

Welcome to Week 2 Term 3 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018

Our Forest Visit

Last Thursday and Friday, all of our Pre-primary to Year 6 students visited our local Baldivis Children's Forest. The weather was perfect and the children had a wonderful time of learning. This fantastic excursion was made possible through PALS www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/achwa/Pages/PALS.aspx and NAIDOC (<https://www.naidoc.org.au/about/naidoc-week>) funding. We also appreciate the financial support of parents to help with the cost of the buses. The Baldivis Children's Forest is very important to our school as we are keen for our students to have a deep understanding of the history of the place in which they live. My staff have developed a cross curriculum program we call 'From Forest to Garden' which integrates their studies of the Humanities, Science and Languages (German). Our yearly visit to the Children's Forest supports this program and is an important part of our school's Business Plan.



What 's happening this week in the Garden?

Last week you should have received your term planner and I trust you have noted the important dates in your diary.

This week:

Tuesday 24th July:

Footy Focus before school

Kapahaka in the covered assembly area after school

Parent Meeting for our Year 6 students going to Baldivis Secondary College at 3.30pm

Wednesday 25th July:

Senior Choir before school

Thursday:

Junior Choir before school and Netball after school.

Board Meeting at 6 pm

Friday: Running Club before school

It is wonderful to see our students attending the before and after school activities. Parents please encourage and support your children to attend these activities regularly as this teaches them commitment and ensures they get the best possible outcomes from their attendance.

Boost – Literacy Workshop for Parents



Boost provides information to parents of children in Kindergarten, Pre-primary and Year 1 about how literacy skills develop.

It looks at:

- the sounds in words
- the alphabet
- putting sounds and letters together
- how to be a good reader and speller

A two-part workshop will be held at Baldivis Gardens Primary School on **Tuesday 14th August and Tuesday 21st August 2018** from 9am to 12pm. It is important that parents attend both sessions. **A crèche is available** and morning tea is provided.

All parents participating in the sessions will receive a 'Literacy Pack' containing information booklets, a DVD, games, reading captions and other resources (over \$90 in value!) to support what is covered in the workshop. To be a part of Boost, please complete the attached registration slip below and return it to the front office. Places are filling fast so make sure you get in early!

Newspapers Please

Our worm farms are up and going and we need newspapers.....lots of newspapers! So if you could collect your newspapers and drop them off in the Swallow block (close to Admin block) wet area we would really appreciate this.

Enrolments 2019

All Kindergarten and Pre-primary enrolments for 2019 should have been submitted to the front office by now. We have had a large number of Kindergarten enrolment requests for 2019 so please don't leave it to the last minute as there may not be any places left. Please remember

Kindergarten has limited places and even if you live in our catchment you could miss out on a place if you leave it until later in the year.

School Jackets and Hats

It is wonderful to see so many children in uniform. With these cold, windy wet days please make sure your child wears a school jacket or a plain navy blue jacket. School hats or a plain navy blue hat must be worn. We ask you not to send coloured jackets and caps. Please name all your jackets and hats as they will get lost without a name. When named we can return them to your children.

Recycling of Dental Products

Please place all your empty packaging, toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes in the allocated boxes in the wet areas near the classrooms. You can also earn points by voting for our school. So far only a few parents have voted. It doesn't take long so we would appreciate you following the link below:

<https://www.terracycle.com.au/en-AU/contests/colgategardenvoting>

Can you help us?

Would you like to help hear children read before school and in the first half hour of the school day? If so I would love to hear from you. Some of our classes are struggling to find parents willing to help with individual reading practice. Send me an email if you think you or someone you know would like this opportunity.

Recycled Art Project

Miss McKay's Year 3 and 4 class are participating in this year's up-cycled Rockingham Art Sculpture exhibition. They have 10 weeks and 10 hours working with the amazing local artist Jacq Chorlton to put together a masterpiece. They will be creating a piece of art / sculpture that will be exhibited at the Rockingham Art's Centre on the first weekend of next holidays. Look how much fun they are having creating this masterpiece!



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for Students with Disability

Each year, we are asked to provide data about the number of learning needs of children at our school. The name of the school and the name of the students are not reported. The aim of the national data collection is to collect quality information about Australian school students receiving adjustments due to disability. This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and governments to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as other students. The national data collection provides an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for students with disability and all students. The information will be collected on the 3rd of August. If you would like to learn more about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for School Students with Disability you can visit this website: <http://det.wa.edu.au/supportforschools>

Parent School Survey 2018

Please follow this link <http://bit.ly/BGparentsurvey2018> to complete our annual parent school survey. We are keen for our school to become an even better school. We cannot grow and thrive without parent feedback. We need to know what you like about our school and areas for improvement.

I do hope you take the time to complete the survey and by doing so share the responsibility for ensuring our students thrive and our school community flourishes.

It is a busy term but your teachers and the Administration staff including myself, Mr Batt and Mrs Stewart are never too busy to have a chat. So please talk to us if you have any concerns or you are unsure about anything.

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