



News from

The Garden



Welcome to Week 8 Term 2 2020

Thursday 18th June 2020

As I explained in last week's newsletter we are keen to give our students a really special Semester 2 and we have organised a range of extra curricular activities to fill our Term 3 and Term 4 planner with lots of fun and valuable learning experiences. We have sent out a payment package via email and a paper copy has gone home with students. I have also attached a copy to this Connect notice. We have done everything we can to reduce the cost of these events and we trust parents will find this a simple and easy way to pay for all the planned events. Please remember there have been very few charges this year and the expected charges such as in term swimming were cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

Can I ask parents to read the package carefully and return the payment sheet with your payment plan as soon as possible.

Kindergarten students will receive a different package to the Pre-primary – Year 6 package.

Please call the office if you have any queries after you have read the package.

Cross Country Event Years 1 – 6 Week 9 Friday 26th June

By now you should know if your child is competing in this event next week. If you are unsure please check with your child. I have attached the note to remind parents about the social distancing requirements as far as attending this school event.

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Reports will be sent out via an email link through Connect in the week beginning Monday 29th June. Please remember due to the COVID disrupted semester students in all public schools will not receive a grade, but rather comments only.

You will soon be given information explaining how you can book online for a parent teacher interview. These interviews will be held over the first three weeks of Term 3. I am sure you will all be keen to take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher.

Outside our School After School

We have welcomed parents back onto our school grounds after school, and some have chosen to wait for their children outside the gate. This is great to see, as you are certainly encouraging your children to be independent. However, can I ask parents who are waiting outside our gates to keep the pathways clear. This will allow parents and

students to use the pathway when leaving the school on foot or on bikes.

Especially during wet weather the roads and car parks around our school grounds are very busy and require parents to drive slowly. Please be courteous to other parents showing respect at all times. The safety of the children in our school community must be your focus.

Enrolments 2021

If you know of families moving into our area who plan to enrol in our school next year can you please ask them to contact the school. Similarly, if you know you will be moving away from The Garden then please let us know.

We are also currently taking Kindergarten and Pre-primary enrolments so don't forget to pick up an enrolment package or look on our website for the enrolment papers.

Police Visit

We were privileged to have Constable Webster from Rockingham Police Station attend our school this week reminding our students about the consequences of their behaviour, actions and words have on others. Constable Webster is coming back in August and the focus will be bike safety and cyber safety.



Social Media/Use of Devices and our Students

Parents please monitor closely your child's use of personal devices. We have become aware that some children are engaging in inappropriate chats. Primary aged children are simply not old enough to manage social media without adult supervision. Please get involved in what your child is doing on their device and intervene as needed.

Bike Safety

Lots of children are riding to school, which is great, but not many children are wearing helmets. Parents if your child rides independently to school they need to wear a helmet. Children's heads are fragile and must be protected.



Thank you to our P & C

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C meeting last night. We are very fortunate to have a core group of parents keen to support our school in any way they can. Please get behind our P & C. Look out for a flyer coming from our P & C promoting a gold coin dress up day on the last Friday of this term. Students will be asked to wear their PJ's which will be lots of fun and very appropriate for the last day of school before the Winter holidays.

News from our P & C



WHO WANTS TO WIN A SCOOTER?

Reece Whitby our local MP has kindly donated a BRAND NEW SCOOTER to help with P&C fundraising. To abide by social distancing the events we can hold are limited so we have decided to run a colouring in competition.

PRIZES

Reece Whitby is going to choose one winner from each school block. These four winners will be added to a hat and Reece will draw one of these to win the scooter. The three runners-up will win pizza vouchers. The winners will be announced during the week 10 assembly.

1st Prize - Brand New Scooter and helmet!

Runners-up - Pizza Vouchers

HOW TO ENTER

Your child should have been given a copy of our colouring in competition. All you have to do to enter is send your child with a gold coin along with their colouring sheet and bring it back in the envelope to their teacher or office before Friday 26th June.

Loose Parts Play

We are keen to provide more play opportunities for your children at school. Today I have attached a flyer explaining our 'Loose Parts Play' and giving you a list of what we would like you to collect. One of our wonderful Education Assistants Tamie Douglas is coordinating this project, so feel free to contact her if you would like to ask her any questions. Her contact details are on the flyer.



We now have a Defibrillator



Thanks to our Manager Corporate Services Tami Law, together with the help of the P & C we now have a defibrillator on the wall near the front office. We received a grant from Lotterywest to fund the defibrillator. Hopefully we will never need it, but it is also available to the wider community. Our

defibrillator is registered so people can find it in an emergency. This is the link to find defibrillators in the community.

St John Community First Responder System

Our defibrillator can be accessed by dialling 000. We have always wanted to have this service on our site in case of an emergency and we are most grateful to Lotterywest for this grant. Please let your neighbours and friends who live locally know about this.



Footy Focus

Throughout Term 3 we will be running our 'Footy Focus Program' for students in years 4-6. All students both male and female in these years are eligible to participate.

The program will run every Wednesday from 7.30am – 8.10am in Terms 3. The program is completely free and will be run by Mr R & Mr Johnston. **Footy Focus commences in Week 1, Wednesday 22nd July which is the first day of school for this term.** If your child would like to be involved in this exciting program please complete the form attached to this Connect notice.

After School Netball

This year throughout Term 3 we will be running our 'Netball Program' for students in Years 4-6. All students both male and female in these years are eligible to participate. **The program will run every Thursday afternoon from 3.00pm – 3.45pm in Term 3.** The program is completely free and will be run by Mrs Bruce & Mrs Raphael.

The program will commence in Week 1, Thursday 23rd July. If your child would like to be involved in this exciting program please complete the form attached to this Connect notice.

A Message from our German Teacher

To support your children in developing their German skills with you at home, our school started using the digital language learning platform "Languagenut". Students can practise their reading, listening, speaking and writing skills in a variety of activities. All students have received their login details. You can access the website on your computer by following this link: www.languagenut.com. The free Languagenut app is also available for download via the Apple App Store and on Google Play. I'm looking forward to supporting you and your family with German learning this term. Please don't hesitate to contact me via email if you have any questions. (lisa.merta@education.wa.edu.au)

Kind regards, Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Frau Merta

Baldivis Gardens Defence Squad

Yesterday our students who have parents serving in the Navy met together for some fun and games. Katrina Glenn, with the blessing of the families involved, has created a support group for our Baldivis Gardens Defence families. The children meet once or twice a term and call themselves the 'Defence Squad'. The parents have met for a morning tea and a chat.

Yesterday as part of their 'Defence Squad' meeting time the students wrote letters to their parents, many of whom, are currently serving away from home. We thank Katrina for initiating this support group. Our Defence families face many challenges as they combine their service to the Navy and family life. It is wonderful they now have this support network. One of our Board members Gillian has offered her time to support Katrina with this community service. Thank you Gillian.



Have a great week everyone!

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