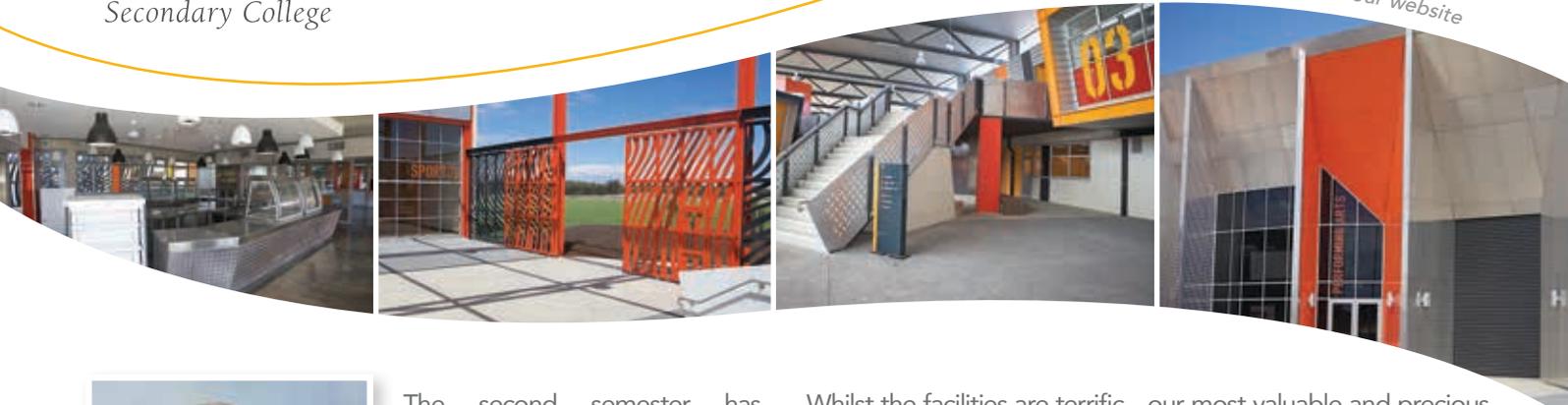




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NEWSLETTER

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The second semester has commenced with a flurry of activity. Changes to the timetable as a result of increased enrolments meant that for some of our students there was a settling in period with new classes and some new teachers. Well done to staff and students for getting into the new routine quickly and engaging in studies and class room activities positively. Building positive relationships in these new situations is extremely

important and it is and continues to be done very well by all.

Semester 1 reports were distributed and this gives parents and teachers the opportunity to further discuss the performance of students and explore where further support is required and assists students in where they need to focus and put further energy into so as to gain improved outcomes. Parents please do not hesitate in contacting your child's teachers to discuss their progress and the level of support at home that could assist in ensuring our students are reaching their full potential.

Recently we had a visit by Senator Wang and his team to tour the college facilities and to discuss the innovative programs and approaches taken at our college. He was very impressed and is keen to learn more about our approaches to both support us and to share our innovative practice with others. The Minister for Education, the Hon Peter Collier MLC, will be officially opening the new Stage 2 Building program on August 14 and touring the new facilities. It is fair to say we are very much in the public eye and our positive reputation and place in the wider community continues to impress.

Whilst the facilities are terrific...our most valuable and precious resource is our people. Starting from our wonderful students to our caring and professional staff through to supportive parents it is the collective of all of us which makes BSC a great place. Whilst there is much yet to do and further enhancements and initiatives to build on, we have a special culture and unique approach to learning journeys for the most important aspect of our college.....our students.

