

Welcome to Week 6 Term 2 2018

Tuesday 5th June 2018

Parent Teacher Meetings

You should have received an email last week explaining how to book an interview time with your child's teacher following the release of the end of semester reports on Friday 22nd June. I have attached the information sheet to this Connect notice for your information. We expect all parents will take the time to meet with their child's classroom teacher through the week beginning Monday 25th June. If parents and staff are to truly take 'shared responsibility' for their children's progress close communication is needed between home and school. I urge you to make your appointment as soon as possible.

School Closure on Tuesday 26th June

To allow time for these interviews to be conducted the school will be closed from 12 pm on Tuesday 26th June. You will shortly receive a note for you to sign acknowledging this closure. If you cannot make other arrangements for your child on the afternoon of the 25th June we can provide supervision for your child.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

The Bunnings sausage sizzle was a huge success. My staff and I want to say a huge thank you to our P & C for taking the time to secure the sausage sizzle dates with Bunnings, prepare, plan and organise the food, and man the stall on the day. What a super effort! To every parent who participated in some way we say a big thank you. Because of you the P & C will be able to make a significant financial contribution to our next exciting play space.

Singfest

The weather was terrible last Thursday but the show went on regardless. And what a great show it was! How wonderful to see both the Baldivis and Baldivis Gardens choirs performing individually and singing together. We congratulate Mrs Graham and Mrs Triscari on bringing our two schools together for this community event.

Cross Country Event

Our faction cross country event was another very successful school event. We congratulate Blue faction on winning the event and our year level champions. Thank you to my staff and in particular Mr Gardiner for preparing the students for this event through daily fitness, physical education lessons and before and after school sport. Parents are encouraged to involve your children in activities and sport that builds aerobic fitness. Many of our students are very unfit and do need additional opportunities to exercise outside of school hours.

Year 3 girls – Runner up champion – Kendall Johnson & Champion – Chloe McAlpine

Year 3 boys - Runner up champion – Alex Va'a & Champion – Zac Last

Year 4 girls – Runner up champion – Felicity Abey & Champion – Maisie Lothian

Year 4 boys - Runner up champion – Jacob Johnston & Champion – Archer Challis

Year 5 girls – Runner up champion – Shemanne Sebar & Champion – Keira Speed

Year 5 boys - Runner up champion – Carlos Trowbridge & Champion – Hunter O'Riley

Year 6 girls – Runner up champion – Sofia Fortuna & Champion – Baylee Wilkes

Year 6 boys - Runner up champion – Boss Jantong & Champion – Noah Tesien

Recycling of Dental Products

Thanks to the families who are sending in their dental packaging to our school for collection and recycling. Please place all your empty packaging, toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes in the allocated boxes and we will earn points according to the weight of the packaging collected.



You can also earn points by voting for our school. The link is below.

<https://www.terracycle.com.au/en-AU/contests/colgategardenvoting>

Please don't send sick children to school!

So we don't spread our coughs, colds and tummy bugs parents are asked not to send children to school:

- If they have a temperature
- If they have vomited or had a diarrhoea in the last 24 hours
- They are sneezing and coughing

Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated and will ensure our staff and students stay well.

German in the Garden Deutsch im Garten

You may have heard your children speaking some German at home. I hope so! Miss Merta and my staff are doing a super job engaging our students in the German language. Like all Baldivis primary schools we are teaching the German language, however we are doing it in a different way that we hope makes learning a language more meaningful and relevant.

Miss Merta teaches our Year 3 students for one hour per week, and Miss McKay and Mr Doherty assist her. Miss Merta also supports all our teachers from Kindergarten to

Year 6 to introduce some German language into every day classroom activities. In addition all children from Pre-primary to Year 6 visit Mrs Ferguson and Miss Sparenberg in our school garden. Miss Sparenberg our Languages Assistant teaches our students German vocabulary related to our 'From Forest to Garden' project ('Vom Wald zum Garten' projekt)

Learning a language has such a positive impact on children and we are eager to make the learning of a second language as meaningful and 'hands on' as possible. Thank you to all my staff for their commitment to this integrated approach to teaching the Languages curriculum. If you speak German and you would like to support us in the teaching of German then please contact me at Jayne.ebsworthy@education.wa.edu.au



Australian Early Development Census

Pre primary parents will soon receive a note about the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). The AEDC is voluntary and is not a school test but rather a nation wide census of Early Childhood development and helps our school and our community understand how children are developing. More information can be found at www.aedc.gov.au or don't hesitate to contact our Deputy Principal Mel Stewart at Melinda.stewart@education.wa.edu.au or through our front office on 9523 700.

Great to see so many Pre-primary parents in class this afternoon!

What a delight to see so many of our Pre-primary parents join their children today to share their 'Talk for Writing' oral texts and also hear about their home reading program.

Listening to your children read and reading to your children is one of the greatest gifts you can give your child. A child who is read to every day is way ahead of children who are not given this gift. So Mums and Dads whatever age your child is, please take the time to read to them every night. It will make learning to read and write so much easier and they will love that special time shared with you. We value the fact our Baldivis Gardens parents are taking shared responsibility for their children's development. Thank you!



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