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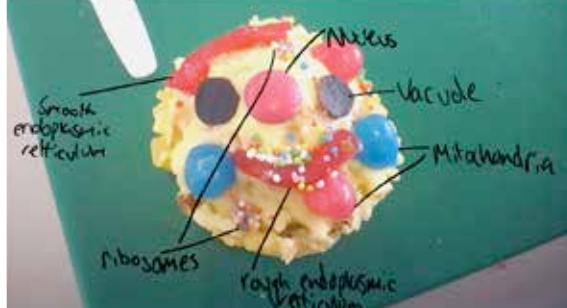


## NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK



*Week 4 has seen the students of Baldivis Secondary College have some awesome Science fun during National Science Week!*

Mrs Cagney organised a fantastic week of activities including both in class workshops and lunch time science shows. On the Tuesday of Science week, each class were able to participate in three workshops. The first was to design a animal cell cupcake to model the shape of organelles inside an animal cell. The Year 8's had a great time using 100's of 1000's to represent ribosomes and smarties to represent the nucleus. Of course they also enjoyed eating them as well. Chloe Docters Van Leeuwin's cupcake was a brilliant model of an animal cell while also looking a lot like a smiley face.



The next workshop had the students making film canister rockets with Mrs Cagney and the last workshop had the students mixing up the best bubble mixture to blow the biggest bubble. Milton Cross and Kyle Boullineau had the biggest bubble of the day, which measured 47.5 cm! The day was fantastic with all of the students loving being able to make a mess and get hands on with Science and having a great time in the process.

During the lunchtime shows, Mrs Cagney and Mrs Summerhayes had a great time with home made air bazookas and smoke machines, dry ice, balloon skewers and the very memorable (and loud) egg-plosions and Pringle explosions! Most of these activities can be done at home and if you would like to make an air-bazooka then please feel free to contact Mrs Summerhayes or Mrs Cagney.

It was a fantastic week and would not have been possible without a huge amount of planning and effort by Mrs Cagney and Mrs Staite. Thank you!

- Lani Summerhayes, Science  
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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Welcome to another edition of the Baldivis Secondary College E-Newsletter.

Welcome to another edition of the Baldivis Secondary College E-Newsletter. I am confident you will find it informative and interesting. Our students and staff continue to go above and beyond in their endeavours to reach their full potential and you will see there is much to celebrate. We have been able to establish our foundation Parents and Citizens Association and have greater input from our parents and wider community into the college and an ability to help support some of our initiatives.

Our college is very committed to ensuring we have the right kind of environment for each individual to thrive and grow in their development as a positive individual. Recently I took the opportunity to remind students of the importance of maintaining our core value of respect and the need to uphold our high standards and expectations both as individuals and as a community. I was heartened by their response. We need to consistently reflect and remind ourselves about why we are in a educational community and what that means for each of us. The importance of why we are here as students and as staff can never be underestimated and therefore it is essential to check in and remind ourselves of that.

Semester 1 reports have been a great mechanism for feedback in terms of how each student is performing and where they are experiencing success and areas that require further effort and commitment. As parents and caregivers we ask that you use this to discuss with your child how they are going and what they need to do or support they need to receive to make further improvements. Generally students are doing well but they need to make improvements in being timely in their completion of assessments and homework and ensure they are submitted to

their teachers. Teaching staff have also used this reporting data to reflect on their practices and the curriculum they are delivering to make refinements to make it even more relevant and engaging for our students and to assist them in achieving to their full potential.

Since the last edition of the eNewsletter we have seen many more fine examples of the good work being done by students. These range from musical performances at the WA Government Schools Music Society concert and the WA Schools Concert Band Festival, rugby team success, participation in the national mathematics and Aurecon bridge building competition, classroom activities and much, much more. Last week students participated in National Science Week activities so magnificently organised by Mrs Cagney and supported by Mrs Staite and Mrs Summerhayes.

Please enjoy this newsletter and the opportunity to get a slice of Baldivis Secondary College life!

