



Parent Communication

Week 5 May 26th 2017

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons are over for 2017, however we do encourage you to enrol in the Vacswim holiday classes over the Christmas holidays. This will give your child an opportunity to consolidate all they have learned over the last two weeks. We will let you know when those enrolments are available.

Could parents who have chosen to pay for swimming on a payment plan please complete their payments as soon as possible. We offer these payment plans in good faith the full amount will be paid in time. We will continue to offer this option if parents pay their re payments in a timely manner.

Parents are reminded that now swimming is over it is very important that our students return to wearing full school uniform. Please ensure your children wear a school uniform jacket or a plain navy windcheater or jacket. Please no coloured jackets or jumpers.

2018

We know we are not even half way through 2017 but in order to be prepared for the 2018 school year we need your help to get some indication of our expected enrolments. You can help us in the following ways:

- If you have a child enrolling in Kindergarten next year please complete your enrolment forms as soon as possible.
- If your child is currently in Kindergarten and enrolling in Pre Primary for next year you also need to complete an enrolment form as this is the first year of compulsory schooling.

- If you know your children won't be attending Baldivis Gardens next year then please advise the office immediately. If we don't hear from you we will assume your Years 1 – 5 children will be at our school in 2018.
- If you know of families moving into the area and planning to attend next year then please ask them to contact our office and complete an enrolment form.

School Half Day Closure

During Week 8 of this term commencing Monday 12th June we are holding parent teacher interviews. We are asking all parents to book an interview time with your children's class teacher. You will be able to book your interview times on line through our website. Details will be sent to you via Connect very soon. There will be both early morning before school interview times, and after school times, including early evening time slots, to accommodate working parents.

We will also have interview time slots from 12 pm on Wednesday 14th June as the Regional Director has approved a **half day closure of our school from 12 pm**. Your child will be dismissed at 12 pm on this day and the regular school program will not operate. However, if you cannot make other arrangements for your children then we will be able to provide supervision on the school site. YMCA will also be offering an extended session on that day.

Please remember our school's Vision states the school and parents share the responsibility for our students reaching their potential. Communication between home and school is part of that shared responsibility and we look forward to seeing all parents with an interview time slot.

Reporting

End of semester reports will go home via Connect on Wednesday 28th June. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will receive a written report. The key message for parents to remember is a 'C' grade is at expected level for that year level. There will be more information available to help you understand your child's report over the next few weeks.

A Message from the P and C Vice President

If you can help out with the upcoming P and C events over the second half of Term 2 please come along this Monday morning 29th May after drop off time to the conference room, near the front office, where we can discuss our plans. If you can help with the fundraisers but are unable to attend Monday please leave your details at the office. Thank you. Terri – Vice President

Lost Lunch Boxes

We are gathering quite a collection of plastic lunch boxes with no names. If you have lost a plastic lunch box please look in our lost property boxes in the wet areas of the teaching blocks. Please name all lunch boxes so we can return them to you. Thanks for the healthy waste free lunches. Children need good wholesome healthy food to help their brain grow and develop. Please continue to strive for less packaging and more natural fresh foods lower in fat, sugar and colorings.

Music Assembly this Friday 2nd June

Our Junior Choir will be performing for us this coming Friday at our community assembly and we will also be introducing the parent representatives on our School Board. Students will also receive GROW awards. We encourage all parents who are not working on this day to come and share in our community assembly and also enjoy some morning tea following the assembly. You will really enjoy the junior choir's performance so don't miss this opportunity.

Cross Country

Our Faction Cross Country event is on this Friday 2nd June and we would love you to come along. The children have been training hard and are keen to earn points for their faction. Please refer to the attached flyer for times.

Are you currently involved in helping in your child's classroom? We would like to encourage you to get involved in our school by helping out in your child's classroom. Our teachers know just what a difference it can make to our students if there is an extra adult there to hear them read or help with spelling or their letter/sound knowledge. So if you have an hour to spare through the week then let your teacher know. Your help can make a big difference in our students' achievement.

Another way you can make a big difference in your child's achievement at school is to read to them daily. Children who are read to every day will achieve better at school than children who are not read to at home. It is so simple to do, however the impact on student learning is huge. So try to establish a story time routine at bedtime and enjoy this special time with your children. You will be amazed how much your children will love this time. Children are never too old or too young to be involved in a family story time. The Mary Davies Library in Baldivis has some awesome books for you to borrow. Happy reading!

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