



BALDIVIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Students will leave Baldivis as confident, responsible, independent individuals who are able to contribute positively to society.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe we are well past the half way point of Term 3. There is a lot to be said about the old saying "time flies when you're having fun."

We have certainly had some fun this term with many exciting things happening at school. So far students have enjoyed numerous class assemblies, the German and Languages assembly, Father's Day stall, Book Week dress up, Book Fair, Science Week lunch time activities, bike raffle, community tree planting, German Big Day Out, State Cross Country and Netball events, Year 6 camp, mentoring program with Baldivis Secondary College, the Fathering Project and we welcomed Baldivis North Primary School. Students also have the athletics carnival, WAGSMS and Learning Journey to look forward to before the end of the term.

A busy term!

Student Attendance and Lateness

We often talk about the importance of students attending school regularly so they are able to fully participate in their educational journey. This also applies to students being late to class. It is important for all students to arrive at school on time so they can get prepared for the day and participate in the full lesson without interruptions. The morning sessions are typically Literacy lessons where students learn the fundamental building blocks for their education.

Baldivis North Primary School

As you would be aware, Mr Craig Stanners, Principal of the new Baldivis North Primary School joined us in Room T25 this term. It has been great having Mr Stanners and Mrs Martin (Manager of Corporate Services) working at our school while construction continues on the new school.

Mr Stanners and I have been working closely together on enrolments in order to make the transition for families as smooth as possible for 2020. If your child or children are attending Baldivis North Primary School next year, please complete an enrolment form as soon as possible. These forms are available from Mr Stanners or Mrs Martin in T25.

Parent/Carer Opinion Survey

Next week I will be sending home information about how to complete the 2019 Parent Opinion Survey. This survey plays a key role in collecting feedback about our school for the community and it would be appreciated if you were able to complete the survey. The survey will be available electronically via a link or you could complete a paper copy of the survey.

Watch this Space

Several exciting new additions to our school will appear here early next term. Watch this space!!



Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school.

Tom Burke
Principal

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Important Dates:

- 4 September - Athletics Carnival
- 9 September - Assembly PP-Yr 2 Hosted by rms 2 & 5
- 10 September - WAGSMS Concert at Mandurah Performing Arts Centre (Choir Students)
- 13 September - BASSA Interschool Carnival (Selected students only)
- 18 September - Open Night 4.10pm — 6.30pm
- 27 September - Last Day Term 3
- 15 October - Students Return for Term 4

Bushfire Preparation

Baldivis Primary School is in a high risk bush fire area. Each year we plan and prepare for the safe and effective management of bushfire risk. Before the end of this term, we will be having bushfire and evacuation practices to prepare staff and students for emergencies.

A part of our preparation and planning is educating parents/carers about their roles in an emergency. The following information and procedures are very important and help the school and emergency services deal with any emergencies effectively.

Bush Fire Information For Parents

Baldivis Primary School's unique bush setting requires a level of readiness for the upcoming warmer months. The school has a detailed bushfire response plan in place should a bushfire emergency occur.

If a bushfire emergency occurs, the school will enact the plan and work in close collaboration with emergency services to ensure everyone is kept safe. The following information supports our bushfire management plan and will also assist in the event of a bush fire.

As parents/carers you can do a number of things to help should a bushfire occur. These include:

- Monitor the school's mobile app and P&C Facebook page
- Avoid ringing the school as the lines will need to be left available for emergency communications. Updates will be provided by the school and emergency services
- Parents are advised not to pick up students and to monitor school communication for collection details.
- Tune into ABC radio as they are the official station of Emergency Events
- Visit the DFES website for the latest updates and information www.dfes.wa.gov.au



The school is well prepared for any potential danger, including bushfires. If you would like more information, please contact the office.

Book Fair Update

A very big thank you to all the students and staff who supported the annual Scholastic Library Book Fair. We raised **\$2100** to purchase books for the school library.

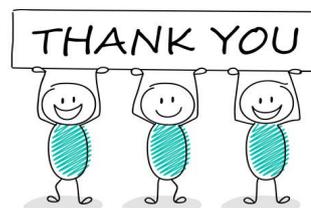
It was inspiring to see so many parents sharing the book fair with their children and helping them choose a suitable book or novelty.

