

Welcome to Week 5 Term 1 2020

Wednesday 4th March 2020

How can we work together to achieve our Vision?

Last week I focussed on how you can support us achieve our vision by ensuring your children are sent to school with their basic requirements for learning. As a result of that message several parents have contacted me wanting to help provide school basics for children who don't have these. One suggestion was to have a collection point in the front office where donations of stationary or clothing items could be left. We have set this up in the front office so if you are willing to donate any stationary or uniform items please leave them in the box provided in the office and we will distribute them to the children in need.



This week I want to focus on the importance of not sending your children to school when they are sick and in particular when they are running a temperature, coughing, vomiting or have diarrhoea. **Children can't focus on their learning when they are sick and all they will do is spread the illness to other students and our staff.** When staff get sick the teaching program is interrupted and this in turns impact on student learning.

With flu season approaching and as we move into the uncharted waters of the Coronavirus may I encourage parents to be diligent in keeping children home when they are unwell and also following the strict requirements in relation to Coronavirus. I refer

you to the following advice which is updated daily from the Health Department.

https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus

I have also attached a publication from the Department of Education for your information.

It will be very helpful if parents could please reinforce at home the message about good hand hygiene and sneeze/cough etiquette. This includes:

- frequently washing your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water
- refraining from touching mouth and nose
- if coughing or sneezing, cover your nose and mouth with a paper tissue or flexed elbow – dispose of the tissue immediately after use and perform hand hygiene.



Baldivis
Gardens
Primary
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Our School Vision

To nurture students in a safe and supportive learning environment where parents and staff take shared responsibility for student growth and development, resulting in students who thrive and a community that flourishes.



Nurture • Grow • Thrive

P & C News

We invite you all along to our first GM for the year tonight – Wednesday 4th March, 2020 at 6pm in the staff room. Come and meet this amazing team and help plan some wonderful events for the year.



President – Michaela

Hi BGPS families, my name is Michaela and I am your new President for 2020!

I was a part of the exec team last year and couldn't resist coming back! I have 3 girls at school this year: year 4, year 2 and kindy. My oldest is in high school and I have a nearly 2year old boy and another due in a few weeks! So if

I can be part of something great for our school, so can you!

I have had many supervisor roles in the work force, managed a football team and coached netball so I would say delegation would be my biggest strength! I'm excited for this year after an amazing picnic in the garden (thank you all for your support) and I encourage as many new members of our community to help give back with your help and ideas. I look forward in working with you all.



Vice-President – Tenneal

Hi awesome BGPS families, my name is Tenneal your Vice President and we are a foundation family. It has been amazing watching the school grow each year and the community growing with it.

I have two daughters one in year 4 and the other in pre-primary and I also work as a training coordinator for Veolia Environmental Services and a background in health and safety. I have a passion for the environment and teaching our kids sustainable practices.

I would like to foster an inclusive P&C that all parents can get involved how much or little they are able

because without your support we would not be able to hold the many amazing events that we have planned this year.

I would like to help support our P&C by raising funds and applying for the community grants that are available to our school. I will also be the official WASSCO representative, so if you have any questions please feel free to ask.



Secretary - Lorna

My name is Lorna and I have two children at Baldivis Gardens Primary School: Year 1 and Kindy. I also have a 20-month old son called at home. My children have had a wonderful journey in the school so far and I am therefore very proud to be a part of this amazing school community. I am the secretary for the school

P and C as I am passionate about education and supporting families. I have a background in early years and primary education which has given me a range of transferable skills including communication, co-operation, flexibility and organisational skills. I believe that I have a lot to offer our community and this exciting opportunity is certainly a way in which I can contribute in a meaningful manner.



Treasurer - Michael

Hi, my name is Michael but everyone calls me Micko, I enjoy long walks along the beach...oh wait wrong profile.

