

Welcome to Week 6 2018

Tuesday 6th March 2018

Student Learning

Our teachers have been encouraging our students to 'keep their eyes on the learning' so they can make the most of every learning opportunity. Sometimes that means looking at the teacher, sometimes looking at the interactive white board and sometimes that means looking at their peers. My teachers are working very hard to keep our students 'eyes on their learning' to give them the best chance to achieve to their potential.

As you will be aware keeping your child focussed on their learning is a shared responsibility and we really need parents to be committed to helping their children achieve to the best of their ability. What happens at home does impact on your child's ability to focus on the learning at school. So if your child is having a difficult time at home for any reason, don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. It will help them to understand your child and be in a better position to support your child's learning. We also have access to support staff who may be able to help your child deal with changes or challenges in their home life. Please do not hesitate to call the school and ask for some additional support for your child.

School Car Park and Surrounding Streets

Historically school car parks can cause some issues in schools. However, we really do have plenty of car parking space inside the school grounds and on the surrounding streets. Therefore, in theory, there should be no problems in our carpark and surrounding streets. Can I please ask parents to demonstrate our school values and show patience and tolerance when dropping off and picking up your children. Cars must only be parked in designated bays and the greatest of care must be taken when reversing out of bays. Also I ask you to consider your speed when entering and leaving our carpark areas. Please understand there will not be enough bays for everyone to park close to an entry gate and that you may need to walk from one of the surrounding car parks that are not as busy. Your children's lives are very precious therefore I need you all to take great care in our carparks

and surrounding streets. Please remember walking to school whenever possible is the best option for health and safety.

Swimming Carnival

Thanks to our Years 3-6 parents who have paid for their child to participate in our Faction Swimming Carnival. Friday 16th March (next week!) is the date of this special school event and we remind parents that your child does not need to be able to swim in a race to attend. There will be plenty of fun games in shallow water and an opportunity to cheer on their friends who are competing in the races. If you have not returned the permission slip please do so by the end of this week at the latest. I have attached a timetable for this event for your information and we will publish a program closer to the date.

Healthy Sandwich Making

Our Healthy Sandwich Day was a big success and there was some very positive feedback, however, the best outcome is that we can see more of our students bringing sandwiches to school containing salad. Well done Mums and Dads and thank you for encouraging your children to eat healthily. We will be holding another sandwich making day next term but we are going to try another way to encourage healthy eating. From next Thursday on a fortnightly basis our Year 4, 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity to make a healthy sandwich before school in the covered assembly area for the cost of \$2. Year 4,5 and 6 students will receive a note this week that will clearly outline the dates, times and cost.

Community Assembly

Another happy community assembly was held last Friday. Thank you to Mrs Harris' Year 2 class for sharing with us how important it is to read every day. We loved the facts you shared!

Did you know that students who read for 20 minutes a day read 1.8 million words a year and score in the top 10% in tests and assessments.

We also congratulated our Year 6 student leaders who were presented their badges. May I take this opportunity to congratulate our newly elected 2018 student leaders and I look forward to working collaboratively with these students throughout 2018.

Head Boy: Dylan Claassens
Head Girl: Sofia Fortuna

Councillors

Mason Evans
Melisha Smith
Shayella Di Giorgio
Robert Teaurere
Joshua Pirret

Faction Captains

Blue: Baylee Wilkes and Kyden Evans
Red: Troy Valois and Mikayla Heath
Gold: Oliver Mitchell and Emily Briggs
Green: Jye Silcock and Irene Ngatikaura

P & C



It was wonderful to meet with parents last week at the P&C AGM. We extend our thanks and appreciation to the outgoing Executive and thank them sincerely for their important work in our foundation year.

Please join me in congratulating our new P&C office bearers for 2018!

President- Kirsty Lilley
Vice President - Jennifer Pirret
Secretary - Shannon Puig
Treasurer - Tinashe Magwaza

Here is a short message from your new President Kirsty.

Our P&C is currently busy planning all our fundraising initiatives and events for this year, if you liked something the P&C did last year and would like to see it again please let us know, Otherwise if you would like to see something different and have some ideas please let us know ASAP so we can try to include everyone's ideas.

Our Easter Raffle information will be coming home this

week, Please support our playground fund by getting involved. The draw will take place at the community assembly on the 23rd March. We look forward to your support and seeing you at our community assembly.

We are always on the hunt for new members, no matter how much or little time you can spare, all of it can help us reach our goal of a new playground for our kids! We are a sociable bunch and would love to meet more of our parent community.

We are also super keen to start our CANTEEN (As are you all I'm sure!), If you have experience in a canteen or the hospitality industry we would love to hear from you as we are on the look out for a canteen coordinator, otherwise if you can spare a few hours and would like to assist in the canteen please get in touch. Many hands make light work and the more people we have involved the sooner we can open our canteen.

Nourish will be on site Thursday to help us get through the day with their amazing coffee and yummy treats. Every time you buy from Nourish you are supporting our P&C!

Our next meeting is Wednesday 21st March at 6.30 pm.

Our P&C can be contacted via the following:

Email- baldyvisgardens.pandc@yahoo.com

Facebook - Baldyvis Gardens P&C

Phone- Kirsty - 0423984093

Please refer to the attached P & C note regarding our Easter Raffle.

Thank you for buying your child's school book list through Ziggies

Thank you to all our families who ordered their 2018 booklist through Ziggies. Baldyvis Gardens Primary School will be receiving a rebate of \$1332.13 as a result of our 2018 'Back to School' orders. We thank Andrew Dunnin, the Director and owner of Ziggies, as this is a very generous commission. The money will be allocated to our playground reserve funds. We ask families to consider this generous donation to the school from Ziggies when choosing a supplier for your child's booklist.

Voluntary Contributions

I made an administration error last week and I failed to list the names of all families who had paid their voluntary contributions. I sincerely apologise for this mistake. I have listed below the families who were omitted from last week's newsletter.

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.

· Allan
· Anderson, Khloe
· Anderson, Riarnna
· Broadbent, Mason
· Brooksbank
· Celentano
· Cummins
· Ditchburn
· Harris, Chayse
· Hewson
· Hillhouse
· Kamboj
· Kattampally
· Lapp
· Ling
· Paterson
· Sekpe
· Small
· Smith, Emily-Jane
· Sommerville
· Storer
· Storer
· Tailor
· Vermeer
· Visser
· Wihongi
· Williams

Please contact the office if you have paid your voluntary contributions and your name has not been published. We would love to hear from you if you would like to pay your voluntary contributions and go into the draw to win a free movie pass.

Enjoy your week and please remember to show patience and respect to other parents when you are dropping off and picking up in the school car parks.

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Principal