Speaking of which, they have been engaging in a variety of curricular and extra-curricular activities, some of which are highlighted in this e-newsletter. Please enjoy this edition and we look forward to your continued support and I remind parents that if you have any concerns we would appreciate and expect that they are raised with us so we are fully aware, if not already, and have the opportunity to address them together in partnership and seek positive outcomes. Unfortunately there have been some instances when social media has been the forum in which a concern has been expressed prior to it being raised with the college. In some instances inappropriate messages and incorrect information have been posted. This does not assist in resolving concerns and can unnecessarily raise anxieties. It also has the potential to do damage to the college's very good reputation when, in fact, most of the damaging commentary is unfounded and untrue. Before expressing any concern on social media please ensure you contact the college to discuss any and all issues. I can assure you we are all on the same page and I am certain that we expect and want the very same outcomes for our young people.

Please enjoy this edition of the Baldivis Secondary College e-Newsletter.

Kind Regards

Keith Svendsen - Principal

COMING EVENTS

<http://www.baldivissc.wa.edu.au/coming-events/>

14 August	Official Opening of Stage 2	25 August	Naked Scientist Excursion
17 to 21 August	NAIDOC Week	26 August	Science Café Excursion
21 August	WAGSMS Festival - Mandurah Performing Arts Centre Science Fair	31 August	OLNA Round 2
24 August	Cybersmart Presentations Years 7 and 8	1 September	College Board Meeting
24 August	Polish Program Year 10	3 September	Interschool Netball v Warnbro (Afterschool)
		4 September	YOH Fest Rehearsal Day
		8 September	YOH Fest Heats

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES IN TERM 2

The Library was a hive of activity last term. As well as the usual lunch time crowd of Readers, Studiers and Gamers every lunch time, we held a number of special events, which were lots of fun.

Firstly we celebrated Mother's Day. Teachers told us why their mum was the best and we displayed the comments in the window. At lunchtime on the Friday before Mother's day, students were able to make a little gift to take home and give to their mums on Sunday – hopefully with breakfast in bed and the promise of a peaceful day!



Next came National Simultaneous Story time, when Mr Svendsen read this year's book – *The Brothers Quibble* by Aaron Blabey to a delighted audience. They were not only treated on an excellent story, but had cookies and milo for morning tea.

The biggest event was the second Baldvis Book in a Day. After the success of last year, we held the day again. Over 50 students worked hard all day to write, illustrate and produce a whole picture book in the school day! 5 of the students who participated last year came to mentor the Year 7 and 8s. Their help was most appreciated. English and Library staff were on hand to help out and keep the troops' energy high with fruit snacks (and a few lollies to get through the afternoon session!) Completed books were then eligible for entry into the Baldvis Book of the Year 2015. The winner of this Award will be announced shortly.



Knitting club is being held in the library again this term. Students are invited to join our Chaplain and other staff to knit woollen squares that will be sown into blankets. Come and learn a new skill, or if you already know how to knit, help out a good cause. If anyone has any spare wool they could donate, please contact the Library on 9523 3600 - we would love to hear from you!

Contributed by Miss Kelsey Thompson | Teacher-Librarian

SCIENCE FAIR EXPERIMENTS UNDERWAY

Baldivis Secondary College will again be open to the public for viewing and final judging of Science Fair experiments on Friday 21 of August as part of the Australian National Science Week.

In term 2, all students have worked in small groups to design and carry out an investigation during their science classes. The investigations have been student driven and were designed to link to year group categories of household science (year 7), sustainability (Year 7), light (Year 9) and an open category (Year 10). The process has provided the opportunity for students to address some topical issues in science and also gain a deeper understanding of scientific method.

Students will complete their posters and displays early in term 3 ready for the open day in August. Year seven students have enthusiastically worked to complete their investigations during term 2 to produce some wonderfully creative results linked to the theme of Household Science.

Contributed by Mrs Jo Tregonning | Science



SPOTLIGHT ON THE FOREST'S BIODIVERSITY

As part of Baldivis Secondary College's focus on environmental studies and sustainability, a group of science students in years 7-10 visited the Forest in July. Students worked with the not-for-profit community group Baldivis Children's Forest Inc. to plant 180 native seedlings in a degraded part of the tuart woodland. Students also collected plant specimens, soil samples, took photos and created drawings and charcoal rubbings. These will be used by art classes later this year to inspire the creation of botanical drawings.

