

**Welcome to Week 3 Term 3 2020**  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

## **Whole School Sandwich Day**



Whole school Healthy Sandwich Day returned to The Garden this week and was a huge success. There were lots of smiles and not many left overs! Thank you to the parent community for supporting this whole school initiative. The goal of the program is to highlight how easy it is to make a healthy sandwich for lunch and by doing this encourage our students to do the same at home. What we find interesting is that children who probably tell you they don't like salad, actually eat their salad sandwich when they make it themselves.

We would love you to give your children the opportunity to make their own healthy sandwich at home. If they do make their own sandwich

please send me a photo. Children are better able to focus on their learning when they eat a healthy lunch.

I would like to acknowledge Mrs B who together with Mr G and the Health and Well Being Committee initiated, and continued to organise this very important whole school event, as well as the 'Before School Sandwich Making Mornings'. As Mrs B leaves us to have her baby we want to acknowledge her work promoting healthy eating, thank her for work as a foundation classroom teacher, and wish her well for the birth of her baby. We are confident her baby will grow up eating lots of healthy food!



## ***We are off to the Forest!***

We visit the Baldivis Children's Forest every year as we want our students to have a close connection with the land on which they live. The annual visit to the forest is a very important part of our Forest to Garden Program. Most families have paid for the forest visit but we do need your permission for your children to travel on the bus so please return the permission form as soon as possible. See attached.

## ***Artist in Residence Mosaic Art Project***

We are really excited that very soon your children will be able to create some mosaic art just as beautiful as the foundation mosaic mural on the library wall. The theme of this art work will be the birds that our teaching blocks are named after. Some families have made a donation to cover the extra costs associated with mounting the art work and related signage and we are very grateful for their generous gifts. If you would like to donate to this project and have your family's name acknowledged on the signage then please contact our front office.

## ***Changes to the Out of School Care Provider***

Parents who use the on site YMCA Out of School Hours Care were notified this week that our school has not renewed the contract with YMCA that finishes on December 24<sup>th</sup> 2020. We thank the very hard working and committed staff who have cared for our students over the last four years. We will very soon be able to provide details about the new provider and families will be able to enrol should

they wish to have onsite before or after school care in 2021.

## ***An Invitation from Our School Board***

Our school is very fortunate to have a very professional and functional School Board. I feel privileged to work alongside such a committed group of people. Here is a message to the school community from our Board Chair Kat Lothian.  
Thank you Kat!

*Last Thursday, we held our first Baldivis Gardens Board meeting for Term 3 and it was great to see all of the Board members so energised and providing such great support to our school. It is a really positive, cohesive Board and everyone provides valuable input to the topics we discuss. At the last meeting, this included the new Business Plan, the financial report, the school's Behaviour Policy and plans for the Out of Hours Care. We also enjoyed a very interesting presentation by teacher and current Board member Rochelle Taylor about the school's approach to explicitly teaching social and emotional skills.*

*The next Board meeting – **being held on Thursday 10 September** – will be an open meeting, which means that members of the community are welcome to come along and listen to the Board's discussions. The next Board meeting will include a presentation from the School's psychologist Emily Helmore so it should be a really interesting opportunity. There'll also be some nibbles and a chance to chat to Board members after the meeting. From the beginning of next year, there will be a Board position opening for a parent representative so this might be the perfect opportunity to come along and hear more. We hope to see you there!*

*Kat Lothian  
Board Chair*

## **ECE Playground and Morning Drop Off**

To help our staff be more effective in working with the students once school starts, we will be setting up the outside play area before school. Parents could you please ensure that all students and siblings do not engage with any of the play equipment in the Early Childhood area during school drop off times. Thank you so much for your help.

Kristy Bailey

ECE Phase of Learning Leader

## **Languages Week in the Garden**

Our school will be celebrating Languages Week in Week 8 Term 3. During Languages Week we would like to raise awareness of the benefits of language learning, highlight the linguistic diversity in our community and celebrate the work of our students. As part of Languages Week we would like to produce a video that shows the diverse languages spoken at our school. If your child speaks another language at home and you are happy for them to participate in the video and share a sentence in their native language, please return the form sent home by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Thank you, *Danke*,

*Lisa Merta, German Teacher*

## **Housing Development in our School Catchment Area**

As a result of the Government's building stimulus packages we are likely to have increased demands on our enrolments throughout 2021. So, if you know of friends or family building in our school's catchment area, please ask them to call the school and let us know when they plan to enrol in our school.

Thank you to the families who have informed us if they are moving out of the area in 2021. Your kind consideration is appreciated as we plan for 2021.

## **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.

## **News from our P & C**



What an awesome week we have had so far. We would like to thank you all for your support in the two fundraisers we have going on at the moment. The Billy G's Cookie Fundraiser has taken off massively! Just a couple of reminders: Please no Cash orders. Due to Covid-19 we are needing this to be 100% online only. If you have or do place a cash order your order will be cancelled and we will email you letting you know. If you have family or friends who have ordered, their tubs will go with that child who's name it is under when delivered, then it is up to you for that participant to receive their order.

Next Friday is our whole school sausage sizzle lunch day or Wednesday for the Kindy group! Your child should have come home with an order form.

**\$5 Lunch Pack**

**Sausage sizzle with tomato sauce**



Jelly cup  
Juice Box  
\$1 for an additional sausage sizzle

The order forms are due Monday 10 th August by 3pm. If there are any concerns please either send us a message on our Facebook page or flick us an email - [baldvisgardens.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:baldvisgardens.pandc@gmail.com)

We have also had a massive influx of parent help for this event too. So thank you so much for your support. It makes it so much easier to make these opportunities a possibility when we have a lot of helping hands. Keep an eye out we have two more fundraising opportunities to come this term where we will need help, we are just finalizing the finer details before we put a call out.

We are only in Week 3 for Term 3 and I am very pleased with what our P&C have come up with and already accomplishing given the circumstances last term. We are really making up for loss of time. All of our fundraising is going towards our school of course with some amazing ideas in plan with what our school would like or want. We do encourage more parents to come to our GMs though as we love other parents' inputs and ideas.

We are now fundraising with 'Ponytails and Fairytales' so you can purchase bows for your child in our school colours. With school photos coming up now is the perfect time to order some colour coordinating bows for your child. Baldvis Gardens P&C is earning 20% from sales, when the code BALDIVIS GARDENS is added. Here is the link to order from and we have also attached some pictures with some more options to order.

<https://www.ponytailsandfairytales.com.au/collections/baldvis-gardens-primary-school-baldvis-wa-6171>

**Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 16th September 5pm in the conference room which is week 9.**

Regards  
BGPS P&C

## **School Photos**

School photos will be happening on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September and very soon we will be sending home details. All photos will be ordered on line and there will be no paper orders. Keep an eye out for information related to school photos coming out soon.

## **Happy Classrooms!**

Mr Batt, Mrs Stewart and myself have been spending some quality extended time in classrooms, as part of our teacher's performance management process. I would like to assure you that your children are receiving quality instruction, guidance and caring support by our teaching staff. I am so very proud of the work our teachers do and their high level of professionalism and commitment. You should also be very proud of your children. They are working really hard and they are also having a great time. The joy on their faces every day, brings joy to all of us fortunate enough to work in this school.

## **Jayne**

Jayne Ebsworthy  
Principal

