

Welcome to Week 3 Term 3 2018

Monday 30th July 2018

As I visit the classrooms and see the wonderful progress your children are making I am so grateful to my staff for their exemplary teaching and genuine commitment to each individual child. I am also so very appreciative of the way parents are supporting our school and their children's learning. **Never underestimate the influence you have on your child's achievement at school.** The small everyday things make a big difference to your child's learning. I acknowledge and thank you for all you do to support your child's learning in your busy world!

- *Making sure your child has plenty of sleep*
- *Reducing screen time before school and before bed*
- *Reading to your child every day*
- *Minimising sugar and artificial colourings in their school lunches and recess snacks.*
- *Attending school regularly and arriving on time*
- *Communicating regularly with your child's teacher*

Community Assembly

This Friday is a community assembly and we would love to see you there. Miss Leed's Year 2 class will be leading our assembly. There will be a cup of tea after the assembly so please come and join our school community as we celebrate our students' achievements.

Parent School Survey 2018

It is wonderful to see so many parents taking the time to give us feedback through the annual school survey. Please follow this link <http://bit.ly/BGparentsurvey2018> to complete our annual parent school survey. We are keen for our school to become an even better school. We cannot

grow and thrive without parent feedback. We need to know what you like about our school and areas for improvement. I do hope you take the time to complete the survey and by doing so share the responsibility for ensuring our students thrive and our school community flourishes.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for Students with Disability

Each year, we are asked to provide data about the number of learning needs of children at our school. The name of the school and the name of the students are not reported. The aim of the national data collection is to collect quality information about Australian school students receiving adjustments due to disability. This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and governments to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as other students. The national data collection provides an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for students with disability and all students. The information will be collected on the 3rd of August. If you would like to learn more about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for School Students with Disability you can visit this website: <http://det.wa.edu.au/supportforschools>

A message from your P & C



The P&C would like to thank Jen Pirret and Shannon Puig for all they have done to help the P&C this year.

They have both decided to stand down from their office bearer positions at this time.

At our meeting this **Wednesday morning 1st August** we will be electing a Vice President and Secretary for our P&C. If you believe this is something you may be interested in or would like further information about, please come along to this meeting. Being a P&C office bearer is a great way to support your children and build community within our school.

Everyone should have received a permission form for our school disco by now. It will be held on **Thursday the 9th August** with pizza, a juice box and entertainment included in the ticket price of \$10. It will be a great chance for children to dance and have fun with all their friends. All funds raised will be going towards our playground fund.

The P&C will also be running a 'coffee shop' for parents while they wait. We will serve hot drinks and baked goodies for \$5! This is a great time to get to know some other parents while enjoying a yummy treat!

Last week our canteen committee prepared our canteen menu for our teachers to taste test, it was a huge success with loads of positive feedback! Thank you to Stacey, Toro and the canteen committee for making this happen! We look forward to bringing you our canteen opening date and menu soon!

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st August at 8.45am in the school conference room near the front office. We look forward to seeing everyone and discussing upcoming events, electing new office bearers and discussing the opening of our canteen!

Thanks

Kirsty Lilley

P&C President



Voluntary Contributions

I am so very grateful to the families who have paid their 2018 voluntary contributions. Your willingness to partner with us in providing a financial contribution to our school is greatly appreciated. As a new school we have very little in reserve funds, and many demands on our finances as we establish the resources needed for our growing school community.

A brand new bike has been donated by our local member Reece Whitby and everyone who has paid their voluntary contributions will go into the draw to win the bike. This draw will take place early in Term 4. So if your financial situation allows can you please consider paying this voluntary contribution.



Playground Plans

I am delighted to say we are getting very close to commencing construction of our new play space behind the Year 1 and 2 Goshawk Block. As a result of our P & C's fundraising efforts, some additional funds provided by the Department of Education and our school's allocated reserve funds, this new play space should be ready by Day 1 next year, possibly even earlier. The play space will embrace our 'From Forest to Garden' theme and incorporate play equipment including 'nature play' (representing the forest), a large boat (early settlers), a tractor (market garden) and a play space incorporating more traditional play equipment. The space we have allocated is a large open space and we will have the opportunity to incorporate many other features into the playground including a dry river bed with pebbles and additional raised garden beds.