Contributed by Mrs Jo Tregonning | Science



HEALTH STUDIES

This term in Health Education sees the focus change from Puberty and Sex Education to Drug Education. Each of our year groups from 7-10 are this term focusing on a range of topics and issues associated with drugs in the community.

YEAR 7

Our Year 7 students this term in Health will engage in a variety of interactive and informative lessons that will introduce the topic of drugs. Students will learn about the various types of drugs, both legal and illegal and what it means to obtain a prescription. Students will also learn about drug effects and what factors influence the way a drug effects someone. Students will then engage themselves in a journey of understanding analgesic drugs (pain relief) and over the counter types of drugs, specifically gaining knowledge about the importance of their use in the community.

YEAR 8

Similar to the Year 8 students, our Year 8 students will engage in lessons developed to enhance their knowledge on the types of drugs with a focus on tobacco (cigarette smoking). Students will gain an understanding as to why people choose to smoke cigarettes and the effects tobacco has on the body. Students will also dive into the statistics and prevalence of smoking among teenagers and will explore ways of coping and quitting this addictive habit. Toward the end of the term, students will engage themselves in Smoking campaigns and explore the effectiveness of these in the community. Students will then be given the opportunity to design and develop their own cigarette packet, aiming to provide users with useful facts about this highly addictive and dangerous habit.

- Did you know that approximately 15,000 deaths occur from smoking every year.
- Approximately 94% of school aged children are smoke free.

(Facts taken from: <http://www.smarterthansmoking.org.au/for-schools/facts-statistics/>)

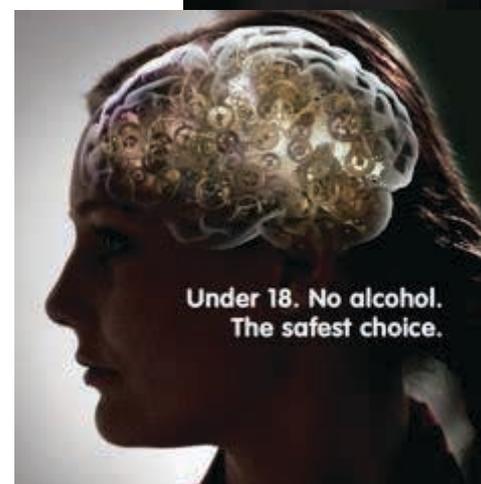
YEAR 9

Our Year 9 students will start the term refreshing their memory on the classifications of drugs and why people use them. Upon completion of this, students will participate in lessons aimed at providing students with information about Alcohol. Lessons will allow students to grasp ideas about the use of alcohol in the community, especially amongst young users. They will also explore the effects alcohol has on the body, with a major focus on the brain. As alcohol related issues do become more prevalent, students will research and collate their ideas on safety and the importance of this around alcohol. Later on in the term, students will move their focus onto the illicit drug cannabis. Again students will explore the dangers of this drug and how its use can be prevented in the community.

YEAR 10

This term the Year 10 students find themselves involved in lessons aimed at increasing their understanding and awareness of illicit drugs. Students will explore the effects that a variety of illicit drugs have on people's physical, social and mental health, with a major focus on addiction. In the middle part of the term, our year students will be involved in a health expo, in which they will be required to provide information about illicit drugs to our Year 7 and 8 students. This assessment and engaging initiative will allow our Year 10 students to express their findings, ideas and concerns about drugs to our younger Year 7 and 8 students.

Our BSC Health & Physical Education staff feel that it is very important that students learn and engage in lessons that promote an anti-drug message and equipping them with the skills to deal with and make decisions to minimise the risk around drugs in the community.



Contributed by Matthew Adams | Health & Physical Education

BASSA - BSC BRILLIANCE BREEDS GREATNESS!

