

Welcome to Week 8 Term 4 2019

Monday 2nd December 2019

Our P&C is meeting TONIGHT 6 PM



I am hoping to meet with lots of parents tonight as the 2019 P&C executive invite all parents to come to the school tonight at 6 pm to plan for the year ahead. If you have never been involved in the Baldivis Gardens P&C before and you want to know how you could help then come along tonight. There is no election of office bearers and no more jobs to fill for this year, it is simply a chance to find out a little more about how the P&C operates and the opportunities that await parents in 2020. We are looking for parents who want to get involved and support the school build a positive and connected school community as well as raise funds to provide more resources and experiences to support our students' learning.

Survey Results

I would like to thank the 90 families who took the time to complete the 2019 survey which is mandated by the Department of Education for all schools to circulate to parents. As we only received feedback from less than 30% of our families it is hard to determine if these results truly reflect our school community. However, the responses were very

positive and the comments show that those who responded valued highly the quality and characteristics of our teachers and the feeling in the school. Here are a few comments parents made in the survey:

The teachers listen to my son and help him learn

His teacher makes learning fun for him whilst achieving a high standard of learning

Great parent teacher relationships

My children's teachers are extremely encouraging

The teachers are so encouraging.

The teachers are interested in their future

They encourage him to work harder and stay focussed.

The school has a wonderful community spirit where friendships are made.

Teachers are amazingly patient.

The school is working to create great educational experiences and programs for all students.

The school places an emphasis on good quality teaching.

I have attached a summary of the 2019 Parent Survey. Some of the suggestions that would 'make a school better' are excellent ideas but beyond our control. However others are within our control and I can assure you I will consider each of the suggestions made as we plan for 2020.

I have been encouraged in recent weeks as parents have taken the time to come and talk to me about opportunities to 'make our school better' and they are putting their hand up to help action those ideas.

Thank you Morning Tea

On Tuesday 17th December we extend an invitation to parents who have volunteered their time to help our school community, to attend a morning tea at 10.30am in the staff room. Your help is valued highly. All parents who have volunteered to help our school at the class or school level are invited to attend.

Changes to our Dental Clinic: A letter from Candice and Stacey

We would like to take the opportunity to thank parents/carers and students who have attended the dental clinic since it has opened. It is with great sadness that we have to announce that Stacey and I will be leaving the clinic this year. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time at Baldivis Gardens dental clinic and look forward to our new adventure.

There will be two new faces starting in 2020 and I'm sure you will all make them as welcome as you did us.

While we are closed over Christmas period please see below details for emergencies and changes for 2020-

Emergency clinic-

18th December- Ph: 9537 2619

19th – 23rd December- Ph: 9523 0965

24th December to 19th January- Mount Henry Dental Clinic: Ph: 9313 0552

*20th January to 28th January - West Byford DTC:
Ph: 9550 6006*

Baldivis Gardens Re-opens- 29th January 2020

Operating days- Wednesday to Friday 8am-4pm.

Wishing you all a lovely and safe holiday.

Kind regards

Candice and Stacey

Second Hand Uniforms

Are you leaving our school and have uniforms you will not need anymore?

Do you have uniforms your children have grown out of?

Would you be prepared to donate the school uniforms you don't need any more?

If so then bring your clean, no longer needed, uniforms to the school office as we have a parent who is willing to commence a second hand uniform stall in 2020 to raise funds for the school. I am sure you will agree this could be very helpful for everyone.

Rockingham Excursion Note

By now you should have received a permission note with details of our end of year whole school excursion to Rockingham Beach on Thursday 19th December, the last day of school. We have had to make some changes to the 2017 organisation to accommodate the larger numbers, however there will still be plenty of fun and games in the water and the sand. In order to prepare for this special day we need to know exact numbers. Can you please complete the form to indicate you will be attending. No child will be allowed to go on the bus to Rockingham unless their note has been returned and signed by a parent/guardian. The school is covering the cost of the bus fare so parents are only required to sign and return the note.

