



News from

The Garden



Welcome to Week 5 Term 3 2018

Monday 13th August 2018

Science Week

Science is a priority at Baldivis Gardens and all students from Pre primary to Year 6 participate in one hour of Science each week. Our Science specialist teacher Mrs Kym Raphael is a very clever and talented teacher who creates exciting and challenging 'hands on' activities that motivate and engage our students in their Science learning.

This week is Science Week and your children will be participating in some additional fun and challenging Science experiments in their classrooms with their classroom teachers. Look out for the photos on Facebook and Connect.

Next week you can visit the Science laboratory, say hello to Mrs Raphael and have a go at some of these activities and experiments at our **Open Night on Wednesday 22nd August from 5-7 pm**. Mrs Raphael looks forward to sharing the joy of Science with you.

NAPLAN ONLINE School Readiness Test

You may have heard that NAPLAN Online was introduced in 2018, with 274 schools Western Australian schools participating. Our school will be transitioning to NAPLAN Online in 2019.

NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

Your child's results will be returned to the school faster, within a few weeks rather than a few months.

This trial, called the School Readiness Test (SRT), will enable us to assess our technical readiness to implement the new online assessments. In addition it will give us a chance to try out the new national online assessment platform in a real-life classroom environment.

During the week commencing 27th August 2018, all students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in a trial of the assessment platform, by undertaking one (Year 3) or two (Year 5) online readiness tests that include examples of the new NAPLAN online questions. Each test will take about 45 minutes to complete.

Participating in this trial is important as it will help us ensure we have adequate internet connectivity, and whether students have access to sufficient number of devices for NAPLAN Online testing. During the trial, our teachers will have the opportunity to practice managing the classroom logistics for an online assessment and the new test administration processes.

The readiness test has not been constructed to assess curriculum knowledge, but rather to provide students with an opportunity to experience the *types* of questions that will be included in the new online assessments. As such, reports will not be provided.

Participation in the SRT is a key step to ensuring a successful NAPLAN online experience in 2019.

Any questions please contact our Deputy Principal Mr David Batt

Book Week Parade

By now you should have heard all about our **Book Week Parade on Friday 24th August** in the covered assembly area. Your teacher will have communicated via Connect with you about your dress up. Please speak to your child's teacher if you are unsure about what to wear on this special day.

Dental Clinic

Please note the dental clinic will be closed Wednesday the 15th August in case of an emergency please contact- Golden Bay DTC ph: 9537 2619 We will reopen as per normal on Monday the 20th August.

Parent School Survey 2018

The Parent Survey is now closed and I look forward to sharing that information with the staff and the School Board to ensure we respond to the suggestions you have made. Thank you to the 79 parents who took the time to complete the survey. We value highly your feedback and suggestions. Overwhelmingly the parent community was very happy with our school. In particular parents commented on the quality of our teaching staff and the impact our teachers were having on their children. The quality of our teachers is exceptional and I thank you for acknowledging their work. They are very committed to your children and I encourage you to continue to work closely with them to ensure your child achieves to their potential.

A message from your P & C



The Disco was a happy successful event. Thank you for your support.



Our next meeting will be held on the 29th August at 7pm in the school conference room.



The Balddivis Gardens Primary P&C is proud to be able to offer an ongoing weekly canteen service to the school community every Friday. This will commence **THIS Friday August 17th**. Lunch orders for each week will need to be provided by 9am every **Wednesday morning**. Attached is the canteen menu currently on offer.

Boost

We have one or two places in the Boost Workshop commencing TOMORROW morning. If you are a parent of a child in Kindergarten to Year 1 and you want to know more about how you can support your child to gain Literacy skills then please contact the school first thing tomorrow morning. A crèche is provided.



Boost provides information to parents of children in Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Year 1 about how literacy skills develop.

It looks at:

- the sounds in words
- the alphabet
- putting sounds and letters together
- how to be a good reader and speller

A two-part workshop will be held at Baldivis Gardens Primary School on **Tuesday 14th August and Tuesday 21st August 2018** from **9am to 12pm**. It is important that parents attend both sessions. A crèche is available and morning tea is provided.

All parents participating in the sessions will receive a 'Literacy Pack' containing information booklets, a DVD, games, reading captions and other resources (over \$90 in value!) to support what is covered in the workshop.

Open Night is Next Week

Just a friendly reminder that next **Wednesday evening 22nd August from 5 -7pm** you are invited to visit your child's classroom and the specialist teacher's classrooms to talk with teachers and share some classroom activities with your children.

Community Assembly

We have Mrs Bruce's class leading our community assembly this Friday. Please show your support for this Pre primary class and all our students who are receiving GROW awards on this day.

This will be my last community assembly before I take my twelve months leave. My last day is Friday 24th August and I am pleased to announce Mr David Paine who will be filling my role in my absence will be in the school throughout next week. I know he is keen to meet you and very much looking forward to his time in The Garden. I am sure you will give him a warm welcome.

Have a great week everyone!

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Principal