

Welcome to Week 3 Term 2 2020

Wednesday 13th May 2020

Student Attendance

We had approximately 88% of our students at school today. Students have returned enthusiastically to their classrooms and there is a very positive feel in the school. We respect all those who continue to educate their children at home and understand your reasons for doing this. There are just a few families we haven't been able to make contact with, so if you are still home schooling, and you haven't been in communication with the school can you please give us a call.

We appreciate greatly your co operation with 'drop offs' in the morning and 'pick ups' in the afternoon. Even though you are not coming into our school grounds please remember our teachers are available via email, Connect or a phone message. Our mornings have been very calm and focussed, with many positive outcomes, including our students showing greater independence in their morning routines.

Our Kindergarten and Pre primary parents have followed our requests at drop off and pick up times, and we are delighted with the way they have followed social distancing guidelines. The key messages for K and PP parents are:

- Kindergarten students are being released early from 2.40 pm to allow you to pick up and leave before the rest of the school is dismissed.
- Pre primary students will be dismissed when you arrive outside the classroom so please don't arrive early if you need to wait for Year 1 – 6 students in the Early Childhood Area.
- Please arrive and leave through the carpark gate and do not enter the school

from the Early Childhood area through the small gate near the library.

- Students and pre schoolers must not play on the playground after school.

Our Year 1 – 6 parents have been 'dropping off' and 'picking up' at one of four gates. We thank you for your co operation and willingness to do this and minimise the number of adults in our school grounds. Your 'social distancing' while waiting at the gate has been very impressive. Thank you!

The key messages for our Year 1 – 6 parents are:

- Please make sure your child knows what gate you are meeting them at.
- Please try to be on time for pick up. Call us if you are running late.

Latest COVID – 19 Health Information

It is very important that we don't relax the strict hygiene habits we have established at home and school. Teachers continue to reinforce these habits at school and we appreciate you doing the same at home. Working together we will keep our students safe. If your family hasn't had their flu shots we would encourage you to do so, as this is another way of keeping our school community well over the Winter. Staff had their flu shots the other day. They were very brave!

Staff will not attend school when unwell, and we ask that you keep your children home when they are sick. This is so very important in a COVID 19 world. If they appear unwell at school we will be calling you to pick them up.

Our cleaners continue to clean our school all day moving from building to building, focussing on high touch areas. We thank the cleaning team sincerely for their work. We are so lucky to have our buildings cleaned by the Spotless team.



the Department of Health's [Healthy WA](#) website or call the Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

Handballs

We now have school handballs clearly marked with our school logo. These handballs are sanitised after they are used before school, at recess and at lunch time. Please do not allow your child to bring a handball from home and should one of our school handballs find their way home with your child can you ask them to return it the next day.



I do appreciate that many of you have lost your jobs or have reduced hours. This must be a very difficult time for you. This can put stress on families and relationships. Please find attached a flyer that will connect you with a group supporting families through this challenging time.

Digital Assemblies

Tomorrow the students will watch an online faction assembly from their classrooms which will cover some basic school 'housekeeping' matters. This is only relevant to the children at school, however the following week we will do an online community assembly. This will be shared through Connect so all parents and children working from home can participate. Mrs B's Year 1 class will be the presenting class and our Year 6 leaders will be involved. Students will be presented with GROW awards by their classroom teacher and myself in their classrooms. Their names will be acknowledged during the digital assembly. We sincerely thank Mr Richardson for his efforts to make this happen.

Student Information Update Forms

All families have been sent a student information update form. Please return this to school as soon as possible as it is very important we have accurate and up to date information. If there are no changes to be made, please still return the form.



Perth Family Relationship Centre

PERTH Family Relationship Centre is still currently offering our services.

We are "open" for business

For up-to-date Coronavirus (COVID-19) health information including symptoms, testing and coping with mental health during COVID-19, visit

Coffee Van

Judy and the Nourish Coffee Van are back and will be in the front car park outside the office **TOMORROW Thursday 14th May before school**. Her van has moved 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.

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.



Reporting Semester 1

Changes have been made to reporting requirements for Semester 1 2020, however schools have been given very little detail about what this will look like. We believe teachers are not required to report on student achievement PP – 6 using the 5 point grading scale, but rather they will provide comments only in the Semester 1 reports. So like many other things in our world, your child's end of semester report will be different. I will provide more details when they are made available to me.

School Board

Although our last School Board meeting had to be cancelled with have communicated and shared

information and documents. We will now be able to meet next Thursday 21st May.

Have a happy week and don't forget you may not be inside the school grounds but we are very happy to talk to you on the phone or via email.

Kind regards

Jayne

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Principal