We look forward to parents joining us at the beach on the day. Subway lunch orders will be available. Otherwise students can bring their own packed lunch or parents can bring a picnic lunch to share with their children.

I am interested to hear from any parents, grandparents or older siblings who hold a current Bronze Lifesaving qualification to join our trained staff who will be supervising the water games. Please email Jayne.ebsworthy@education.wa.edu.au if you can help us.

Please note there are special arrangements for the Kindergarten Monday Wednesday group.

These students may join us at the beach, however they must travel with their parents and a parent must be present and responsible for their child at all times. Unfortunately our available staffing resources do not allow us to cater for this extra group of 40 students. Please refer to the note that will be sent home from your class teachers this week.

Class Lists 2020

Class lists will not be posted outside the Admin office until the afternoon of Friday 31st January 2020. On this afternoon the teachers will be in their new classrooms and available to meet their new students.

Early Drop Off

Parents please do not drop your children at school before 8.00 am unless they have a school commitment such as choir. This is very unsafe practice as your child will be unsupervised. I do understand that parents need to get to work, however alternative arrangements need to be made. We do have an Out of School Hours Care facility on site that offers care for students before or after school.

<https://www.ymcawa.org.au/baldivis-gardens/before-and-after-school-hours-care>

Voting for the School Board

As an Independent Public School the School Board has a very important role in the governance of our school. Three parents have nominated for the School Board and as it is a requirement for parents to vote for the parent representative I have included a link to the survey.

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/Election2019>

It is very encouraging to meet parents who are keen to contribute to our school in such a positive way and I thank these parents sincerely. I do urge all parents to take the opportunity to vote.

Thank you to Kirsty Lilley who has been on our Board since we opened in 2017.

Kirsty was also on our Planning Committee before the school opened. She has chosen not to re-nominate to allow other parents the same opportunity she has had. We thank her sincerely for her commitment to our school and the enthusiasm and interest she has shown through her involvement on both the Board and the Planning Committee.

I Dance Concerts: Some important information.

This year we will have two I Dance concerts on Monday 16th December in the covered assembly area.

K – Year 1 at 2 pm

Year 2 – 6 at 6.00 pm

We will be sending you updated information related to the concerts but the most important message is students are required to stay for the entire concert and will not be able to leave after their item. You should be receiving a Connect Notice from your child's teacher outlining the very simple costume requirements.

Christmas is Coming! A Time for Giving!



How wonderful to see our 'Christmas Giving Boxes' filling up in the classrooms. One of our Nine Core Values is Care and Compassion and we would like to give our students and our whole school community

an opportunity to give generously to those less fortunate.

Our school has linked up with the Salvation Army to collect perishable food items to give to needy families over the Christmas period. Collection boxes will be collected by the Salvation Army after our Awards Assembly on Friday 13th December.

I have attached some suggested food items, though all non perishable food items are welcome.

***A Parent Workshop that may interest you with the holiday season fast approaching!
Help with Holiday Meltdowns***

December 13 @ 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

<https://www.meerilinga.org.au/event/help-with-holiday-meltdowns/>

BASSA Spring Carnival

Once again our Year 5 and 6 students did us proud at the Interschool Spring Sporting Carnival. Our students competed with other local schools and showed great sportsmanship as they competed in a range of sports including European handball, Gaelic football and basketball. Top job to all who competed!



Coming up this week....

Here is a list of events for your diary. It is a busy time of year so we don't want you to miss out on these school events.

- Happiness Habit Concert is on TOMORROW 3rd December. All payments should have been made by now and permission forms returned. If not there is a permission form attached.
- Whole School Healthy Sandwich Day: all students will be making a healthy sandwich on Thursday 5th December with their class teachers in class time.
- Community Assembly Friday 6th December: Sandpiper 3 Mrs Honey's PP class

And don't forget Tuesday is Icy Pole Day!

It is going to be a hot week so please make sure your child has a hat at school and a filled water bottle. Icy poles will go down well tomorrow!



Have a great week!

Jayne

Jayne Ebsworthy
Principal