Kind regards,  
**Keith Svendsen - Principal**



# FOODBANK

Foodbank would like to thank the 2013 School Food Appeal schools for their generosity and enthusiasm. Canned and packaged goods – equivalent to almost 2,600 meals - was collected. Given that only 10 schools participated and Baldivis Secondary College was one of only three high schools, this is an incredible achievement!!

# U COOK

The project is fully funded by Notre Dame University and focuses on students learning how to plan and prepare quick, easy, healthy and delicious food. UCook is a research based project with the results being presented at a community, national and international level.

- Ms Rosie Taylor



# SPORTS WRAP

## Interschool Cross Country

A select few Athletes represented the college at Baldivis Primary School in Week 2 of term for BASSA's (Baldivis Area School Sports Association) first ever cross country event. The students represented the school exceptionally well. A few ex Baldivis Primary School students even buddied up with some Year 3 students as toilet monitors. In the end we ran the Year 8 boys and girls from the college in one event. A great day was had by all with Britney Manihera coming first with a close second being Brooke Davey. The boys saw Connor George coming first and Jacob Basset coming second.



## Rugby

The boys rugby team recently competed in the Western Force Rugby 7's tournament at McGillivray Oval at UWA in Claremont. It was an absolutely stellar day and not only myself, but the Rugby W.A representatives were extremely impressed with our boys performance both on, and off the field. The team did exceptionally well winning our pool against C.B.C Fremantle, Kelmscott SHS, and Thornlie SHS. We ended the pool rounds on top of the leader board on points scored.

However the boys had run out of puff and we went down in the first final, coming third overall. The college, Rugby WA and myself are so proud of our boys first ever effort in a competition like this, and to make it to the finals too. Well done boys.

The boys rugby team are presently competing in the Combined Schools Competition, which runs after school and goes for majority of the term. Although we went down in our first game against Halls Head 24-5 we delivered a commanding performance against Mandurah Catholic College triumphing

39-10. There is still a lot of improvement left in the boys as a team but the sportsmanship and skill they have demonstrated thus far has been fantastic.



## Netball

Last term, we entered three teams in a one-day Netball Carnival in Fremantle. Our results were mixed with our A team exceeding expectations and going through the day undefeated. A great day was had by all girls and they represented the school exceptionally well. Unfortunately, in the next round we played Mandurah Catholic College in a home game after school going down narrowly by two goals.

## Soccer

Last term saw the end of the after school soccer competition. The boys team struggled to gain momentum with injury and sickness leading to large numbers of team changes each week. Our girls team did exceptionally well for a team comprising almost entirely of girls who have never played soccer before! They even made it through to the first round of the finals! Despite a brave effort we went down to eventual winners Safety Bay who are in fact a soccer specialist school! Mandurah Catholic College triumphing 39-10. There is still a lot of improvement left in the boys as a team but the sportsmanship and skill they have demonstrated thus far has been fantastic.

## Athletics Carnival

Thursday 12th September marks the day that Baldivis Secondary College's will hold its first ever House Athletics Carnival. The event will be held at the school and is a compulsory school day. The day should be exciting and include a range of competitive and non-competitive novelty-type events. Parents are more than welcome to attend and cheer the students on. More details will be sent home closer to the date.

- Mr Scott Smith and Miss Emily Sharp

# BUILDING BRIDGES!

What a fantastic effort from our D&T students! Nine students entered the Aurecon Engineering Bridge Building Competition held on Wednesday, 7 August. There were 42 teams from around the State that headed off to WA Museum in Fremantle. There they would test their bridges and see how much load they could take before they collapsed. All schools were provided the same amount of balsa wood, string and glue. Our bridges got to about 30 kg and then due to the string stretching out of the allowable area those weights were the ones recorded. We would really have liked to know how much they would have supported before they broke. Roll on next year! 'Innovation' is really a key word for us at Baldivis Secondary College. It is certainly something very important in Design & Technology.

The chief engineer from Aurecon Engineering declared that our 'Boomer Bridge' was the one to win the Innovation Award. This was, according to him, the bridge that had the best construction and design especially due to the laminated arch which impressed him and the other judges. The prize for that is \$500 for the school and \$50 for each student. Well done to all the students representing our 'Innovative' College.

