

Welcome to Week 3 Term 1 2020

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020

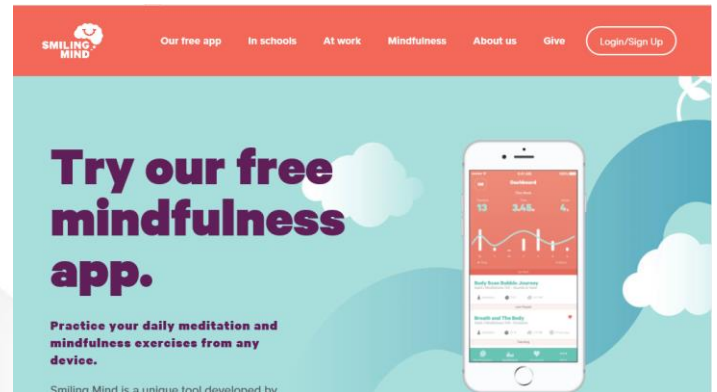
### How can we work together to achieve our Vision?

Last week I focussed on how **school attendance** impacts on your child's achievement at school. I am delighted to see so many children attending school every day and arriving at school by 8.25 am when the classroom doors open.

Another way you can help your children is supporting them through hard times and traumatic experiences. It's been a difficult start to the year in Australia with many school communities impacted by bushfires, floods or drought. For those children directly impacted we know it might be a long road to recovery. And for many more children not directly impacted even just watching the news may have affected them.

However, children can experience trauma through a range of life experiences that impact on their lives. Life happens and it brings hard times. How we support children through these hard times will make a difference to their capacity to stay focussed on their learning at school. Never underestimate the impact trauma and stressful situations have on children. It is very important they talk about their feelings and emotions as they deal with events in their life.

Our classroom teachers are exploring the strategy of mindfulness through an app called Smiling Minds and have recently completed some professional learning in this area. By teaching our students the art of mindfulness we are giving our students a chance to manage the stresses in their lives and focus on their learning. Today I have attached a document you may find useful. It will give you the link to the Smiling Minds app where you will find resources available to support you and your children through life's experiences.



### Chicken Pox in Pre Primary

We have been notified this evening that a student in Pre primary has recently been diagnosed with Chickenpox (varicella). This is a common, acute, viral infection and symptoms include fever, fatigue, and a generalized rash characterised by small blisters that rupture to form crusts. Chickenpox can be transmitted by direct and indirect contact with fluid from the blisters of an infected child. The child is infectious from 2 days before the rash appears to 5 days after, when the blisters have formed crusts. **A child with chickenpox needs to be excluded from school for at least 5 days after the blisters (rash) appears and the blisters have formed crusts.**

A chickenpox fact sheet is available from the school office or from the Health Department website – [www.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.health.wa.gov.au).

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### Lunch Boxes

We are noticing two things about lunches.

1. Some children are throwing out their lunch because they say they don't like what is in their lunch or their sandwich. Can you check your child is eating their lunch?
2. Some children cannot open the commercially packaged containers or packets. Can you avoid sending food packages that are difficult to open. We encourage minimal packaging in lunch boxes where possible.

### Shade Sails

The senior playground shade sails were completed yesterday. Hooray! The children love them. There were so many more children on the playground today now the playground is in the shade. Once again a huge thank you to Catalano and Co Baldivis and our hard working P & C for their contribution. As a result of their donations, together with our school savings and a government grant our school now has two wonderful shaded play spaces.



### Parent Meetings

The last three nights have been busy nights as parents have returned to school at 5 pm to spend some time with their child's teacher. Thank you for making that connection with your child's teacher and taking the time to attend. The final parent class meetings will be:

**TOMORROW Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 5pm**  
**Swallow Block** (All Year 4, 5 and 6 classes except the Year 3/4 class)

### News from the P & C



Our AGM is being held on the **26th February at 6.00pm** in the conference room. All new and returning members are invited to join us. If you are interested in joining the P&C for 2020 we will have membership forms available on the night - and bring your \$1 joining fee. If you can't make the AGM you are still welcome to join.

If you feel like a new challenge for the year why not apply for one of the leadership roles? You can apply on the night or send us a wee blurb and a selfie about yourself to [baldvisgardens.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:baldvisgardens.pandc@gmail.com)

The roles up for grabs are:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

If your just not quite sure, please email us or just come along to the meeting to see what it entails.

Thank you

Michaela

(On behalf of the P & C executive)

**Would you like your own parking spot right outside the office door?**

If you pay your voluntary contributions for 2020 by the end of Term 1 you will go into the draw to win a family movie pass OR a reserved parking spot outside the office door for all of Term 2!

A big shout out to the following families who have already paid their voluntary contributions for 2020. Because of you we are able to buy more resources for our school that will improve your child's learning. Good luck in the draw at the end of the term.

ALLAN	LOURENS
BAIRD	MAGWAZA
BAMBURY	MANCILLA-ZULETA
BANN	MANSILLAS
BATSON	MARSHALL
BINDOFF	MASOE TOFILAU
BLACK	MCDONNELL MANTON
BLYTH	MCLEISH
BOW	MOAGI
BROOKSBANK	MOFFAT
BROWN	MOXON
BROWNRIGG	NDOORA
CAMPBELL-ROBERTS	NURDIANTO
CASEY	NYE
DANIELS	PATERSON
DE OCAMPO	PEARCE
DEWAR	RAMASAWAK
DICKSON	RAPHAEL
EATON	REED
ENKUZIS	ROBERTS

GIMONDO	ROBINSON
GULLEN	ROBIS
HASSELL	SAINI
HAWKINS	SAPREN
HEWSON	SCHILLER
HOLLANDS	SCOTT
HOOTON	SEKPE
HOSKING	SEKPE
HUDSON	SELVAKUMAR
HUNT	SILCOCK
JASMIN	SMITH RATANA
JENKINS	SOMMERVILLE
KARGINOFF	SPEED
KATTAMPALLY	STORER/ WRAY
KELLY	STREICH
KRUGER	TAILOR
LEATHER	TIEMAN
LEESON	UGLE
LOTHIAN	VERMEER

### **JOIN A SAVINGS PROGRAM THAT MATCHES EVERY DOLLAR YOU SAVE, UP TO \$500**

Saver Plus, is a community organisation that supports parents to provide financially for their children. The program assists parents to save for education expenses by matching their savings dollar for dollar up to \$500. Saver Plus is Australia's largest matched savings program. More than 36 000 people across Australia have participated in the program, saving over \$18.5 million.

Saver Plus is a free, ten-month program that provides financial education, budgeting and savings tips, and matches your savings, up to \$500, for education costs. Saver Plus can help you:

- build your skills around managing money;
- become a regular saver;
- reach a savings goal.

Once you finish the program, ANZ will match your savings dollar-for-dollar, up to \$500. You can use your matched savings for education-related costs such as computers, laptops and tablets, school uniforms, text books, sports fees and equipment, school excursions and more.

See the attached additional information if you would like an extra \$500 to contribute to the costs of sending your child to school.

### **Celebrations of Success Out of School**

Last Saturday Olivia in Year 4 competed in the Little Athletics state try outs for the 800m in the south of the river zone and has now qualified for the State Championships. Congratulations Olivia! All the best for the State Championships!



Please come and see me if you have any questions or queries related to your child's learning or our school. I am happy to speak to you in person, over the phone or via email [Jayne.ebsworthy@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Jayne.ebsworthy@education.wa.edu.au)

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