



News from

The Garden



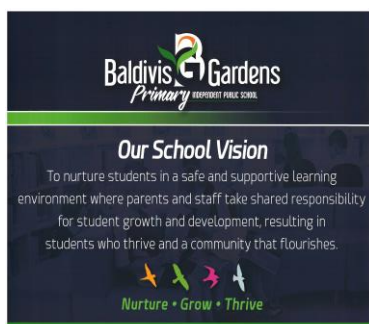
Welcome to Week 6 Term 1 2020

Wednesday 11th March 2020

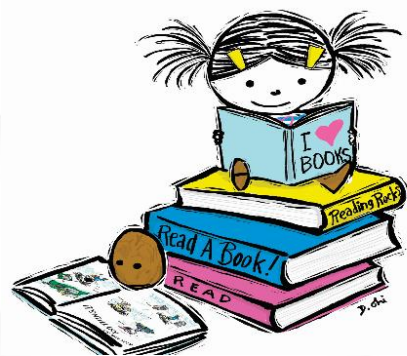
How can we work together to achieve our Vision?

Last week I focussed on not sending your children to school when they are sick or unwell. Today I want to ask you to consider how often you are reading to your child. My experience in schools has shown me time and time again that the children who are read to at home experience greater success in learning to read and write. Mem Fox, an Australian writer of children's books and an educationalist specialising in literacy, advocates reading with children for 10 minutes a day, which roughly equals three books a day. If you read 3 books a day to your child from birth, they would have heard around 5000 stories by the time they reach the age of five. Even if you only read half that many, or a third, that is still a wonderful amount of sharing, bonding and learning that is taking place. Please remember children who are confident and capable readers still benefit from you reading to them. Your local libraries have lots of books ready and waiting to be borrowed. This one simple activity at home can make a world of difference to your child in the classroom and provide a very positive parent/child shared experience.

<https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/facilities-and-recreation/libraries/about-the-libraries>



Turn it off and
READ A BOOK



Swimming Carnival



Our swimming carnival yesterday was a happy afternoon where we celebrated success and we were inspired by our students' resilience and sportsmanship. Their behavior couldn't be faulted and they demonstrated our GROW ethos and school values in all their actions. We are so very proud of them! Congratulations to the following students:

Year 4 Girls
Champion Chloe Schiller
Runner up Abby Bindoff

Year 4 Boys
Champion David Glenn
Runner up Jaden Speed

Year 5 Girls
Champion Dasha Tetlow
Runner up Emily Schiller

Year 5 Boys
Champion Zealan Gavin
Runner up Eoin Casey

Year 6 Girls
Champion Joelle Dewar
Runner up Felicity Abey

Year 6 Boys
Champion Archer Challis
Runner up Sunnex Hoko

Congratulations to the winning faction Green!

GREEN	260 points
RED	178 points
BLUE	176 points
GOLD	172 points



Coronavirus Update

Parents I sent a separate email this morning with some key information in relation to the Coronavirus. I have attached a copy of this information to this Connect notice. Please support us by ensuring that you and your family follow the guidelines provided and put in place the preventative measures outlined in the email. My school staff are also strictly following the recommendations and additional teaching time is being allocated

to educating children in regard to the need to wash hands, to not touch their face and to respond appropriately when sneezing or coughing. We ask you to reinforce this at home and please do not send children to school if they display the symptoms of Coronavirus, or have had contact with anyone who is being tested or is a confirmed case of Coronavirus. Please inform me should your child be home for any of these reasons. I also ask that you communicate with me directly should your family be planning any overseas travel so we can ensure we follow the appropriate guidelines on your return.

Any questions please refer to the Health Department website.

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

Thank you for your support in this very important matter.



P & C News

The P and C had a very positive first general meeting. I have attached the information about the Easter Raffle which was circulated this week. Please support our P and C as they work so very hard to raise funds for our school and build a positive, happy school community.

Harmony Week Celebration Assembly
Thursday 19th March 8.45 am



Harmony Week is coming closer and we are looking forward to celebrating it at our school next Thursday, the 19th of March. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about

inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

We invite parents and guardians to attend this year's Harmony Day assembly and a concert by the Perth Symphony Orchestra String Quintet on Thursday, the 19th of March from 8.45am.

Students are asked to wear something orange on the day. Orange t-shirt, bracelets, hairband, ribbons are welcome.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Do you speak another language at home? Please get in touch with the school if you would like to engage in our Harmony Day assembly by sharing a phrase in your language.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Harmony Day celebration next Thursday.

Kind regards, Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Lisa Maria Merta

German Teacher | Baldivis Gardens Primary School

Coupons for Cash



The West Australian and The Sunday Times are giving Western Australian schools the chance to WIN a share of \$25,000 to help buy the resources you need to make learning so much more engaging and fun!

To be in the running to WIN, all we need to do is collect as many Classroom Cash entry coupons as possible from *The West Australian* and *The Sunday Times* on March 21, 22, 25, 28, 29 and April 1, 4 and 5.

Can you ask your friends and families to collect these coupons and we will have a collection box in the office where you can place your coupons.

The prize draw will take place during the week beginning May 4!

- First random draw prize: \$5000
- Five random draw prizes: \$1000 each
- School with most entries: \$5000
- School with most entries per student: \$5000

We have to be in it to win it!

Icy Poles are for sale on Wednesday this term!



Out of School Success



Last week Apetai competed in the State Athletics Championships and came 2nd in 4 events (100m, 200m, discus and shotput) and 3rd in the 400m event. Congratulations Apetai! What a great achievement!

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will take place early next term in Weeks 3 and 4 11th – 22nd May. I have attached the communication that has gone out to Year 3 and 5 students today.

Have a great week everyone!

Jayne

Jayne Ebsworthy Principal