News from Baldivis Gardens Primary INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Welcome to Week 6 Term 3 2020 Wednesday 26th August 2020

Term 3 is Busy!

Yes Term 3 is very busy, but we are having lots of fun! We knew Term 3 would be busy after a quiet COVID Term 1 and 2, but we are certainly making up for lost time. Your children are focussed on their classroom Literacy and Numeracy learning and they are also engaged in lots of different extra-curricular activities. The Forest visit was a huge success, as was the choir excursion to a recording studio and our Aspirations Dress Up Day. IDance is going really well and next week it is time for school photos and our Artist in Residence Mosaic Incursion. Parents your willingness to support all these special events through our Term 3 Excursion Package has resulted in a very productive and enjoyable Term 3.

Pupil Free Days Term 4

Parents can you please note that there will be two pupil free days at the beginning of Term 4. Both Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th October will be pupil free days as we missed our Term 2 pupil free day due to COVID. We encourage you to put these dates in your diary and make arrangements for your children on these two days.

Before School Sandwich Making

Once again, many students made their own healthy sandwich before school today. For \$2 these children made a really tasty healthy lunch. Please encourage your children to try to make healthy sandwiches at home. A healthy sandwich will sustain your child much longer than several packets of snacks and allow them to focus on their learning.



Senior Choir Telethon Performance

Have you heard our Senior Choir is recording a performance to be screened over the Telethon Weekend? Mrs Graham and her talented choir visited a recording studio last week and this week they will be filmed in the Baldivis Children's Forest. What a wonderful way to promote our school state-wide and to support this excellent cause.



Aspirations Day

Aspirations Day was a big success with our student leaders raising \$415 for our World Vision Sponsor Child. This was a fun day with a positive impact that raised awareness of the importance of giving generously to those less fortunate. Thank you to our parent community for encouraging our

students to dress up and for providing some very creative dress ups.



BASSA Carnival: A Message from Mr G for our Year 5 and 6 Parents

"As we are still in Phase 4 of the WA COVID-19 road map, we ask that parents and spectators attending the carnival adhere to COVID-19 restrictions and exercise physical distancing where possible. Please be aware that Mike Barnett (Netball) enforce a limit of 1 spectator per student at their venue. As Lark Hill (Soccer, AFL, Hockey) is an outdoor venue there are no restrictions on attendance, however the current WA COVID-19 roadmap social distancing rules shall apply. We kindly ask that you please support our students, safely and responsibly by following the above facility rules and COVID-19 restrictions."

Cheesy Wednesdays are Back

Hot and delicious Cheesies are available every Wednesday at recess time. Everyone loves a cheesy!







Changes to the Out of School Care Provider

I am pleased to announce OSH Club are our new Before and After School Care providers for 2021. If you have any queries or concerns in relation to the change over can you please contact YMCA or OSH Club directly. Please note that OSH Club will be providing January School Holiday programs for our students from a local centre.



School Photos

Just a reminder that school photos are next Tuesday and Wednesday. Please see the flyer attached for more details. All orders are online and sibling photo bookings close on Monday. Please note that due to COVID, the number of sibling photo slots is limited and there are only currently 20 left. Sibling photos will be in the library from 8am, with surnames A-J on Tuesday and K-Z on Wednesday. Sibling photos for Kindy students will take place on the day they attend.

The following classes photos are on Tuesday:

- Sandpiper 4 & 5 (Kindy Tues/Thurs)
- Sandpiper 1, 2 & 3
- Goshawk 1, 2 & 3
- Whistler 1, 2 & 3
- Swallow 1 & 3
- Junior choir

The following classes photos are on Wednesday:

- Sandpiper 4 & 5 (Kindy Mon/Wed)
- Cockatoo 1, 2, 3 & 4
- Swallow 2 & 4
- Senior choir, graduation and student leaders



Year 6 Transition

Next Thursday, 3rd September, Baldivis Secondary College are holding a Year 7 2021 AVID Elective Parent Night. I have attached the flyer for interested parents. Please contact the College if you have any questions regarding the program and RSVP direct to the College if you are attending.

News from our P & C



What a great week we have had with fundraising. Our Billy G's Cookie Dough fundraiser ended last night with a massive response. We thank everyone who shared your child's pages and getting people to participate in this event. Our school sold 1,896 tubs and we have made a total of \$6,636 profit! That is so amazing for our wee school. Another milestone is we are now ranked 3rd for top sellers out of the whole of AUSTRALIA! So a round of applause for everyone's effort in this. Please keep an eye out for more information regarding pickup of the tubs.

On Sunday we have our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. We have had a great response for volunteers but have one time slot left between 11am-1pm. If you are able to assist with this, please message us on Facebook. Otherwise bring the family down for some lunch. A big thank you to RJ's Quality Meats for the generous donation of sausages and Gary and Helen James for their donation of 20kg worth of onions.

Our Father's Day stalls will be held during class time next week, your child should have brought home the notice. They are being held during the day as we still have to comply with COVID restrictions. We thank you for your understanding. We have gifts ranging from \$0.50 - \$7.00 with a

mix of P&C handmade items as well as items from Bear and Moon. This will be buy on the day stall. If you are interested in assisting us with the stalls from 10.30 - 1.30 next Thursday or Friday please message us.

On Thursday, the Kindy Tues/Thurs group, Preprimary, Goshawk and Whistler blocks will be able to buy from the stall.

On Friday, the Kindy Mon/Weds group, Cockatoo and Swallow blocks will be able to buy from the stall.

Our next GM is scheduled for Wednesday 16th September at 5.00pm in the conference room. We have a few ideas for Term 4 and would really love to give back. Of course we need your input and ideas. With all that 2020 has thrown at us this year I am really proud of how well financially we are doing and we are starting to get more volunteers and new parents helping with the fundraisers. I know life can be busy (trust me I know) so your time and effort means a lot to my team and I, because without you guys none of this would be possible.

Staff Changes

We are delighted to welcome Ms Starr Jamieson to The Garden. Ms Jamieson is our new Science teacher and has taken over from Mrs Raphael who moved into the role of Year 4 classroom teacher when Mrs Ashwood left to have her baby last Friday. We welcome Ms Jamieson, a very experienced and passionate teacher, to her new role. Ms Jamieson will work closely with Mrs

Raphael to ensure our Science program continues to motivate and inspire our young scientists. We would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Raphael for establishing such a unique and successful Science program over the last four years.



Mental Health in our School Community

I will be out of the school for the remainder of this week for some very important training. I will be doing the Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training. Like all school communities, our school community and our families are impacted by mental illness, and we are committed to upskilling ourselves so we can support our students and families. We will continue to seek out ways to improve our students' mental health and support parents as they help their children manage mental health struggles. If you are concerned about your child's mental health please don't hesitate to talk to your child's teacher or Mel Stewart, David Batt or myself. Alternatively contact your GP. Early intervention holds the key to long term mental health.

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