I currently have one cheeky son attending Baldivis Gardens who is in Pre Primary, I have worked in the Banking sector for the past 11.5 years and believe the skills/knowledge I have will be of benefit in my role as Treasurer. I hope to help our kids and school raise as much funds as possible and look forward to organising some awesome events for everyone to enjoy throughout the year, it would also be great to have some more dads come along and get involved so don't be shy!

School Board by Kat Lothian

The first Board meeting for 2020 was held on Thursday 27 February, with new members joining the Board and the whole Board raring to go after the summer break.

For those of you who are not familiar with school structures, the Board meets twice a term and is made up of the school Principal, school staff – teaching and administrative, parent representatives and community representatives.

On Thursday, we welcomed new members Jillian Clifford (parent rep), Kerry Gibson and Rochelle Taylor (teacher reps). Topics discussed at the meeting included the 'Nurture' component of the school's new business plan and the school's new leadership executive team (staff members taking on leadership roles for different areas such as literacy.) The Board considered and discussed the whole school planning documents, which help to guide the way that children are taught to ensure consistency across the school. They are one of the reasons such great progress is being made with our kids right across the school!

We also discussed attendance and did you know that although 90% attendance sounds pretty impressive, if your child got 90% each year for their attendance, they would miss almost a year of school during their school life. 96% or above should be the target for all of us each year.

We are currently looking for a community member to join the Board – that's a person in the local community with great ideas or connections who would have an interest in supporting our school. If you have any ideas, please get in touch with Jayne Ebsworthy via email.

Best wishes, Kat Lothian, BGPS Board Chair

Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival is happening next Tuesday 10th March and all students from Years 4-6 are expected to attend. Forms should have been returned and money paid. This is going to be a wonderful community event where all children can participate. We will have the opportunity to celebrate our students who are able swimmers and everyone will have a chance to participate in fun games and activities.

Autumn cooler weather is coming!

As the Autumn weather approaches and the mornings become cooler can I appeal to the parent community to make sure their children have a school jacket or a plain navy jacket available to wear in the cooler weather. Our uniform is very smart and the children look fantastic. When children wear other bright colours and hooded windcheaters we do not present as a united team. When children start wearing other colour jackets we find the uniform standards are lowered. Plain navy jackets are an option if the uniform jacket is too expensive. They are available at Target, Big W, Spendless and K Mart. Don't forget to name all jackets clearly.



Lunchbox dangers!

I am seeing lots of healthy food in lunch boxes. This is great to see! However, some parents are sending small tins of food such as sardines or tuna in their children's lunchboxes. Although this is a very healthy snack, the lids are very sharp and quite dangerous when removed from the tin. Could parents transfer the contents from these tins into a plastic reusable container before sending to school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Icy Poles are for sale on Wednesday this term!



Wednesday Treat ~
Fruity Icy Poles

90% Fruit Juice

\$1

50+ HEALTHY TREATS

Fruity Icy Poles will be on sale in the under-cover area on Wednesday morning at recess for only \$1.

The perfect treat to cool you down in the sunny weather!

Funds raised will go towards the cost of the 2020 Year 6 camp.

Out of School Success

At the weekend some of our pupils took part in the State Tee Ball Championships. All of the children had a great time and gave 100% effort. We are delighted so many of our students are engaged in out of school sport. Cobbie, one of our Year 5 children, was part of the Under 11's team who won the championship. What a fantastic achievement...well done!



Finally a word on parking and speed limits in school areas.....

Please take care and slow down. We are witnessing cars moving through our carparks and surrounding streets travelling very fast.

We are also appealing to parents not to drop off or pick up your children in the staff car park as this is creating a very dangerous situation. We have a great deal of space for cars surrounding our school compared to many other schools. Parents may need to walk a little further, however, there is plenty of space. There are many families who walk and ride to school and this is great to see! It is also great to see students wearing helmets when they ride their scooters and bikes.

Children's heads are very fragile and must be protected.

Have a great week everyone

Jayne Ebsworthy

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