

Welcome to Week 9 Term 3 2020 Wednesday 16th September 2020

School Survey

Every year I seek the support of parents by providing us with some feedback via our online survey. This is a survey all schools are required to distribute to their parent community. If we are to be the best school we can be, we need your help to give us some feedback. Next year our school will be formally reviewed and the reviewers will look for indicators of parent support and interest in our school. The number of parents who take the time to return the survey would be considered an indication of parent interest in the school and their child's education. Please take the time to complete this short survey and let us know what you like about our school and what we can do better.

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/BGPS2020Parent>

Cyber Safety Parent Workshop




Cyber Safety Parent Session

On Monday night, Channel 7's 'Flashpoint' explored the challenges of cyber safety for both parents and teachers. The Education Minister was interviewed and gave her opinion of a cyber safety

app called Beacon which has been developed locally by the Telethon Kids Institute. Also on the panel was a Clinical Psychologist from the YSafe team who will be presenting a workshop for our parents and other interested community members at our school next Wednesday evening 23rd September at 7 pm. You can watch last Monday's Flashpoint [program](#) through this link and I do encourage you to invest one hour of your time to attend on Wednesday evening. It has never been more important for parents to know what their children are doing and seeing on their devices, and to have the skills and knowledge to educate and protect. The workshop is only for one hour, light refreshments will be provided, however you must register to attend. The workshop is being funded by the school and there is no cost to parents. Please register here:

<http://bit.do/baldivisgardensps>

Here is the link to the Beacon safety app for parents.

[“Beacon” cyber safety app for parents](#) 

I Dance Parent Performance Times Wednesday 23rd September

9:00am – 9:30am	Sandpiper 1 and 2
9:30am – 10:00am	Sandpiper 3 and Goshawk 1
10:00am – 10:30am	Goshawk 2 and 3
11:20am – 12:00pm	Whistler 1, 2 and 3
12:00pm – 12:30pm	Cockatoo 3 and 4
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Cockatoo 1 and 2
1:50pm – 2:20pm	Swallow 1 and 3
2:20pm – 2:50pm	Swallow 2 and 4

Due to the COVID restrictions can you please strictly adhere to these few simple requests.

- Parents will enter at the start time through the double gates next to Whistler block. Performances will start 10 minutes after the gates open (eg. 9:00am gates for a 9:10 performance).
- There is a maximum of 2 adults per student.
- The overall capacity of the area is 100 parents and if this is exceeded, parents will have to view from outside the area.
- Parents are to remain seated during the performance and maintain social distancing at all times.
- Parents are to leave the site immediately following the performance.

Please note that there will be a dress rehearsal on Monday so the students can watch some of the other classes. Please make sure your child has their costume with them on Monday 21st September.

Sci tech Excursion using QKR



With our school being an Environmental Sustainable school we have decided to move to a paperless method of paying and permission notes for incursions and excursion for our students. Attached you will find a how to guide on how to set up and use QKR on your phone. We feel this will be a time saving method for all our parents also. You will be able to go on and make payment and sign the permission note for your child to attend our upcoming excursion to Scitech.

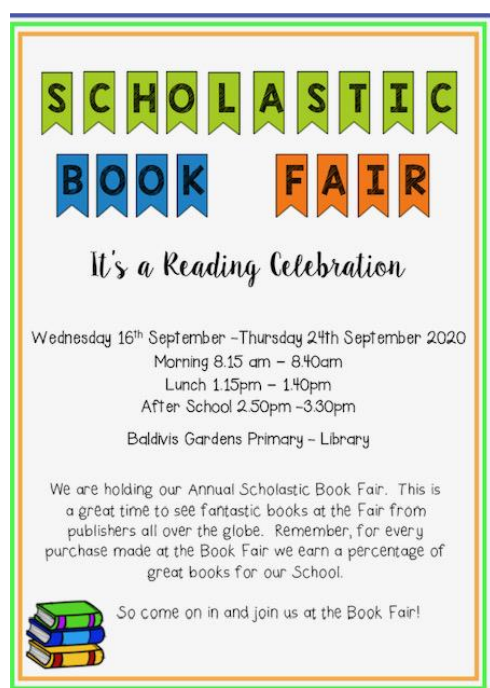
Please note;

We will have 2 different notes for you to choose from. Those of you that have paid for Scitech through our excursion package will be able to sign the permission note only, this will be labelled Scitech – Excursion Package. For those who did not take up that option you will be able to make payment and sign the permission note and this will be labelled Scitech – Payment.

Permission and Payments will be due by Friday 16th October 2020.

Book Fair

Our Annual Scholastic Book Fair has commenced in our school library and you and your children are invited before or after school. The Fair will close next Thursday 24th September. This is an opportunity to buy some quality books for your children and at the same time benefit the school. We thank our very dedicated Library Officer Maria Goddin for her hard work and commitment to the Book Fair.



Pupil Free Days Term 4

Parents can you please note that there will be two pupil free days at the beginning of Term 4. **Both Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th October will be pupil free days** as we missed our Term 2 pupil free day due to COVID. We encourage you to put these dates in your diary and make arrangements for your children on these two days.

