

Welcome to Week 2 Term 2 2020

Wednesday 6th May 2020

Thank you Parents

I think our community is doing a super job with our COVID 19 response. We are working as a team and the outcomes are very positive. Parents at home seem happy with the support and resources they have access to, and the families who have returned are appreciative of the work of our classroom teachers. There is also very positive feedback about the way we are keeping our school site safe and clean. This has been made possible thanks to parents respecting the new drop off and pick up guidelines and an amazing day time cleaning team.

Have you noticed how independent your children have become?

Our Year 1 – 6 students have adapted very quickly to the drop off and pick up at the gate and everyone seems very happy as they walk into school. I really appreciate the way our parent community has embraced this new routine.

I have asked the students how they feel about coming in to school on their own. They have told me they like coming into school on their own because they feel very grown up. My classroom teachers have also commented on how calm the mornings have been and how focussed the children have been on their 'morning work'. The teachers have enjoyed the quieter times in the morning giving them an opportunity to chat informally with the children before school.

I am interested in what you have noticed and invite your feedback. Please email me and let me know your thoughts.
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Learning at Home and School

I would like to acknowledge those of you who are still home schooling and applaud your efforts. Once again we will release the Week 3 Learning

from Home Timetable through Connect over the weekend ready for Monday.

If you are having any issues with home schooling, or you are worried your child is not learning effectively at home or is avoiding the return to school, please have a chat with your classroom teacher.



Parents of children who have returned to school should be very proud of them. They have made a smooth transition to the classroom and appear to be enjoying the routine of school, and of course seeing their teacher and their friends.



Return of Library Books and Home Readers

Once again we are now allowing books to be borrowed from our library and we are sending reading books home. Can we please ask you to return all overdue library books and home readers to school as soon as possible.

Uniform Supply

Uniforms are being delivered to our school every Wednesday free of charge. You may order online and they will be delivered to school.

<https://www.nellgray.com.au/Schools>

The cooler weather has arrived so may I remind parents to ensure your child wears a uniform jacket or a plain navy jacket. Please avoid other coloured jackets as we are very keen to keep our uniform standards high. Plain navy jackets can be bought cheaply at Big W, Target, Kmart or similar stores.

Of course it is very important to name your child's jacket clearly in a permanent marker. This way your child's jacket can be returned to them should they lose it.

Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten at Baldivis Gardens in 2021. If you have a child commencing Kindergarten in 2021 please complete Part A of the enrolment form and return to our front office. This can be found on our website

<https://baldivisgardensps.wa.edu.au/enrolments>

or you can call in to the office and pick up an enrolment form. If you know someone in the area who is planning to enrol please let them know enrolments are open. Don't miss out on a place in our wonderful Kindergarten program. Please remember that living in our catchment area or having another child at our school, does not guarantee a place in our Kindergarten program so your early enrolment is greatly encouraged.



Carpark Bollards

We have recently installed some bollards at the entrance to our staff car park. We needed to do this because parents were coming in and dropping off and picking up at the entrance to the carpark, creating a very dangerous situation at drop off and pick up time. Now the bollards are installed please do not pull into the driveway as you will block the road and once again cause a traffic and pedestrian hazard. For the safety of our students we ask you to use the parent car parks at all times.

Latest COVID – 19 Health Information

For up-to-date Coronavirus (COVID-19) health information including symptoms, testing and coping with mental health during COVID-19, visit the Department of Health's [Healthy WA](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/HealthyWA) website or call the Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

Introducing our New Chaplain

We welcome our new chaplain Laura Ballantyne who commenced last week. Laura replaces our well respected foundation chaplain Deb Cunningham. Laura is keen to make connections with our school community and will be following up with the students who had a relationship with Deb. She is also keen to offer her support to any family who would like her involvement. These are tough times for some and Laura is more than happy to provide support for you or your children. Please contact Laura through the front office or through your child's classroom teacher.



Good News !

Judy and the Nourish Coffee Van are back and will be in the front car park outside the office **next Thursday 14th May before school**. Her van will move to this new position to allow a greater capacity for social distancing. Judy supports our P and C with every coffee bought and we thank her sincerely.



Even with social distancing and 'drop offs' and 'pick ups' at the gate please remember I am only a phone call or an email away if you would like to give feedback or have a question to ask.

Kind regards

Jayne

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Principal