Since the start of the year, Baldvis SC has established a relationship with our feeder primary schools where we select a group of Year 9/10 students (generally former students of the feeder primary schools) to participate in the preparation, umpiring and running of the Baldvis All-Schools Sports Association (BASSA) carnivals as well as some of the respective schools own events throughout the course of the year. Some of the events our amazing students have help coordinate include;

- BASSA Winter Sports Lightning Carnival
- BASSA Cross Country
- Makybe Rise Cross Country Carnival
- BASSA Cricket Carnival

The Carnivals highlight the wonderful 'win-win' situation for all involved as our student's get to 'relive their wonderful primary school years and visit their former teachers and similarly, the teachers speak highly of seeing their once small, quiet primary school students, emerge as tall, proud BSC student leaders. Further to this, the primary school students get to gain a sense of 'Boomer Pride' and what they can expect when they enter the welcoming doors of Baldvis Secondary College, they can arrive at our school in years to come knowing that friendly, familiar faces await them and they too, will continue this leadership in future carnivals.

BASSA staff and the local community have heaped praise on our student's for their uniform, manners, assistance (not all the tasks of running a carnival are 'fun' but they do them without fuss and do them well) and leadership. I can speak on behalf of all staff members at BSC in saying it is great to have these students representing all of us in the community. Hats off to you all and thank you for your efforts to help in making these carnivals a success.

Contributed by Darren Russell |
Curriculum Team Leader – Health & Physical Education



SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM

This term there will be many exciting sporting opportunities for the students of BSC. This includes rugby, basketball, netball, cheerleading and most importantly the BSC Athletics Carnival.

NETBALL

The netballers have been training weekly across term two and will continue to do so on Thursday mornings this term. The students have several upcoming fixtures with other schools both during and after school. Over the next few weeks the girls will be playing a series of friendly fixtures against Atwell College, a netball specialist school. Towards the end of the term, there will be two fixtures against Warnbro Community High School. On the 17th September BSC will be hosting a mini netball carnival including teams from Warnbro Community High School, Rockingham Senior High School and Atwell College.

CHEERLEADING

Towards the end of last term, a number of year 7 students have trialled for the BSC Cheerleading team. A team has finally been selected and training will commence in week four of this term with Miss Sharp.

RUGBY

A number of students from BSC have been training hard for the school rugby team with Mr Smith. Across the term students will have the opportunity to represent BSC in a series of fixtures against several schools in the region.

BASKETBALL

Earlier this term, students who were keen to represent BSC in basketball trialled for the teams to play in in upcoming carnival. Two boys and two girls teams were selected and will represent BSC at the Peel Harbour Basketball League Competition (School Sport WA) on Wednesday 12th August. Training will be on Tuesday afternoons at the BSC courts with Mr Russell.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Towards the end of last term students across all year groups participated in a variety of athletics events in physical education lessons. This is in preparation for the BSC Athletics Carnival, which will be held on Friday 11th September. Students will have the opportunity to nominate for the main events as well as the fun novelty events through their physical education classes. It is a great opportunity to get involved and show your support for your fellow team mates. May the best team win!!

Contributed by Jade Carmody



WHAT 'SUSTAINABILITY' MEANS AT BSC?

Contributed by Tim Hill | HASS Teacher and Sustainability Coordinator

When we hear the term 'sustainability', we often imagine recycling at home or changing light bulbs, however at Baldvis Secondary College it means much, much more. As our Year 9 and 10 Geography students might tell you:

"Sustainability is about meeting the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs" (U.N. 1987)

At Baldvis Secondary College, Sustainability focuses on preparing our students to face the challenges they will undoubtedly face in the foreseeable future. These not only focus on the challenges of living on an increasingly dry and warm continent, but also providing opportunities to gain skills and knowledge that will help them to remain competitive in an ever-changing economic climate.

Many commentators in the employment sector tell us that our students will be entering an employment market where many current jobs are becoming obsolete and where many new career paths are being invented. Our students need to develop skills that will enable them identify changes and adapt to new circumstances as they happen.

