



Parent Communication

Week 8 March 24th 2017

Summer Interschool Carnival

Well done to our Year 4, 5 and 6 students who participated in their first interschool summer sports carnival today at Lark Hill. Mr Batt, Mr Gardiner and Mrs Ashwood accompanied the teams and I went to observe the action during the day. We were all so proud of their efforts, their behavior and their sportsmanship. Well done to all our students involved. We participated in Division B for Girls Cricket, Boys Cricket and League Tag and every team did their best. Despite being a much smaller school than the other schools competing, we had several wins and we are really looking forward to participating in future carnivals as we grow in numbers and confidence.

Saver Plus Program

Saver Plus is a national matched savings and financial education program that assists people to save for education related expenses by **matching their savings dollar for dollar up to \$500**. Our school is located within an area that is being funded. Parents if you would like some support with funding to pay for education expenses please read the attached flyer.

School Jackets

Can you please make sure you have ordered your school jacket ready for the cooler weather and when you do buy the jacket PLEASE put your child's name on it. If you cannot afford a school jacket could you please try to buy a plain navy jacket. We are keen to promote the wearing of full uniform and to encourage our students to take great pride in their uniform. Remember school hats can be bought from the office and if your hat has broken elastic can you contact Willetton Uniforms and see if they are prepared to replace it.

ANZAC Service

Our ANZAC service will be on Friday 7th April at 8.45 am in the courtyard outside the covered assembly area. We encourage our parents to attend this very significant school event and we would like to invite parents who are currently serving in the armed services to wear their uniforms. We realize this service is very early, however due to the school holidays and pupil free day our students do not return to school until after ANZAC day.

Speech and Language Workshop Monday 27th March 2.15 pm

We are offering our Kindergarten and Pre Primary parents the opportunity to attend a short workshop session for half an hour before pick up time on **Monday 27th March at 2.15 pm**. Last Tuesday our Curtin University students presented a session to parents and some of our Monday Wednesday Kindergarten parents have requested a similar workshop. This workshop will be presented by Mrs Stewart and Mrs Ebsworthy. We are keen to encourage parents to be very proactive about their children's oral language skills, as we know the difference it will make to how well your children read and write. We hope to give you some practical ideas to foster your children's oral language and help you understand the importance of early intervention if your child has a speech or language delay. This workshop will be relevant to Kindergarten, Pre Primary or Year 1 parents.

Please can you help us?

We haven't had very much response to our request for help with building more creative play spaces. Are you a tradie who could help with a nature space playground? Do you know where we could buy a dinghy? Do you have a truck we could transport a boat? What about garden supplies? Any contacts with a tree nursery to plant some established deciduous trees? Please email, phone (9523 7000) or chat to us if you can help. We need parent support if our students are going to be given the best opportunity to grow and thrive.

Parents and Citizens (P & C) Meeting

Parents interested in being involved in the P and C will meet this **Wednesday 29th March** at 6 pm in the school's conference room. Please show your support for the P and C as a strong P and C can have such a positive influence on our school culture and also provide much needed funding through fundraising. Our P and C is incorporated and ready to go. Thanks to Kiya Rossiter and her hard working executive team. See you there!

Have you checked out the website calendar?

Parents you may like to save our school website to your 'favourites' as our school term planners and important dates are listed there. <https://baldivisgardensps.wa.edu.au/>

Pupil Free Day Monday 24th April

Students do not return to school for Term 2 until Wednesday 26th April due to a pupil free day on Monday 24th April and a public holiday for ANZAC day on the 25th April.

Please note that our pupil free days will always be on the first Monday of Term 2, 3 and 4. This way everyone can plan for their holidays ahead of time and hopefully reduce holidays in school time.

Enjoy your weekend!

Parents as the weekend begins you may like to consider how much screen time your children are having. The research is showing us clearly that the amount of screen time must be controlled. You may like to have a quick read of this:

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/enewsletter/screen-time-and-sleep>

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