

Welcome to Week 5 2018 26th February

Healthy Lunch

What a fantastic response to our 'Healthy Sandwich Day' last week. Thank you to parents for supporting this initiative through the prompt payment of the \$2 and to Spudshed for providing the fresh salads. We received some very positive parent feedback about the healthy lunch day. Please keep encouraging your children to make and eat healthy sandwiches for lunch.

Children who have a healthy salad sandwich in their lunchbox do not need extra lunchtime snacks. Snack foods are expensive and more likely to have high levels of sugar, salt and artificial additives. They also create rubbish on our school site. So keep those healthy lunches coming!



Choir Performance

Congratulations to Mrs Graham and our Senior and Junior Choirs who performed on Friday afternoon at the Commonwealth Games Baton Relay celebrations at Rockingham Beach. Our choirs have worked extremely hard over a few short weeks for this performance. The community feedback from their performance was very positive. We thank Mrs Graham for giving our students these excellent opportunities to perform in public. We acknowledge the commitment of our parents for getting students to the weekly rehearsals and for attending this event.



Swimming Carnival

Students in Years 3 -6 who have not paid for our Faction Swimming Carnival are receiving another note this week. Friday 16th March is the date of this special school event and we ask all parents to ensure the note is returned by the end of this week to allow us to confirm numbers to the bus company. I have attached another copy of the Swimming Carnival permission slip to this Connect notice.

Snake Aware

As residents of Baldivis you would be aware there is a risk of snakes moving out of the forest into the developed areas. Recently cleared land in the Baldivis area, the season and the weather, has resulted in a number of snake sightings in our local area, including our school. Staff and students have been briefed on the appropriate response in the event of a snake being found on site. Can I please ask parents to have a conversation with their

children about the importance of not touching a snake, moving away from the snake and informing an adult immediately they see a snake. I have attached a First Aid poster outlining the most appropriate response should someone be bitten by a snake for your reference.

Community Assembly

Our next community assembly is Friday 2nd March and Mrs Harris' Year 2 class will be leading our assembly. Our Year 6 student leaders will be awarded their badges and of course some students will receive a GROW award. We would love you to stay for a cuppa after the assembly to get to know some of the other parents. Your attendance at community assemblies is very important to your children. They love to see you there!

P & C AGM



AGM is this Wednesday 28th February 6.30 pm

Do you have this date in your diary?

The school is in need of more outdoor play spaces and fundraising by the P&C will help us acquire these play spaces in a timely manner. Please show your support of the P & C by attending this meeting, even if you are not in the position of taking on an executive role. Your attendance will encourage others to take on roles if they know they have parent support.

However, if you do have the time and skills please think carefully about whether you could take on a role on the Executive Committee. The P and C cannot run if we don't have an executive team.

Please refer to the attached P & C News Update.

Voluntary Contributions

A huge thank you to the following families who have paid their 2018 voluntary contributions or part there of:

- Aranui
- Challis
- Childs
- Claassens
- Clarke
- Connor, Zoe
- Dickson
- Gibbins
- Glenn
- Hedison
- lemma
- Jantong
- Johnston, Alex & Jacob
- Johnston, Layla-Ann & Tia
- Kaipara-Roberts
- Kelly
- Lajh
- Moharajah
- Moxon
- Oakden
- Pene
- Pirrett
- Raphael
- Rossiter
- Saini
- Sebar
- Selvakumar
- Silcock
- Smithson
- Speed
- Spina
- Tesien
- Turnbull
- Vella
- Waters

These families are in the running to win the family pass to the movies, but most importantly they have made a very helpful contribution towards our future play areas. Your financial support does make a big difference and we really

appreciate the way many families have chosen to pay their voluntary contributions.

Our sincere apologies if your family name has been omitted from this list. Please contact the office if you have paid and your name is not on the list.

School Uniforms

Please remember your school uniforms are ordered on line at the Willetton Uniforms website.

<https://www.willettonuniforms.com.au/product-category/schoolwear/>

Willetton Uniforms delivers to us every week so your orders arrive in a very timely manner.

I value highly the way parents are ensuring their children are wearing navy bottoms, school uniform shirt, a school hat and when the weather is cool a uniform jacket or a plain navy blue jacket. Your children look great in their uniform. Thank you parents!

Medication at School

Parents please remember if you wish your teacher or the school to administer medication of any type please complete the relevant form at the front office. This is very important as staff are not permitted to administer any form of medication without written parent permission.

Attendance

Parents our Baldvis Gardens students are missing far too much school. Students are taking leave for all sorts of reasons including holidays, birthdays, rest days, fun days and the list goes on. Parents you do have a responsibility to send your child to school every day unless they are sick. Teachers work very hard to plan and teach their lessons and when students are away they miss the teaching of important concepts and skills. Please ensure your child attends every day if they are fit and well. We want every child to achieve to their potential and they cannot achieve to their potential if they are not present. Your support and co operation to ensure your child maximises the excellent teaching available at Baldvis Gardens is appreciated.

If you are having trouble getting your child to school or if there is a reason why you are having trouble getting your child to school on a specific day, please speak to your child's teacher to discuss this matter.

Reading at Home

It is great to see and hear your children enjoying their reading at school. Their reading has really improved! Parents you can make a big difference to your child's achievement by reading to your children every day and encouraging your child to read independently at home. Allocating some family time to read to your children, where the TV and other electronic devices are turned off, is a simple way to have a very big impact on your child's literacy achievement.

Enjoy your week and I look forward to seeing you at the P and C AGM on Wednesday.

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