- Mr John Matthews

## *What a fantastic effort from our D&T students!*

### TEAM 1

'Boomer Bridge'  
Dylan Thomas  
(BSC Team Captain)  
Lachlan Davis  
Jay Rapley

### TEAM 2

'Likeaboss'  
Seth Roberts  
Austin Withers  
Sam Whitcombe

### TEAM 3

'Bridge Busters'  
Jared Moseley  
Jake Oorschot  
Paul Richardson



# ART DEPARTMENT

*The Art Department is looking for your recyclable goods!*

We use a lot of materials in making art including our recycled sculptures for the Castaways exhibition. If you have any or come across any of these items, or anything else you think might be useful to us, we are happy to accept them.

Light bulbs (working or not), CD's, Large cardboard boxes, jars, ice-cream containers, takeaway containers, Newspapers and magazines.

Also, costuming items for drama or things you can see as useful for props we'd love to have.

- Mr Caen Newland, Mrs Carmen Healey and Mrs Joanne Branch



# THE GREEN TEAM

Environmental education and developing an environmentally sustainable culture within the college is a high priority. Already our students are engaging with the natural environment through participation in a number of national and international initiatives;

## WASTE AUDIT

On 1 July, the students in the 08-04 class conducted a preliminary waste audit of the waste being produced in the college. This involved the students and Patrick Hamill from the Waste-wise Schools Program collecting all of the waste produced in one school day and sorting it into different types of waste. The students then weighed the waste and recorded the results.

The most significant items we found (by weight) were:



- Paper and cardboard (52%)
- Food scraps (12%)
- Fruit and vegetable scraps (11%)

The students found that the largest portion of waste produced was either recyclable or biodegradable and suggested the following solutions to deal with the waste in a more sustainable manner.

1. Introduce recycling bins to the classrooms/learning areas to recycle more paper waste.
2. Create a worm farm and/or a compost heap for food scraps.
3. Reduce the amount of non-recyclable products being sold from the canteen

However, a few students noticed that this will only deal with the waste already being produced and in fact we need to make a conscious effort to reduce the waste being produced in the first place! We had some great suggestions as how to decrease our waste produced with most students being aware of the 3 R's. Reduce, Reuse & Recycle!

So what's next? Well thanks to the efforts of students we are able to apply for a grant to help put the student suggestions into action and we have taken the first step towards becoming a waste-wise school!

## PLANET ARK TREE PLANTING DAY!

Mrs Summerhayes and 28 Students ventured to the coast on a wet wintery day on the 29 July to take part in Planet Ark's National Tree Planting Day. The "Green Team" worked tirelessly with two members of the Rockingham City Council to plant 600 plants along the Waikiki foreshore. The weather gods were looking down on us and kept the rain away while we were at the beach. Our efforts did not go unnoticed with a pod of dolphins coming to check out the Baldivis Secondary College Students and putting on performance just metres away.

Well done to all of the students who helped with the planting! You were fantastic and your efforts were amazing.

- Mrs Alana Summerhayes



# KIDS TEACHING KIDS

## *The Baldivis Children's Forest ... a unique link*

Baldivis Secondary College students will be participating in a Kids Teaching Kids mini conference being held at the Baldivis Children's Forest on Monday, 9 September as part of National Kids Teaching Kids week.

Kids Teaching Kids is an education model that uses local environmental issues as a theme for learning. Kids Teaching Kids starts in the classroom and extends into the community through

the Kids Teaching Kids Learning Model and Program. We know kids are prepared to take up the challenges of saving our environment when we give them responsibility to manage their own learning through the Kids Teaching Kids Learning Model.

More than 66,000 students in hundreds of schools around Australia have been involved in Kids Teaching Kids.

# PLEASE STAY CONNECTED!

Connect is the Department of Education's online environment which provides teachers, students and parents with secure access to a collaborative online learning environment via the internet. We acknowledge that with the extensive use of Connect by class teachers, parents may receive a number of emails that don't necessarily pertain to you.

We apologise for this inconvenience, but it's important that you continue to use Connect because the benefits far outweigh the disadvantages!

We are working with the Connect team in central office to address this issue. Please be patient. In the short term, class teachers are including in the title of a notice ATTN PARENTS or ATTN STUDENTS or ATTN ALL – to assist the recipients to filter the information they're reading.




