

Welcome to Week 6 Term 2 2020

Wednesday 3rd June 2020

Phase 3 Moving On with COVID

As you will be aware the Government has announced Phase 3 lifting of the COVID – 19 restrictions. This announcement included parents being allowed to enter school grounds. I was hoping the Department of Education would have provided us with further information as to what this should look like in public schools by today. However, I haven't received this information. So as soon as I receive clarification I will send another Connect notice to inform our parent community about what the lifting of these restrictions will look like in 'The Garden'.

I have spoken to many parents about their COVID drop off and pick up experiences and most parents have said they have found it very convenient, and they have been impressed with the independence and confidence their children have shown. My staff have also noticed the children taking more responsibility for their morning routine. The classroom teachers have commented on the quality time they have enjoyed with their students before school.

Obviously as a school we love the connections we make with parents, and of course as the restrictions are lifted we will certainly allow parents to enter the school grounds at certain times, however we are keen not to undo the gains that have been made as far as student independence and responsibility.

Look out for a Connect notice and email with more details before next Monday.

Events for 2020

As you are well aware 2020 has been a quiet one for us all socially and for schools. The planners have been very uncluttered as we have been unable to have the school events, excursion and incursions that usually occur. Having said that, I am very keen for our students not to miss out and we are planning some significant excursions and incursions, pending the lifting of the restrictions.

I wanted to share with you what we are planning and very soon I will send out further information related to these activities and the charges associated with these activities. I am sure you would agree your children need some positive and very special 2020 memories.

This is what we have planned:

- An **'Artist in Residence'** experience where every child participates in creating mosaic art works to enhance our school grounds. This will involve the top courtyard area and the front office and the theme will be our local birds that name our teaching blocks, and our motto 'Nurture Grow Thrive'. Our foundation families will remember their children creating the mural on our library wall. This will be a similar experience and allow all students to 'own' some permanent art work on display in our school grounds.
- A **Forest Excursion** as we continue our commitment to building a strong connection with the Baldivis Children's Forest. There is so much to learn from the forest and our teachers are keen to return their students for another valuable learning experience to enhance our 'From Forest to Garden' Program.
- **I Dance** has brought joy to our students for the previous two years and we don't want

to miss this opportunity if we possibly can. Dance is an important part of the Physical Education and Arts curriculum and our students are building their skills every year. We will have to adjust the performance to meet any restrictions in place at the time, but we feel it is important to give our students this learning opportunity.

- **Scitech Excursion:** Mrs Raphael our extraordinary Science Specialist teacher had organised this event prior to COVID and we are hoping this can go ahead as restrictions ease. We value Science greatly and this is another wonderful learning opportunity in addition to what happens every day in our Science Lab.

In addition to these four activities we hope sporting events can begin to happen and of course we will be planning for 'Colour Run' and our last day of school special event. It won't be to the Rockingham foreshore this year (Don't think we can trust the weather!) but we are planning a special and very memorable day for all students. Year 6 parents will be aware our Year 6 camp has been put back to a weekend in November which has been very well received by our graduating class.

So as you can see my staff and I have high hopes we will soon be able to fill our term planners with some special learning opportunities, but for now we will continue to focus on the explicit, uninterrupted teaching in our classrooms. Your students are making such amazing progress which I am sure will be reflected in their end of semester reports which will go out in Week 10 this term. Comments only will be given this semester and no grades due to the COVID -19 interruptions to learning programs.

Community Assembly

Tomorrow is our digital community assembly and I will post a link on Connect as soon as it is available. I hope you enjoy these as the children are loving them!

Voluntary Contributions

I know this has been a time when some families have faced financial hardship and we certainly

respect this but if your family has not been impacted financially we would encourage you to pay your voluntary contributions. We already have many families who have paid and they are in the running to win a reserved parking bay at the front of the school near the office or family movie vouchers. So please help us resource our new school by paying your voluntary contributions.

P & C News



Does your child want to have a go at winning a brand new SCOOTER?

Reece Whitby has kindly donated a scooter to the Baldivis Gardens P&C to help raise funds for our school. So amongst all the chaos at the moment we thought why not make it a bit fun for the kids, wind it back a little, and do a colouring in competition!!!

Colouring sheets will be distributed tomorrow. All they have to do is put a gold coin donation in the envelope provided and return the completed colouring sheet and the envelope to their teacher or the office before Friday 26th June Week 9! The winner will be drawn from a hat at the Week 10 digital assembly by Reece himself. We also have 3 runner up prizes from each block - a \$5 pizza voucher.

We ask for your support in this as fundraising events have been limited due to Covid-19 and we would love to put the funds towards a fun event for our community within the year.

So get your kids colouring because they could be zipping to school on some fresh wheels 😊

From the P & C Executive

Garden Fun with Frau Ferguson and Frau Puhl

We are so fortunate to have our 'German in the Garden' program happening at our school. We want to say thank you for all the time and effort Mrs Tanya Ferguson and Miss Clara Puhl put into our garden program. The harvest is plentiful and the children are learning so much!



Languagenut : A Message from Frau Merta

Dear Parents and Guardians,

To support your children in developing their German skills with you at home, our school will be using the digital language learning platform "Languagenut". Students can practise their reading, listening, speaking and writing skills in a variety of activities.

Every student has been set up with an account and you can find login details attached. Students have been provided with their username and password.

You can access the website on your computer by following this link: www.languagenut.com. The free Languagenut app is also available for

download via the Apple App Store and on Google Play.

I'm looking forward to supporting you and your family with German learning this term. Please don't hesitate to contact me via email if you have any questions.
(lisa.merta@education.wa.edu.au)

*Kind regards, Mit freundlichen Grüßen,
Frau Merta*

Please see the attachment How to Access Languagenut

Please remember attendance at school is so very important. Your child will suffer greatly if they do not attend regularly and they certainly will not achieve to their potential. If getting your child to school regularly, is a problem for you then please give us a call to discuss. We will do anything we can to help your child attend regularly.

Kind regards

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*Jayne Ebsworthy
Principal*