



News from

# The Garden



**Welcome to Week 8 2018**  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

## **Faction Swimming Carnival**

What a delight to see our Year 3 - 6 students having such a wonderful time at our faction athletics carnival last Friday morning. The students were enthusiastic participants in both the swimming races and the shallow water team games. Their behaviour and sportsmanship was excellent and there was not one issue on the bus or at the pool. My staff and I are delighted with the way our students are abiding by our school rules and demonstrating our school values and GROW ethos. We thank our parent community for reinforcing these high expectations at home and supporting our school as we endeavour to provide a safe and supportive learning environment.

Congratulations to our year level champions for their achievements in the pool on the day and for their commitment to learning to swim. Some of our students do many hours of training each week to achieve at this level and we commend them for their hard work and perseverance. May I take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of your child learning to swim. Our school will participate in the government sponsored 'in term' swimming lessons later this year and subsidised swimming lessons are also available in the school holidays. <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/web/at-school/swimming> These swimming lessons provide great value for money and I do encourage you to give your child these opportunities.

Blue faction was the winning faction and our year level champions are as follows:

Year 3 Girls

Champion – Dasha Tetlow

R/Up Champion – Taylah Adams

Year 3 Boys

Champion – Lincoln Boxhall

R/Up Champion – Zac Last

Year 4 Girls

Champion – Felicity Abey

R/Up Champion – Sammy Koller & Jasmine Waters

Year 4 Boys

Champion – Archer Challis

R/Up Champion – Tyler Ferrari

Year 5 Girls

Champion – Kiara Bentley

R/Up Champion – Keira Speed

Year 5 Boys

Champion – Hunter O'Riley

R/Up Champion – Jasper Lothian

Year 6 Girls

Champion – Baylee Wilkes

R/Up Champion – Melisha Smith

Year 6 Boys

Champion – Mark Tetlow

R/Up Champion – Tim Oakden

Faction Champions

1<sup>st</sup> – Blue

2<sup>nd</sup> – Green

3<sup>rd</sup> – Gold

4<sup>th</sup> – Red

### **Healthy Lunches for Years 4 - 6**

Last Thursday our Year 4 - 6 students enjoyed an opportunity to make a healthy sandwich for their lunch. Thanks to Mr Gardiner and Miss Vujovic the children were able to come to the covered assembly area from 8.00 am and choose from a variety of healthy salads, meats and cheeses to make their sandwich. They all enjoyed the opportunity and many students brought their own waste free container. On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> the children will have the same opportunity. We do remind parents this is the interschool summer carnival day so we ask parents to send a lunchbox and pack a cold pack to ensure the sandwich is fresh to eat at the carnival. Don't forget to send the \$2 to contribute to the cost. We sincerely thank Spudshed for their provision of the fresh salads.



### **Community Breakfast**

Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> March is our first community breakfast for 2018. Children will eat for free and we are asking adults for a gold coin donation if they wish to share this yummy healthy breakfast with their children. I look forward to seeing you at 7.30 am on the 27<sup>th</sup> March with your plastic bowls, plates and spoons.

These events are planned and prepared by our Health and Well Being Staff Committee who are committed to our community understanding the importance of a substantial healthy breakfast. Breakfast before school results in more focussed learning in the classroom so we do encourage you to ensure your child eats breakfast every day before school.

### **Easter Holidays**

Parents are reminded school is closed for the Easter break on the following days:

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**School resumes on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April.**

### **Community Assembly**

Our next community assembly is this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and Mrs Hoffmann's Year 1 class will be leading our assembly. GROW awards will be presented and we do encourage parents to join with us for this special school event. The P and C will announce the Easter hamper raffle winners. So come along and see if you have won one of these fantastic hampers.

### **A message from your P & C**



#### **Easter Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who is participating with our Easter raffle. We have had some amazing items coming in for our hampers which are sure to put a big smile on our winners faces! Tickets can still be purchased until Thursday when we need all tickets returned.

#### **Free Dress Day**

Get those uniforms in the wash early before this Easter break as your P&C bring you our first ever Free Dress Day! (Easter themed if you'd like!)

What's even better, give mum and dad the day off preparing lunches as we will be having a sausage sizzle on this day! Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Free dress, sausage sizzle and a juice box for just \$3.50! Letters will be coming home this week!

Please note: Year 5 and 6 students attending the interschool carnival on this day will need to be in full school uniform and the sausage sizzle will not be available for them. Sorry the P&C will make it up to you.

P&C meeting

Wednesday night at 6:30pm in the school conference room!

We will decide on our events and fundraisers for the year!

What an exciting time to be part of our P&C!

See you there!

Thanks

Your P&C team!



