

Welcome to Week 2 Term 3 2020 Wednesday 29th July 2020

I Dance has begun!

I Dance has begun this week and what a joy to see our students so engaged in the dance lessons and doing so very well. Most families have paid for I Dance through the package or a payment plan. We will be calling families who haven't paid, to confirm if they wish their child to participate. Children who are not participating will work in another classroom while their class does their dance lesson. I will make a decision about how the students share their amazing creative energy and perform for parents later in the term, when we know how our state's COVID situation evolves.

Whole School Sandwich Making

Whole school healthy sandwich making is back for 2020 and happens next Tuesday lunchtime. Again, most families have paid but if you haven't paid you are asked to complete your payment as soon as possible. I have attached a letter about this whole school learning opportunity requesting parents to notify the school if your child has allergies or there are cultural reasons to be considered.

Leavers Shirts

Our Year 6 students are now proud owners of their 'Leavers' shirts. We are very proud of this

group of students as they have had to be very patient due to COVID restrictions and changes. Their camp planned for earlier in the year was postponed but they are looking forward to heading to camp in November! I am sure you will agree they are doing a super job leading our digital assemblies.



Community Assembly Tomorrow

Community assemblies will remain digital this term. Our Week 2 assembly presented by our school leaders and Miss McKay's Year 4/5 class will be watched by all our students in their classes tomorrow morning. The link will be sent home via Connect. Congratulations to our GROW award winners and our two Gold Card winners. Thank you to QBD Books in Rockingham City for kindly supporting us with the purchase of the \$15 book vouchers given to all Gold Card winners.

Footy Focus and After School Netball

Great to see so many keen students at Footy Focus on Tuesday morning. They loved every minute and appreciated Mr R and Mr Johnston sharing their skills and expertise with the group. Netball is on again this Thursday after school on our netball courts.



Enrolments for 2021

Kindergarten enrolments for 2021 closed last Friday 24th July. If you have a kindergarten child for 2021 please call the school immediately and arrange for the enrolment papers to be returned. Pre-primary enrolments are also due now.

There will be 8 schools in Baldivis next year and all schools are required to adhere closely to the allocated catchment areas. When we first opened in 2017 we were given some flexibility to enrol students from outside our catchment area due to our very low numbers. This flexibility is no longer available to us, and we will need to adhere strictly to the enrolment guidelines when enrolling for

2021 to ensure we have sufficient space for the expected future growth in our catchment.

If you know your family will be leaving 'The Garden' then please let us know to assist our 2021 planning.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

The NCCD is the annual collection of information about Australian school students with disability. NCCD enables schools, education authorities and governments to better understand the needs of students with disability and how they can be best supported at school. This information is collected in August each year. If you would like more information about the NCCD, please see the letter attached to this newsletter.

Please make sure your children know how to get to school safely!

A parent contacted me this week and shared her experience in our Early Childhood carpark one morning before school. As the parent has driven into the car park a child has come out of the bushes and onto the road in front of the car. Thankfully the parent was moving slowly but it was very much a 'near miss'.

Parents if you drop your child off on the street parking or if your child walks to school please make sure they know how to get into school safely. You may like to practise walking to school with them on the weekends and this way you can make sure they are crossing roads and entering the school grounds in a safe manner. I have addressed this matter with the children in our digital assembly however, parents you are in the

best position to educate your children about road safety.



Parking Fines

We had a phone call today from the Rockingham Council asking us to remind parents that the street parking around the school is 15 minutes only. They have told us that they will be issuing fines to people who park for longer than 15 minutes.

News from our P & C



The P & C met tonight Wednesday 29th July at 5 pm. We have a few very hardworking faithful parents who attend meetings. It would be great to see a few more people attend meetings. The next meeting is Wednesday 16th September. Keep an eye out for some fabulous fundraising opportunities. We are also very grateful for their efforts to apply for grants to assist our school. We really do appreciate all parents involved in our P

and C. I look forward to seeing you on the 16th September and in the meantime please connect with our P and C through their Facebook page or email baldyvisgardens.pandc@gmail.com

Science News

This term some of our students will be creating Science toys out of some repurposed materials. We would greatly appreciate your help in collecting some required items. These can be dropped off by students to the Science room. The items we are seeking include:

- Old CDs and DVDs
- Rinsed Pop Top bottle tops
- Rinsed shampoo and conditioner bottles with straw sized openings.



Thanks for your support and interest!

It is great to see parents supporting our school in so many different ways. These are some of the ways I have noticed parents supporting our school community and taking shared responsibility for their children's education:

- Attending parent/teacher meetings
- Following up on school requests to seek intervention for our students from other agencies and doctors.

- The outpouring of gratitude and generosity to our staff to acknowledge their hard work
- Paying our excursion/incursion package in a very timely manner
- Paying voluntary contributions
- Attending P and C and Board meetings
- Keeping in regular contact with class teachers
- Reading class and school Connect notices

Have a great week and thank you for your contribution to this school community.

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Principal