

Week 6 November 14th 2017

My sincere apologies for the delay in distributing this newsletter. Unfortunately I have been unwell and I have been on sick leave for two days. I am hoping to return to school tomorrow. Thank you to my Deputy Principals, Mrs Stewart and Mr Batt, for their ongoing leadership and management of our school in my absence. I am very fortunate to have such a confident, capable and personable leadership team.

Movie Night

Last Friday's P & C Movie Night was a wonderful community event that brought our community together for an evening of family fun. All credit must go to our small group of P & C members who worked tirelessly to make this event such a success. As you will read in the P & C newsletter the event raised nearly \$2000 dollars towards our new play areas. Thank you for supporting this event and a huge thank you to the parents who worked so very hard to organise this event.

Special Invitation to Parents

Lee Downham who is a City of Rockingham Councillor (Baldivis Ward) and member of our School Board is offering to lead a workshop for parents who are keen to be involved in the work of our P and C, who know they have skills and experience that may be useful, but don't have a lot of time to spare. This workshop will support interested parents to create a strategic plan and vision for the P and C moving into 2018 that will reduce the workload for all and utilise the skills of

our parents and other interested community members.

You are invited to attend this workshop on 5th December at 7 pm at the school. Lee has a strong business background, expertise in mentoring business groups and a genuine interest in our school. He can see the need for strategic fundraising and believes he can help us by sharing some simple business principles. Can you please email me if you plan to attend Jayne.ebsworthy@education.wa.edu.au I look forward to hearing from you.

Parent Survey

Thank you to the fifty one parents who responded to our request to complete our parent survey. Your feedback is highly valued. These results will now be collated and shared with our staff and our school Board to support our planning for 2018.

Congratulations to the Pirret Family

At last Friday's community assembly the Pirret family name was drawn out of the box containing all the names of the families who had paid their 2017 voluntary contributions. The Pirret family have won their 2018 booklists free of charge. A fitting reward to a family who has four children in our school!

I don't think parents realise how much it helps our school when parents pay these voluntary fees. If only 150 families paid their 2018 voluntary contributions we would have more than \$10 000 towards much needed school resources for your children.

Parents are welcome to pay their 2018 contributions before the end of this year and we will be offering early bird prizes for those who pay by the end of Term 1 2018.

Enrolments for 2018 are coming in!

We have recently enrolled a number of new families for 2018. Please help us spread the word about our beautiful school and our capacity to enrol students both now and for 2018. Please be aware we currently have Kindergarten places for 2018.

If you are not returning to Baldivis Gardens in 2018 please notify the office or your classroom teacher immediately.

Student Progress

It brings me great delight when class teachers eagerly share with me their students' progress. Our focus here in The Garden is on individual student growth and progress, and every class teacher reports this growth and progress to the leadership team twice a year. Recently teachers have been completing both whole school and class assessments in preparation for the end of semester reports and they have been delighted with the progress of most of their students. I know they look forward to sharing this progress with you through the end of semester reports. These reports will be distributed by Friday 8th December. If you have any questions about your child's progress and achievement don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

Important Date for your Diary

Parents please note these important dates and please inform your class teachers if your children will not be present for these special events.

Friday 8th December is the Awards Assembly and official opening of our Foundation Mural. Class awards will be presented and there will be

special choir items. Don't miss this significant assembly as we celebrate our foundation year.

Friday 8th December is also our Christmas Carols Evening and every class will be performing a Christmas carol. We ask that your children come dressed in their best Christmas colours as we gather together to celebrate Christmas as a school community. More information will follow.

Wednesday 13th December is our Graduation Assembly for our Year 6 students. Please come along and give these foundation students the farewell they deserve.

Thursday 14th December is our whole school picnic to Rockingham Beach and the last day of the school year. Bring a picnic lunch to share with your children as we celebrate our foundation year. Students will travel to and from Rockingham Beach on buses. They will rotate through four different activities in their faction groups. A permission note will go out later this week.

Friday 24th November is our final Music Assembly. Please show your support for this very important specialist program. We value Music highly in The Garden. I do hope you can attend on this day. Your friends and family are welcome to join us and be entertained by our talented students.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the week.

Jayne

***Jayne Ebsworthy
Principal***