure on her with added logistic issues and timeframes and she has done a really amazing job in spite of it all.
- Vanessa Watts for giving up her mornings every Friday for school banking, all the contributions that the kids make and learn the skills of money have made a big difference to the school and we value your time that you put in for us.

We have had a record number of volunteers this year with over 55 helpers from not only our school (which we love) but extended family members which has considerably helped the running of all the events that we do for our kids. If you have been a helper at any of these events please keep a look out on facebook for a special invite to a P&C thank you event over the school holidays.

We would also like to give a big shout out to the amazing companies that have provided support and donations for our fundraising events, without them our profits to go towards the school would not be possible:

- Nourish Food & Coffee
- Woolworths Balddivis
- Reece Whitby Balddivis MP
- Bunnings Balddivis

- Dominoes Balddivis
- Catalano & Co
- Verge Hair Studio
- Tohu Tricky Bickies
- Kmart Balddivis
- RJs Quality Meats
- Perth Bouncy Castle Company
- Veolia Environmental Services
- Ponytails & Fairytales
- Precision Lash & Brow
- Lush Face Painting and Hair Braiding
- Chris of All Trades
- Lets Cut It by Kirsty
- CREME Skin & Beauty Lounge
- Waiora Mirimiri/Massage
- Funky Chicken Entertainment
- Gracie & Rose

These events have helped us raise over \$15,000!! this year that has gone towards some great contributions to the school but also leaving us with a healthy bank balance to kick start next year, including:

- Bike rack for Pre-Primary / Kindy area
- Contribution towards mosaic tiles displays
- Icy poles for all teachers and students after the colour run
- Various vouchers for classes and students for top fundraising achievements
- New BBQ for P&C events

We have some wonderful things in store for the New Year, and look forward to your ongoing support. It has been a year full of ups and downs with COVID-19 and events having to be cancelled like the Easter hamper raffle and getting creative where we could like having the colouring in competition. Between the school and the P&C we have held a range of events over the year but here is a list of what the P&C organised for the school in 2020, this would not have been possible without all the help:

- Picnic in the Garden
- Easter Hamper Raffle (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Mothers Day Stall (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Colouring In Competition
- PJ Day
- Sausage Sizzle Lunch
- Billy G's Cookie Dough
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
- Fathers Day Stall
- Faction Carnival Sausage Sizzle
- PP & Kindy Faction Carnival Icy Poles
- World Teacher Day (not for profit)
- Pizza Lunch Day

I know we have said a lot of thankyou's but without our hard working principal Jayne Ebsworthy and all the amazing teachers and staff supporting and appreciating what the P&C

are doing it would not be possible. This year the communication and collaboration between the P&C and the school has been amazing and has strengthened our ability to contribute and organise as many events as possible which in turn benefits our kids to have a fun and memorable school experience and the school receive funding and contributions towards projects and infrastructure.

Next year we will be holding our first GM back and all the executive positions will be available for nomination along with a fundraising committee established. If you have seen the work of the P&C and would like to be involved please get in contact with us via the facebook P&C Baldivis Gardens page or to our email address [baldivisgardens.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:baldivisgardens.pandc@gmail.com). We are looking at making our P&C meetings more inclusive via virtual meetings etc so if you are interested in that also please let us know.

Finally, congratulations to all the students graduating this year. I hope your primary school experience has been one to remember and we wish you all the best for your next chapter into high school.

I hope everyone has a safe and merry Christmas and we all come back in 2021 refreshed and ready to take on the new year with (fingers crossed) a little more normality.

The P&C Team of 2020

## ***Happy Christmas Everyone***

Thanks for your support and encouragement in 2020. Yes, it has been a different year but we have learned a great deal and achieved much. You should be very proud of your children's progress. They have done exceptionally well and we are excited about the opportunities that 2021 will bring.

Please look for learning opportunities at home over the school holidays and remember every child will benefit from reading every day. Turning screens off for a short time every day and allowing time for your child to read and to be read to will make a huge difference when they return to school next year.

The office will open on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January. My staff and I wish you a very happy Christmas holiday. Stay safe and well and I look forward to seeing you and your children back in The Garden next year.

***Jayne Ebsworthy***  
***Principal***

