News from Baldivis Gardens Primary INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Welcome to Week 5 Term 2 2019

Monday 27th May 2019

Just a reminder that copies of all of our Newsletters and an events calendar are also available on our website at www.baldivisgardensps.wa.edu.au.

Staff Changes

As you will be aware, I have been asked to cover the Principal position at the school until Mrs Ebsworthy returns in late August. I am pleased to announce that Miss Addison will be covering my Deputy Principal position on Wednesday to Friday each week. Miss Addison has a wide range of experience in leadership positions in the UK and will be an asset to the leadership team at the school. Miss Goncalves will be teaching the Year 5 class in Miss Addison's absence.

Miss Leed is taking some personal leave and we welcome Miss Hounslow who will be teaching the class on Thursday and Friday each week.

Miss Connor will be taking some well deserved long service leave from the end of next week until the end of this term. We welcome Miss Jackson into the school to teach the class during Miss Connor's absence.

Last Week

NAPLAN catch-up testing has now been completed and all tests submitted for marking. We will get the results later in the year. The move to online testing was fairly smooth, with only a couple of bumps along the way. It was pleasing to see that our infrastructure and devices all coped with the testing and the overwhelming feedback from the students is that they preferred the testing to be online.

Mr Richardson's Year 6 class entertained us at assembly on Friday. It was fantastic to hear about all of the student's adventures on camp. We hold our Year 6 camp in the early part of the year, to give the students the opportunity to build strong relationships with their peers and learn team skills and responsibilities that will hold them in good stead, ready for their journey into high school next year.

It was great to see the school embrace the National Simultaneous Story time last Wednesday. There were certainly lots of interesting activities around the 'Alpacas with Maracas' story.

Kindy Enrolments

Just a reminder that Kindy enrolments are now open for 2020. Application forms are available from the front office. You will need to provide a birth certificate, immunisation records (print out from medicare) and proof of address to support your application. Please pass this on to any family or friends in our catchment area. The Pre-primary enrolments for 2020 will commence early in Term 3.

This Week

This week we have a few events ...

Choir is on this week, with the Junior Choir at 7:45am on Wednesday and the Senior Choir at 7:45am on Thursday.

On Thursday, our Netball program continues for students in Years 3-6 who have signed up. Thank you to Mrs Bruce and Mrs Raphael for coaching the students.

On Friday, we have two big events. The first is the Community Breakfast. This is aligned with our 'Walk Safely to School Day'. We reminded students of the need to walk safely, especially when crossing roads

at the assembly last Friday. We have has a few near misses recently where students are not following safe practices when crossing roads near the school and I would be grateful if you could reinforce this message with your children. The community breakfast will commence at 7:30am. Please bring along your plate, cup and eating implements. Many thanks to the Health and Well-Being Committee for organising the event. Due to the community breakfast preparations, the morning sandwich making activity, scheduled for Wednesday, will be postponed until Week 7.

The second event on Friday is our school Cross-Country Carnival. This year the races will be for all students in Years 1 to 6. The first race will commence at approximately 8:50am and races should be finished by recess time.

This Friday, we also have the opportunity for students to purchase a Subway lunch. Please return the order form by Wednesday if you wish to make an order. Any funds raised will go towards subsidising the transport costs of excursions.

Looking further ahead

Mr Doherty's Year 2 class will be entertaining us at their assembly next Friday

Please remember that our parent interview week is Week 9. To facilitate this, the school will close at 12pm on Tuesday 25th June to allow teachers to meet with parents. We will be taking bookings online again for this week and the link will be sent to parents shortly.

School Board Parent Rep Required

We are looking for a new parent rep for our School Board. The School Board works with the Principal to ensure effective governance of our school. The School Board meets twice a term on a Thursday at 6pm. It is a great way to be involved in the school. If you are interested in joining the School Board please complete the nomination form in the attached notice and return it to the front office before Friday 31st May. If we have a number of nominations, then a formal election process will take place.

Ella – German Program Trial – Pre-primary Students

Frau Merta has organised for the school to take part in the Ella German Language Trial for Pre-primary students. All students have taken home a permission form. Can you please ensure that these are returned as soon as possible as without these, your child cannot take part. I have attached a copy of the permission letter and slip to this newsletter.



Please remember that we are collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. Boxes are located in the Library and the front office for you to place any stickers you earn from your purchases at Woolworths. Last year we were able to purchase much needed art and craft supplies for the whole school. If you would like a sheet to stick your stickers on please see the front office.

Saver Plus Funding Opportunity

Saver Plus, is a community organisation that supports parents to provide financially for their children. The program assists parents to save for education expenses by matching their savings dollar for dollar up to \$500. Saver Plus is Australia's largest matched savings program. More than 36 000 people across Australia have participated in the program, saving over \$18.5 million. We are located within one of the communities where this funding is available and I have attached details of this worthwhile program.

Student Update Forms

All students have now had an update form go home and many thanks to those who have returned these. Could you please return any remaining forms to the front office with your updated changes.

Unwell Students

Now that the colder weather is upon us, students are starting to pick up a cold or illness. We ask that unwell students please be kept at home to assist us in the reduction of spreading any illnesses within the

classroom. If your child has a gastro bug, we ask that they be kept home until 24 hours after symptoms have subsided. Also, please ensure that your contact details are up to date so that we can contact you should your child fall ill at school.

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to all of the parents who have paid their contributions so far this year. This money allows our school to purchase extra resources to support your child's learning opportunities. It's not too late, payments can still be made at the front office via Cash or Eftpos and via Direct Deposit and QKR. The contribution is a \$60.00 one off payment or \$15.00 per term per student. Family discounts are also available.

School Uniforms

Jackets can be ordered from Willetton Uniform Shop online https://www.willettonuniforms.com.au/product-category/schoolwear/baldivis-gardens-primary-school/. There is usually a week turn around on orders. There are sample sizes of the jackets for you to try on in the front office if you would like.

Please ensure that your child's uniforms are labelled clearly for easy identification.

Early Childhood Donations

The Early Childhood Area would love any donations of dinosaurs, fairy play items and hot wheels cars you may have lying around that are no longer being used. We would like to add a dinosaur area and a fairy area in the arbour and a car track in our early childhood outdoor playground. Please drop any donations into the tub outside PP Room 3. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support,

David

David Batt Principal



We hope you join us for our Walk Safely to School Breakfast on Friday the 31st of May!

Children eat for free and a gold coin



donation is requested from adults who wish to share the yummy healthy breakfast with their children.

Don't forget to bring your plastic bowl, plate and spoon.