A special thanks to the staff volunteers – Jo Dunstan, Sami Greenwood, Jodie Billingham, Sue Hunt, Greg Donaldson, Kelly Bates, Lene Voorn, Simone Munckton and Matthew Wilson. Thanks also to our wonderful parents – Renae Fussell, Kelly Gibby, Tracy Kearney, Jane Dargatz, Dianne Adams, Jamie Chamberlain, Natasha Myburgh, Cherie Mokomoko and Mel Hill.

Not forgetting our dedicated student volunteers – Chase, Jamie, Matilda, Shayla and Kaysha, who gave up their lunch breaks to assist students locate the books they wanted to purchase from the fair.

Thanks to everyone. Well done! Your help is always appreciated.

LIBRARY STAFF



Open Night

Open Night will be held on **Wednesday 18th September** from **4.10pm to 6.30pm**. This is an opportunity for parents to come into school and look at their child's classroom, work and displays. The Open Night is a great way for your child to explain what they do, why they do it and how they do it.

Open Nights are always well attended by parents and students appreciate the chance to "show off" their work and classroom.

Your child's teacher will be in the room during the Open Night to meet and greet you. If you would like to have a conversation about your child's learning in more detail, then you will need to make another time to have a meeting. With the rooms being so busy with people, it is not appropriate to have this conversation in such a public forum.

We look forward to seeing you at Open Night.

4.10pm–4.30pm	Welcome Assembly on the basketball courts (Classrooms Closed)
4.30pm–6.30pm	Classrooms and specialist areas open
6.30pm	Close

Faction Athletics Carnival

It was disappointing to postpone last week's athletics carnival due to an unfavourable weather forecast. I appreciate this can cause problems with parents and carers having made changes to their schedules, but a decision had to be made on what was best for the students.

Fortunately, Wednesday last week was a perfect day and we were able to run our throws, jumps and longer distance races. Whenever there is the forecast of a possible storm or thunderstorm, outside events such as carnivals will be impacted.

I would like to thank parents for being understanding of this and I look forward to events running on Wednesday.



Literacy Tips

Make writing fun

- Have interesting paper and pens available or help them make a special book to write in
- Play with words. Thinking of interesting words and discussing new ones can help increase the words your child uses when they write – look words up in the dictionary or on the Internet, or talk to family to learn more about words.
- Read stories or passages in short sections and let your child tell you what happened before you continue reading. This way you can check their understanding, without pressure, and help them understand how stories are put together.
- Talk to your child about the books they read at school and with you at home to help hone their comprehension skills. Ask your child probing questions about the book – 'I wonder why they did that?' or 'how do you think they felt when that happened?' or 'what might have happened if they didn't do that?'
- Where possible, connect events in the book to things that have happened in your child's life. This will help them understand why a character does things and may help them to enjoy the story more.
- After finishing a book, ask your child to tell you the story in their own words. Even if they get some parts wrong or out of sequence, as long as they "get" what the story is about, they understand what they have read.



P&C News



The P&C would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all the helpers at the Fathers Day Stall. Sami McEntee, Rachel Favro, Rachel Melder and Tracy Kearney, your help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who sent their children with money to buy from the stall, such well mannered students as always. Also thanks to the teaching staff for making time to bring the students to the stall.

Canteen

We are still looking for volunteers in the canteen. It can get quite busy in the morning with the cold weather and students looking for something warm before school and at recess. It doesn't have to be for the whole day, any amount of time that you are able to help is greatly appreciated. Why not volunteer with a friend? It's a great way of seeing what goes on around the school and the students really do like seeing mum or dad in the canteen. Grandparents are of course welcome too.

If you would like to volunteer, please come down to the canteen and see me or you can contact me on 0402 045 465 and of course on the school number, 9524 1150.

Thank you

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Canteen Manager

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Student Placement for 2020

If your child(ren) **will not** be attending Baldivis PS next year could you please let us know in the office. This will assist us with planning for 2020.

If you have additional information that may assist in the placement of your child, please state your case in writing and forward to the Principal. Only sound educational reasons will be considered. This information will be added to the data we already have.

The placement of children and the makeup of classes are made in consultation with teachers. It is not a parent decision. Every child is equally important. We endeavour to make classes as balanced as possible to maximise everyone's learning. The final decision for placements rests with the Principal. If you have any queries or would like to discuss this please contact me to make an appointment.



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thing about
LEARNING
is that
no one
can take it
away from you.
-BB King

Take Care, Tom.