

Welcome to Week 1 Term 3 2018

Tuesday 17th July 2018

Welcome

A very special welcome is extended to the new families joining us here in 'The Garden' this term. We are so glad you have chosen our school. We are confident your children will thrive in our school's positive and nurturing environment.

The children were all smiles today after a restful holiday and there were many exciting holiday stories shared with staff and students. We appreciate the effort parents make to give their children exciting new 'holiday time' adventures. These experiences build your child's knowledge and experience, allowing them to make connections with what they learn at school. So not only do these holiday experiences build close parent/child relationships, they also enhance their learning at school. We hope you enjoyed this holiday time as much as your children did!

Principal's Leave

I wish to inform the school community I will be taking 'deferred salary' leave from Friday August 24th for one year. This leave was due when I was appointed as Foundation Principal of Baldivis Gardens Primary School, however I put off taking this leave until now. I now believe the school ethos and strategic direction has been well established and we are well on our way to achieving the goals, strategies and targets contained in our 2017 - 2019 Business Plan. I have every confidence my staff will continue to provide exemplary teaching and learning programs and nurture your children in a safe and supportive

learning environment allowing them to achieve to their potential. I have absolute confidence that in my absence our School Board, under the leadership of Judith Hill, and my Deputy Principals Mel Stewart and David Batt will work closely with new incoming principal to maintain the high standards we have established in 'The Garden'. The principal who will fill my role for the twelve months is Mr David Paine. David is currently the substantive Level 5 Principal at Roebourne District High School and is very much looking forward to working with our school community. I assure the school community I will be returning in August 2019 after I have enjoyed some much awaited travel, some new challenges and time with my family and friends. I know you will support the incoming principal as you have supported me.

Term 3 Planner

Attached is the latest Term 3 Planner. It is a busy term so please keep in touch with what is happening so you and your children don't miss out.

Boost – Literacy Workshop for Parents



Do you want to help your child learn to read and spell? The *Boost* program provides the opportunity for parents of students in Kindy to Year 1 to learn

about improving early literacy skill development through games and exciting activities. A two-part workshop will be held at Baldivis Gardens PS on **Tuesday 14th August and Tuesday 21st August, 2018 from 9am- 12pm.** A crèche is available and morning tea will be provided. More information about *Boost* is available from the Front Office. Places are limited so please return the form attached to confirm your place.

Request from our German Teacher Miss Merta Family House Lanterns

This term the classes of Miss McKay and Mr Doherty are going to make "Family House Lanterns" in German. Making lanterns is a German tradition and it is linked to the St. Martin's Day in November. The night before and on St. Martin ("Martinstag"), children walk in processions carrying the lantern, which are usually made at school, and sing songs. For the lanterns each student will need a large tetra pack with a gable top (please see attachment). It would be great if you could keep an eye out for them and bring them in before or after the holidays. If you can't find one with a gable top - any large tetra pack will be fine.

Tetra packs can be handed to Miss Merta or can be left at the administration.

Your help is much appreciated.



Rockingham End of Year Excursion

We had such a wonderful time last year when our whole school went on a picnic to Rockingham Beach on the last day of the school year. Therefore, we have decided to do it again! The automated public toilets posed a problem for some of our students without parents and there simply

were not enough toilets for the number of children and adults present. **So we are looking for anyone with a contact with a company that supplies portable toilets who would be willing to provide some portable toilets at a reduced cost.** The Council has given us permission to bring in extra toilets but will not be providing these. This would be a great opportunity for a local company to get free advertising and provide a much needed community service. If you know a company that may like to help us please ask them to contact me or give me their contact details.

Protective Behaviours

Every child has a right to feel safe. Protective Behaviours is an internationally acclaimed personal safety and child abuse prevention program endorsed by the Department of Education in Western Australia. Our staff will be integrating the Protective Behaviours Program into the curriculum from Kindergarten through to Year Six in Term 3 this year. See note attached. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like to know more.

Enrolments 2019

We are aware that many of our Baldivis Gardens families have not enrolled their children into Kindergarten or Pre-primary for 2019. **All 2019 Kindergarten and Pre-primary enrolment forms must be returned by the 20th July**, so please don't delay, as we don't want you to miss out on a place. If you know of families planning to move to Baldivis Gardens next year can you please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible. We will send out acceptance letters by the first week in August.

Toastie Tuesday

Thank you to all the families who are supporting 'Toastie Tuesday'. The children love their healthy recess snack! This simple weekly event is currently providing funding to reduce the cost of our school excursions by contributing to the very high bus costs. Currently a few willing parent helpers are working with our Year 6 students to prepare the 'toasties'. If you could give an hour or two on a

Tuesday morning to help please contact the front office and leave a message.

Excursion to the Baldivis Children's Forest

Your Forest Excursion permission slip and payment must be returned by TOMORROW at the latest. Don't let your child miss this wonderful chance to participate in this valuable excursion.

Healthy Lunches

It is wonderful to see so many parents making the effort to pack such healthy lunches. Healthy food allows your children to focus on their learning. Thank you for taking the time to pack your children's lunch boxes. We appreciate your efforts.



Recycling of Dental Products

Please place all your empty packaging, toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes in the allocated boxes in the wet areas near the classrooms. You can also earn points by voting for our school. So far only a few parents have voted. It doesn't take long so we would appreciate you following the link below:

<https://www.terracycle.com.au/en-AU/contests/colgategardenvoting>

Can you help us?

Would you like to help hear children read before school and in the first half hour of the school day? If so I would love to hear from you. Some of our classes are struggling to find parents willing to help with individual reading practice. Send me an email if you think you or someone you know would like this opportunity.

Don't forget if you have feedback to give our school please don't hesitate to phone me on 95237000 or email me jayne.ebsworthy@education.wa.edu.au

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