

## Welcome to the 2018 School Year

I do hope you and your family have enjoyed a happy summer holiday and your children are keen to return to school. My staff and I are eager to meet the students and excited about the opportunities that lie ahead of us as we move into our second year in 'The Garden'.

We currently have 364 students enrolled at Baldivis Gardens Primary School and I am delighted to welcome many new families and seven new staff to our school.

Here are a few important messages to get us started. The school office is open Monday and Tuesday next week, so if you have any queries or concerns give us a call. School resumes for students on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Tuesday/Thursday kindergarten students do not commence until Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

## Class Lists

2018 class lists will be posted on pin up boards in the courtyard on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January from 1.30pm – 3.00pm. Classrooms will be open and teachers will be in their classrooms to meet with you and your children. Class lists will also be

displayed on Wednesday morning in the courtyard outside the office.

## Booklists

Parents who ordered their children's booklists through Ziggies and did not pick up from the school last Tuesday can pick up their booklists from the front office next Monday or Tuesday.

## Uniforms

Uniform orders not picked up last Tuesday can also be picked up from the front office. Orders can still be placed online at <https://www.willetttonuniforms.com.au>

The Willetton Uniform staff will endeavour to deliver to our school on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January before school commences.

Hats are available for sale online at Willetton Uniforms or from our front office.

## Day 1

On the first day of school, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, we will open the classroom doors earlier than usual at 8.15am. Students who arrive at school prior to 8.15am are asked to wait in the covered assembly area as usual. We will hold a short whole school assembly at 2.30 pm prior to

the end of school and you are welcome to join us for this celebration of Day 1.

Please remember every child needs to bring their booklist requirements, a named faction hat, Crunch n Sip snack, recess snack and their lunch. We have a focus on healthy eating and reduced packaging at Baldivis Gardens, so we encourage you to reduce the amount of packaging in your child's lunch box. Please remember NO NUTS. This includes whole nuts and nut pastes. We also ask that you do not send lollies, lolly pops or cool drink.

### **School Planner Term 1**

We will get a planner out to you as soon as all Term 1 dates are confirmed but here are some important dates in first term.

#### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

##### **New Parents Morning Tea**

New families are invited to join me and my Deputy Principals Mrs Stewart and Mr Batt, in the staff room from 8.30 am for a cuppa and an opportunity to learn a little more about our wonderful school. This is a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

#### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

##### **Picnic in the Garden**

This is our annual whole school picnic in our beautiful school grounds. Come along and meet our new families, enjoy the live band music and celebrate the beginning of a new school year in The Garden. Gates open from 5 pm. BYO rug and picnic tea.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb or Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **Class Parent Teacher Meetings**

Parent teacher meetings will be held in Week 3 on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. Days and times for each class will be confirmed and communicated with you as soon as possible.

### **P and C Meeting AGM**



The AGM for our P and C is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. The P and C made a great start in 2017 thanks to a very small hard working group of parents. We now need the 2018 parent community to step up and continue the great work. With increasing enrolments the need for more playgrounds and also shade areas is growing. School funds will not cover the cost of a new playground and we urgently need the help of our P and C to raise funds and seek community grants. If you think you have the skills, the time, the energy and motivation to get involved please come along to the AGM.

Attached is an overview, prepared by Kiya our P and C President, outlining the role of the P and C in the school, and the roles and responsibilities of the P and C executive members. We ask that you consider carefully if you could fill one of these executive positions.

Keep in touch with the P and C on their Facebook page or email the President Kya at [baldvisgardens.pandc@yahoo.com](mailto:baldvisgardens.pandc@yahoo.com)

## ***Connect App and Facebook***

Thank you for taking the time to download the Connect app and please let us know if you are having trouble accessing our posts using this app. I will be sending out our newsletter 'News from the Garden' each week through Connect and classroom teachers will also be communicating regularly via Connect. Our Facebook page Baldivis Gardens Primary School is an opportunity to highlight special school events, however, it is a public page and therefore not all school communication can be communicated this way.

My staff and I are looking forward to nurturing your children in a safe and supportive learning environment and working alongside you, sharing the responsibility for your children's growth and development. Our school community has a lot to look forward to.

Enjoy your Australia Day weekend and we will see you either next Tuesday afternoon, or Wednesday morning.

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***Principal***