# BALDIVIS SECONDARY COLLEGE HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE

Baldivis Secondary College recognises the importance of community and we have a desire to be a hub in the Baldivis Community and contribute to it positively, helping to make Baldivis a positive and thriving community. In doing so we need to communicate our activities and information to our community as well as more broadly. Baldivis Secondary College recognises that in today's society social media is prominent in the way in which people and organisations communicate with each other in a timely manner. We hope that you will check in with us and keep up to date with the activities, initiatives and achievements of our students and staff.

[www.facebook.com/BaldivisSecondaryCollege](http://www.facebook.com/BaldivisSecondaryCollege)



## SCIENCE IN ACTION

*Wow, this year has just flown by!*

Students have had the opportunity to use the microscope to study cells in Term 1. They have realised how different cells can be depending in which organism it belongs to and viewed both multi-celled organisms and single-celled organisms under the microscope. Students were amazed to see pond water full of little living micro-organisms.

The heart dissection is always a practical which most students look forward to. On the day however, even the keenest of students are running out the door to 'get some air'. Katherine and Briony braved the smell completing the dissection without much fuss and bother – perhaps future surgeons? Aidan hung in there despite his group abandoning him but the expression of disgust speaks volumes.

More recently we have begun to study the topic 'Rocks'. For the majority of students rocks really aren't that exciting so the trick is to find more exciting ways to present this topic to students and what better way than food. Students have just mined for mineral ores (chocolate chips) after deciding whether to use the open cut method or underground mining. They were then expected to restore the earth (the cookie) to its original condition to highlight the devastating effects of mining to the environment. As a teacher I think the hardest part was stopping the students from eating the precious mineral ore before they had been counted.

– Mrs Teena Cagney

## MUSIC

*Music is already an important part of our college culture*

If December is the holiday season, then August is definitely band season!! The newly established Baldivis Schools Concert Band made its official debut at the WAGSMS concert on 9 August at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre. This was followed up a week later at the W.A. Schools' Concert Band Festival which was held at the Churchlands SHS Concert Hall. The band is made up of students from Baldivis Secondary College, Baldivis Primary School

and Settlers Primary School under the directorship of Mrs Joanne Branch.

Unfortunately due to illness Mrs Branch was not able to conduct the band at the event at Churchlands and we are very grateful to Mr Steve Taylor who stepped in at the last minute.

# EVENTS

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| 28 August    | YOH Fest Heats, Mandurah Performing Arts Centre  |
| 6 September  | Salaka African Dance Performance (Students Only)   |
| 9 September  | Kids Teaching Kids Conference, Baldivis Children's Forest  |
| 11 September | P&C Meeting; 6.30pm to 7.30pm  |
| 12 September | House Athletics Carnival   |
| 17 September | College Board Meeting, BSC Board Room; 6.00pm to 7.00pm  |
| 18 September | Kids Teaching Kids Mini-Conference, Baldivis Primary School  |
| 25 September | Inter-school Athletics Carnival, Baldivis Secondary College  |
| 14 October   | School Development Day – Student Free Day<br>Parent-Teacher Interviews; 11.30am to 7.00pm (More details to come) |
| 25 October   | YOH Fest Finals - Mandurah Performing Arts Centre  |

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PEACH SEMINAR EVENT

*Primary school parents, teachers and school staff are invited to attend a FREE event showcasing ways to improve nutrition and physical activity within the school environment.*

When:

**Wednesday 9 October**

**10:00am-1:30pm**

Where :

**Scarborough Civic Centre,  
173 Gildercliffe St**

Hear about local initiatives including:

- Active transport to school
- Alternative & healthy fundraising ideas
- Active outdoors – Nature Play WA
- Vegetable/Community Gardens – setting up on a budget
- Engaging parents in school activities – school passport system
- Where and how to access funding – grant writing workshop

Tasty lunch for all attendees!

Free activities for children over 5 years.

Please note this event provides learning and networking opportunities that can be recorded as a formal professional learning activity. A certificate of attendance can be provided on request.