"The individuals in our community should have every opportunity extended to them to assist them in achieving to their full potential." (Baldvis Secondary College Ethos)

Sustainability at Baldvis Secondary College provides a context for learning that connects directly to the changes happening at the local, national and global scales. Working with the tools provided by AVID, use of Technology, Literacy and Numeracy, our students are developing and understanding of the world they live in as well as identifying life skills that will be important to survive the 21st century such as: problem solving, collaboration and leadership, critical and creative thinking, communication, social responsibility, cultural, environmental and global awareness.

Below you will see some of the examples of how are students are achieving our 'sustainability' goals.

CONNECTING TO THE LOCAL AREA

City of Rockingham Councillor and College Board Member, Matthew Whitfield captures the attention of our Year 8 students as they learn about the many opportunities young people in Baldvis have to make a positive impact on their community.

Students are encouraged to email Matthew at the City with their own ideas for making Baldvis a community that meets the needs of young people.

Year 8 students make their Bendigo Bank Competition presentations. The competition (open to all Year 8 and 9 students) asked students to propose a project that will enrich the lives of people living within the City of Rockingham.

Year 10 students examine the Rivergums Development through the concepts of Sustainable Urban Design. They examine the broader plans for Perth in the State Governments' Directions 2031 and identify the impact a city of 3 million will have on the economy, community and environment of our city.



WHAT 'SUSTAINABILITY' MEANS AT BSC? Cont.

UNDERSTANDING THE 'BIG ISSUES'

Year 9 students explore our legal system through a mock trial that explores the concept of 'Equality' in Australia.

Year 9 students learning how to 'grow your own' produce as they examine the issues of Food Security in Australia's future before developing their own innovative ways of addressing this issue.

Litter continues to be a problem in and around the College grounds. Our Senior Green Team are working hard to combat the problem trialling a range of programs that address the issue and measuring the results. Unfortunately litter remains our most difficult environmental issue to resolve, however the tenacity, patience and drive of our Green Team is inspirational!



INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Our amazing Science Team were successful in attaining a \$10,000 grant to set up an aquaponics system between Buildings 8 and 3. Science and HASS students have planted the first crop of plants which is thriving. Unfortunately the Rainbow Trout have not been as successful. This is a valuable resource for our students to explore modern agricultural technologies, as well as a range of concepts across most Learning Areas.

Our garden club have built their garden using a permaculture design process in raised beds on the northern side of the college. The bulk of materials have been donated by local builders and roof carpenters. Pictured is the 4th crop yield from the beds (6 in total) which have produced amazingly tasty produce. The team are also experimenting with organic pest control options which have yielded various degrees of success.

PARTNERSHIPS

Water Wise WA

Our college is a member of the Waste Wise WA Schools program which links us to resources, networks and funding. The college has already received a \$2,200 grant that will go towards signage to identify waste management strategies and awareness of key issues, as well as an integrated compost system that will enable us to manage 100% of organic waste on site. The efficiencies gained will mean that more money can be spent on valuable learning resources for our students.



Travel Smart Schools

Our Junior Green Team is helping our college lead the way for Secondary Schools across W.A. to adopt a Travel Smart program. The program is a way of promoting healthy, safe travel choices for schools, students and parents. Our students will learn important leadership, problem solving and communicative skills that will enable them to help Baldvis grow into a Travel Smart community.



WHAT 'SUSTAINABILITY' MEANS AT BSC? Cont.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

Our college has joined the National Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. The program provides participating schools with resources linking hands on activities with the Australian National Curriculum in all Learning Areas. Students will be able to engage in innovative real-life learning experiences across a wide range of subjects.