**Come for a cuppa, Stay for a chat!**

Our P&C are a sociable bunch and would like to officially invite you to our meeting.

Our first P&C meeting for the year will take place on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** at 6:30pm in the school conference room. If you're thinking about joining the P&C or have ever wondered what we do or if there is something you can help with then this is the meeting to come to! We will discuss and plan our events and fundraising for the year, remember to bring along your ideas too!

There are many exciting things to come this year and we would love for you to come along and have a say.

We will have tea, coffee and milo and some fresh bakes for us all to enjoy as we get to know our new P&C members.

We look forward to seeing you there,  
Kirsty, Jen, Shannon and Tina

**NEXT MEETING:  
WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH,  
6:30pm  
CONFERENCE ROOM**

Facebook - Baldivis Gardens P&C

Phone- Kirsty - 0423984093

### **Green Team Excursion**

This year a group of students called our 'Green Team', under the leadership of Mrs Raphael and Mrs Ashwood, have taken on extra responsibilities to implement sustainable practices, such as composting and worm farming. This is a fantastic opportunity and these students are having an impact on reducing the amount of waste going to landfill.

In order to further their understandings and assist them in being able to educate other students, they will be attending an excursion to the Perth Garden Festival on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April. They will have the opportunity to work with industry experts. During the excursion, these students will participate in a worm farming and composting workshop as well as a creativity workshop using scrap materials. The festival is held at McCallum Park in Victoria Park. Mrs Raphael and Mrs Ashwood will be attending the excursion

with students and we thank Mrs Raphael and Mrs Ashwood for their commitment to our sustainability initiatives.

### **Our Garden Project**



Our school garden is the focus for our 'From Forest to Garden' project. Here we see our students harvesting butternut pumpkins, planting and learning our German garden words. Mrs Ferguson who does a super job coordinating our class visits to the school garden is looking for some special items to be used in the garden. If you can donate any of the following items please bring them to the office or to Mrs Ferguson in Sandpiper Block Room 3.

Small glass jars approx 350-450gms cleaned

Large shovel and spade

Wheelbarrow

Watering cans

1 litre Plastic drink bottles cleaned

2 litre milk bottles washed out

Wooden pickets

Large outside broom

Baskets

Tea pots

Gum boots

Wooden spoons

Golf balls



## ***Please Look After our Library Books***

Dear Parents

Reading is one of the most important skills your child will learn at school. Like all skills, improvement comes with practice, and the Baldivis Gardens school library provides a wide variety of books for students to borrow for reading practice, information, and enjoyment.

Your child's class visits the school library weekly to select books to take home. You can help your children by reading these books to them or encouraging them to read independently. Don't forget to ask them some questions about what they are reading.

**Students are responsible in handling all library books with care, since they are for everyone to share. We would really appreciate your support in encouraging every child to use a library bag. Unfortunately there is always the risk of liquid spills and if books were stored in a waterproof bag hopefully this kind of damage would be eliminated. The school office has waterproof library bags for only \$8.** If a book is in need of a little repair please tell me or another staff member. If you come across a book with torn or loose pages please do not repair it yourself with sticky tape. Return it to the library and let me know where the torn or loose pages are and I will repair it in a special way that will make the book look good as new. If a book is lost or damaged, payment towards a replacement will be requested from the parents.

Library books may be kept for one week (K – 1) or two weeks (Year 2 – 6), then must be returned to be renewed (checked out again) if the student is not finished reading it. An overdue (late) book means a student cannot borrow another book until the overdue book is renewed or returned. If your family plans to move from Baldivis Gardens please remember to return all books before moving. We hope your student will enjoy reading many books from our school library and grow in reading skills while attending our school. If you have any questions or concerns about the library, please feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Maria Goddin

Library Officer

## ***Before and After School Sport***

Our school's Business Plan states that one of our targets is to increase the number of students participating in sport out of school hours. This target has been chosen as we are conscious of how valuable it is for a child to participate in a community sporting team. To encourage our students to participate in after hours sport. throughout Term 2 and 3 we will be running our 'Netball Program' for students in years 3 - 6 after school and our 'Footy Focus Program' for students in years 4 – 6 before school. All students both male and female in these years are eligible to participate. Please refer to the notes attached and return to school to show your willingness and desire for your child to participate in these programs.

## ***Notification of Absences***

Thank you for letting us know when your child is absent from school. Please remember you can SMS us on

**0438963241**

Thank you for your support, encouragement and involvement in our school. My staff and I value your contribution greatly. Your children love seeing you participating in class and school activities and events. Your interest and involvement has a big impact on their achievement at school.

Have a great week!

*Jayne*  
**Jayne Ebsworthy**  
**Principal**