To confirm your place email name and organisation to [info@pnml.com.au](mailto:info@pnml.com.au)

RSVP: Tuesday 1st October 2013

or for more information phone:  
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# STAFF PROFILES



**Cathy McGuire**

Student Services

**Why did you become a School Officer?**

Before becoming a School Officer I was Education Assistant at a local Primary School and I have background in Administration. Working as a School Officer in Student Services allows me combine both my interests of working with students and also working in a team office environment.

**What is your favourite food?**

Roast Chicken

**What is your favourite music band?**

I like all types of music. No favourite band but I have recently been listening to The Lumineers.

**What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**

I enjoy spending as much time possible with my family and friends.

**What do you hope to see the Year 8's achieve this year?**

I hope they embrace the unique opportunity of being the foundation students at the college and that they demonstrate great leadership to other students as the school grows.

**Is there anything in particular that you would like us to know?**

Just that I am always here in Student Services to help the students and their families in any way possible.

**Why did you become a teacher librarian?**

I had an amazing and inspirational teacher librarian when I was at high school who instilled in me a love of literature and a thirst for knowledge.

**What is your favourite food?**

Gateau Ganche – A secret family recipe!

**What is your favourite music band?**

Bizet Carmen

**What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**

Sailing

**What do you hope to see the Year 8's achieve this year?**

For everyone to have a perfect AVID binder check!



**Kelsey Thompson**

Teacher Library Services



**Rosie Taylor**

Student Services Manager

**Why did you become a teacher?**

Because school was always a positive environment for me.

**What is your favourite food?**

Curries

**What is your favourite music band?**

So Many! Hmmm... naming a few... U2, Kings of Leon, Cold Play, Paul Kelly, Pete Murray, Ed Sheiran....

**What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**

Going to the footy, Catching up with friends, Travelling, Live Music, Going out to Brekky, Lunch & Dinner

**What do you hope to see the Year 8's achieve this year?**

To see them happy and successful academically and socially.

# OUR KITCHEN RULES



**Left to right:** Rosie Taylor, Evelyn Foreman (Food Tech. Assistant), Emily Sharp and Carmen Healey

## Apple and Cinnamon Muffins

### Ingredients

1 C Self Raising Flour  
 ¼ teaspoon salt  
 3 Tablespoon caster sugar  
 30grms butter  
 1 small egg  
 ½ apple, grated  
 ½ C milk  
 1T cinnamon



### Method

1. Pre-heat oven to 200°C. Place 6 muffin cases in muffin tin.
2. In a large bowl, sift together the flour, salt and cinnamon. Stir in the grated apple.
3. In a separate bowl, cream together the butter and sugar. Add egg and beat until smooth
4. Stir the flour mixture into the butter, sugar and egg mixture, alternatively with the milk.
5. Spoon mixture evenly into the muffin cases.
6. Bake for 15-20 minutes



# OUR P&C NEEDS YOU!

The college's P&C is up and running and held its first meeting in its own right last Wednesday evening. The P & C is open to parents/guardians and adult community members by payment of an annual \$1.00 membership fee at any general meeting (membership valid until next AGM). Meetings take place a couple of times a term, in Weeks 4 & 8. The next meeting is **Wednesday, 11 September at 6.30pm in the College Library**. We will send a meeting reminder by SMS and via e-mail to each financial member.

We are your P&C to represent YOU. Please help us to do our job by joining us and sharing your valued opinions.

We really look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Kind Regards,

Ingrid Smith, President



**Left to right:** Nonalina Ybanez, Sameena Shaheen, Karen Deane (Treasurer), Julie Davey, Pam Stevens (Executive Member), Leanne Pugh (Executive Member), Natalie McClure (Vice President), Tracy Gschwendtner, Ingrid Smith (President), Toro Paroma (Executive Member), Greg Maguire.



# Registration Days

7th September 2013

Settlers Hills Oval

10am to 2pm

21st September 2013

Baldivis Shopping Centre

9am to 2pm

Come and join one of our clubs:

Mundijong/Serpentine Little Athletics Club

Port Kennedy Pumas Little Athletics Club

Secret Harbour Stingers Little Athletics Club

Settlers Hills Scorpions Little Athletics Club



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