

## **Week 7 November 20th 2017**

Welcome to Week 7. It is hard to believe we have only four more weeks of school before the Christmas break. Our first year has gone by so quickly and we have achieved a great deal in one short year. We continue to welcome new families into our school and our 2018 enrolments are growing steadily. I imagine we will have about 350 students next year, which will be nearly 100 more than we have at present. We will need the support of the whole community if our Vision of a thriving school community is to become a reality. I look forward to your ongoing support as we grow.

I would like to invite you to join with me and other interested parents to a short meeting on 5 th December at 7 pm. Lee Downham, our community board member and Rockingham Councillor, will share his knowledge and experience with parents who want to have a positive impact on our school community but don't have a lot of spare time. Please email me if you plan to attend.

### ***Music Assembly this Friday***

Our last community assembly for 2017 is a Music Assembly and we will award our final GROW awards for the year. Don't miss this opportunity

to hear our children sing and to acknowledge the work of our Music Specialist Teacher Mrs Kate Graham. See you at 8.45 am in the covered assembly area.

### ***Board Meeting***

Our final Board meeting for the year is this Tuesday evening. The Board will be looking at our parent, staff and student survey results and reviewing our financial planning for 2018. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all Board members for their commitment to our school and their role on the Board. A special thank you to our Board Chair Judith Hill who has capably led our Board through our foundation year, and also supported and encouraged me in my role as Principal. Our Board members are as follows:

**Board Chair:** Judith Hill

**Principal:** Jayne Ebsworthy

**Staff Members:** David Batt, Mel Stewart and Emily Bruce

**Parent Members:** Kat Lothian, Kristie-Lee Last, Kirsty Lilley, Tinashe Magwaza

**Community Member:** Mr Lee Downham (Rockingham Councillor)

## *Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off*

Please join us for our Jump Off on Friday afternoon 24<sup>th</sup> November from 2 pm as we all get jumping for the Heart Foundation. Thank you to those parents who have allowed their child to register and have gained sponsorship. Go to [https://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2017/Baldivis\\_Gardens\\_Primary\\_School\\_BALDIVIS\\_WA\\_131433](https://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2017/Baldivis_Gardens_Primary_School_BALDIVIS_WA_131433) if you would like to register your child or sponsor one of our students. Currently we have raised an amazing \$3629. Our school gains valuable sporting equipment, our students have the chance to win prizes and most importantly we raise funds for the Heart Foundation.

## *Rockingham Beach Excursion*

Today your child should have brought home a permission note for our whole school end of year picnic. We would love parents to join us as we take the whole school to the Rockingham foreshore for a day of fun, games and celebration. Your prompt return of this permission form will be appreciated to allow us to plan accordingly. **We emphasise the children will not be in deep water, but rather the shallow waters of Rockingham Beach. Students are not required to be able to swim.** We will have suitably qualified water safety/life saving staff present to ensure we meet the strict guidelines related to excursions to the beach and all teaching staff will be present.

## *Awards Assembly*

The Awards Assembly on the 8<sup>th</sup> December is an assembly not to be missed. Two students from each class will receive a GROW Book Award, there will be some very special music items and we will officially open our foundation mural and plaque acknowledging our foundation students and staff. Please join us for this memorable event.

## *Carols Night*

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December is a busy day as that evening is also our Carols Evening. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be performing a carol. Students will be required in their classrooms at 5.30 pm and parents are encouraged to bring a picnic tea to share with their children after the concert. Students are asked to come dressed in their best 'Christmas Colours' (red, green, white, gold or silver)

## *Enrolment Update*

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.**

## **End of Year Reports**

End of year reports will be distributed by email by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure we have your most recent email address and if you require a printed copy please put your request in writing to Mr Batt ([david.batt@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:david.batt@education.wa.edu.au))

## **Kindergarten Transition**

2018 Kindergarten transition 'Play Dates' are happening this week on Wednesday and Thursday morning. We look forward to meeting our new Kindergarten students and their parents.

## **P&C News**

Wow! I have just heard the profit from the Movie Night was over \$2000. Well done and thank you so very much for your support of this P and C event. Our playground fund is looking much healthier! I hope you can join us next Wednesday evening for the P and C meeting at 7pm. If every parent contributes just a little then we will build a thriving school community. Please see the P and C update attached.

## **Classes for 2018**

Classes for 2018 will go up on a school noticeboard on Tuesday afternoon 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Parents and students are invited to come to school between 1.30 – 3.00 pm to meet their teacher and visit their new classroom prior to the first official day for students Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

## **Booklists**

Booklists are due to be returned to school by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Andrew from Ziggies, our booklist supplier, gives our school a generous sales commission. Please try to support Ziggies when purchasing your booklist requirements, although you are free to source your booklist requirements elsewhere.

I do hope you can attend our community assembly this Friday. You will enjoy the entertainment by our school choirs. I look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards

*Jayne*

**Jayne Ebsworthy**  
**Principal**