Athletics Carnival Week 1 Term 4

Week 1 Term 4 is when our Year 1 – 6 Athletics Carnival will be held. Children will return to school

on the **Wednesday 14th October** and the Jumps and Throws carnival will be on the **Wednesday 14th October** and the Years 1-6 Carnival on **Friday 16th October** Please note the Kindergarten and Pre-primary carnival will not be until **Week 3 Friday 30th October** .

A Message from our School Board Chair

Last week, the School Board hosted their annual open meeting, which meant that other parents and interested parties could come along and listen to the Board in action. Board members welcomed Emily Hemley as their speaker for the meeting. Emily is BGPS' School Psychologist and spoke to the Board about the important role that she plays in the school, working alongside other staff and the community. The Board talked about Emily's role, and mental health more broadly in the context of the Business Plan, particularly important with the meeting being held on RUOK? Day. The Board approved the 2021 booklists and contributions and charges. The Board also gave a special mention of thanks to the P&C for their incredible efforts recently. If you are interested in knowing more about the Board, please do get in touch with me by sending an email to the School. We have a vacant position for a parent representative coming up towards the end of the year so it will be great to provide more information around that.

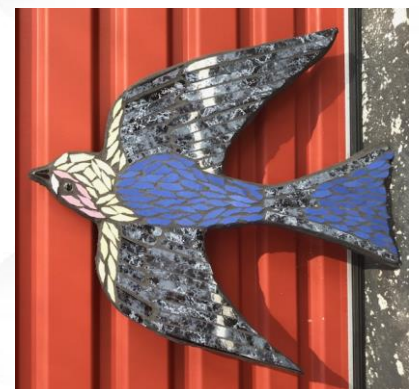
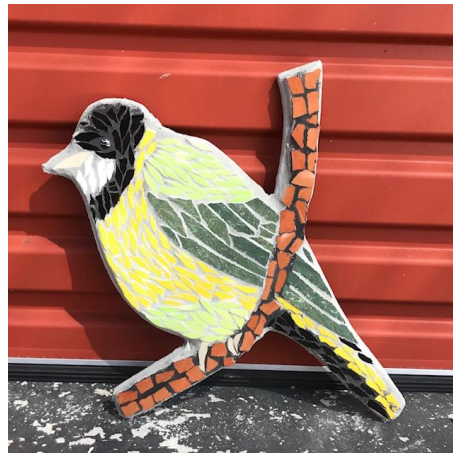
Kat Lothian, Board Chair.

Voluntary Contributions
Who will win the car bay or Movie Tickets?

We will announce the lucky family who wins the Voluntary Contributions lucky dip in next week's newsletter. The prize is your own car bay for a term or a family movie ticket. It is not too late to pay. We are very grateful to the third of our families who have paid but if everyone paid their voluntary contributions we would have 15 more ipads in the classrooms, 1000 more books in the library and every child would have their own "Maths Toolkit" to use in every Maths lesson?

Mosaic Art Works

Here are our mosaic birds the children made recently. As you know our teaching blocks are named after these birds. Goshawk, Sandpiper, Cockatoo, Swallow and Whistler. Can you work out which one is which?





Congratulations MC

MC competed in a State Karate Competition at Edith Cowan University in Joondalup last Sunday. He was awarded a Silver Medal in KATA. In KUMITE he received a Bronze medal. He was congratulated on his performance and achievement, however he was also acknowledged for his sportsmanship and fine character. Well done MC!

Chicken Pox is still here !

Please watch your children closely. If they are unwell in any way please be on the look out for a rash. Please never send your child to school unwell or with a rash of any sort.



We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who made our Cookie Dough fundraiser such a successful event. Special thanks to Veolia Environmental Services for their generous donation of a truck and driver to collect our cookie dough on behalf of the P and C.

Verge Collection and Loose Parts Play



Verge Collection is the perfect time to save your LOOSE PARTS - We've seen some amazing treasures being placed on the verge!

By now, your child has probably told you all about all Loose Parts Play, and the things they create with all sorts of treasures. We currently have Loose Parts Play available for our year 1 to 6 students on most days and they are loving it. However, we need your help in collecting more treasure.

Items we are looking for are-

- Vacuum cleaners
- Small wheels (from bikes, BBQ's, motorbikes, wheelbarrows)
- Crates, baskets, esky's, suitcases
- Pool hoses and small pool blankets
- Plastic buckets and containers
- Plastic pipes or table legs
- Cable reels
- Old laptops, keyboards, cameras, hairdryers
- Pots, frypans, cake tins and wooden spoons
- Sheets and blankets

If you have any of these items at home and you would like to donate them to our Loose Parts

Play. We would love them to be delivered to Mrs Douglas in Kindergarten (room 4).

Missing School?

Have you thought about how much school your child is missing out on? If a child repeatedly misses days or large amounts of time from each day they will not make the progress you would want your child to make. There seems to be a never ending stream of parents taking children from their classroom for a range of reasons and our attendance rates are well below what is expected. Please help your child to reach their potential by attending school every day they are well.

Have a great week!

***Jayne Ebsworthy
Principal***