Boost

Great to see so many parents registering for these very special workshops. The workshops are free of charge and we are providing a creche. There are a few places left so don't miss out as we will offer to the wider community through Facebook if the places are not filled by this Friday. To be a part of Boost, please complete the attached registration slip below and return it to the front office.



Boost provides information to parents of children in Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Year 1 about how literacy skills develop.

It looks at:

- the sounds in words
- the alphabet

- putting sounds and letters together
- how to be a good reader and speller

A two-part workshop will be held at Baldivis Gardens Primary School on **Tuesday 14th August and Tuesday 21st August 2018** from 9am to 12pm. It is important that parents attend both sessions. A crèche is available and morning tea is provided.

All parents participating in the sessions will receive a 'Literacy Pack' containing information booklets, a DVD, games, reading captions and other resources (over \$90 in value!) to support what is covered in the workshop.

Vac Swim

With swimming pools and beaches a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is essential.

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and December/January school holidays.

VacSwim is for all children - from beginners to more advanced swimmers and young people doing their Bronze Medallion. Your children can start as young as five years old. Your children can join in the fun of learning to swim at pools and open water venues across the State.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/swimming

Personal Item Top Up

At this stage of the year our teachers are finding many children's personal stationary supplies are requiring a 'top up'. Parents could you please check your children have the pens, pencils, crayons, erasers, sharpeners, scissors and whiteboard markers they require. We want our students to achieve to the best of their ability and this is difficult when they don't have the right equipment. Have a

chat to your child's classroom teacher if you are unsure about what is needed

Newspapers Please

Our worm farms are up and going and we need newspapers....lots of newspapers! So if you could collect your newspapers and drop them off in the Swallow block (close to Admin block) wet area we would really appreciate this.

2019

The enrolments are coming in and we are making plans for 2019. If you know your children are leaving Baldvis Gardens Primary School in 2019 can you please advise your classroom teacher and our front office staff, so we can adjust our 2019 expected numbers. We are currently considering staffing, class structures and building requirements. Please encourage friends or family planning to attend our school next year to enrol as soon as possible.

Our Languages Program

Miss Merta is our Languages teacher and currently she teaches German one hour per week to our Year 3 students. Next year our Year 3 and 4 students will study German for one hour per week. Mr Doherty and Miss McKay stay in the classroom to increase their understanding the German language. The classroom teachers will continue to stay in the classroom with Miss Merta next year to build their capacity to teach German. Miss Merta also visits the other classrooms on a rotating basis to support the classroom teacher to incorporate some simple German phrases and conversations into their daily timetable. Our Languages Program is also enhanced through our wonderful Language Assistant Lena Sparenberg who teaches all students from PP to Year 6 through the 'From Forest to Garden' project on a Monday. Gut gemacht alle! Well done everyone! Check out 15 reasons why our children should learn a foreign language.

https://www.pandatree.com/reason_foreign_language



Open Night is coming soon!

Have you got this date in your diary? Wednesday 22nd August is our annual 'Open Evening' when you can visit the classrooms and participate in some special learning activities with your children, chat with your child's classroom teacher and also visit the specialist teachers. Parents, friends and family are welcome from 5 – 7 pm !

Names on hats, jackets and lunch boxes please!

There are still many children who are wearing jackets and hats with no name. No name means we have no way to find the owner if the item is lost. Please help us help you by naming your child's hats, jackets and lunch boxes. They are all too expensive to lose!

Thank you Bunnings

Have you noticed our school garden is expanding? Thanks to Bunnings Baldivis we have some new raised garden beds to allow our 'From Forest to Garden Project' to expand. Mrs Ferguson and Miss Sparenberg, together with our classroom teachers, do a super job every Monday implementing this cross curriculum integrated project using our school garden as the focus for the learning. Thanks Bunnings!



See you this week at assembly!

Jayne

Jayne Ebsworthy
Principal