Cool Australia - Enviroweek

Enviroweek is a national program for schools to engage in activities that improve their local environments. The initiative is run by CoolAustralia.Org, an online community offering amazing free educational resources that have been developed by some of Australia's leading experts in a range of environmental, scientific, social and economic fields. The Enviroweek Program captures the ways schools are linking their students learning to innovative real world experiences. Our wonderful HASS department will lead the way through their Year 9 'Food Security' unit, but there are many ways your child can benefit too. Check out the resources and information at: www.coolaustralia.org



Baldivis Children's Forest

The Baldivis Children's Forest has provided schools and communities with a place for conservation, education and leadership experiences for over a decade. Our students already take part in planting for the future alongside over 2,000 students who go there every year to participate in 'Education through Conservation'. The organisation is currently working on redevelopment and rebranding to help see it extend long into the 21st century. Some of our students are part of leading this work through the Peel Sustainable Youth Council. 'Watch this Space' for more information at the end of this year as the forest launches their new programs for the community.

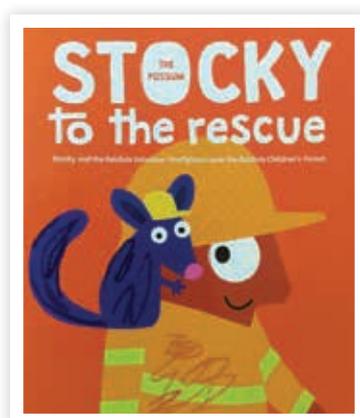


Stockland

Stockland have produced a fantastic new children's picture book set in Baldivis. The story follows the adventures of Stocky the possum as he helps the local fire brigade battle a bushfire. 100% of proceeds for the book will go to the Baldivis Children's Forest and the Volunteer Fire Brigade. Copies cost just \$10 and can be purchased from the front office.



Stockland continue to be a key supporter of Sustainability at Baldivis Secondary College. The children's book launch provided a wonderful opportunity for our Senior Green Team to get out into the community and promote early years literacy. Later this term the Green Team and Garden Clubs will go to Mary Davies Library to build a community garden in their courtyard, a project sponsored through Stockland Community Grants. CEO Mark Steinert reaffirmed the importance of sustainability as a key part of Stockland's community building programs. We look forward to our next project together.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NAIDOC Week - 17th to the 22nd August

Celebrating our cultural diversity and Indigenous heritage



Kids Teaching Kids W.A. State Conference - 10th and 11th August

Promoting Young Leaders working towards Sustainable Futures



AYCC Summit - 17th and 18th September

100 of W.A.'s top Secondary School Student Leaders coming together to share their skills, knowledge and experiences about making positive change in their community



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Baldivis Community Garden

A fantastic group of local residents are working to create a community garden in the grounds of our college. The group includes garden experts, City of Rockingham representatives, local business as well as interested local residents. The launch of the garden will be held in late October; however you are invited to join the organising team working to turn this amazing idea into a reality. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th August, 5-7pm at the College. Contact Tim Hill, Sustainability Coordinator if you are interested: timothy.hill@education.wa.edu.au



Bike Workshop

Proposed by Year 8 students the bike workshop will run on Monday afternoons from 2:45 to 4pm. Participants will learn the basics of maintaining a bike, including servicing and repairs. They will also participate in a range of activities all to do with pedal power. Parents are invited to come along and help and even learn from our local bike fanatics. Please email Tim Hill if you are interested in participating: timothy.hill@education.wa.edu.au



Garage Sale Trail

The City of Rockingham has invited the Baldivis Secondary College to be the Baldivis site for the 2015 National Garage Sale Trail. The event will be held on Saturday the 24th of October. Buyers and sellers will be invited to register their interest in August. Anyone interested in being a part of the organising team is invited to contact Tim Hill for more information: timothy.hill@education.wa.edu.au



Young Women in Leadership Event

On Tuesday the 23rd of June our eleven Year 10 Young Women Leaders and their elected peers were invited to a Leadership Forum and luncheon to meet with Christina Matthews.

Christina Matthews is the Chief Executive Officer of the Western Australian Cricket Association WACA was appointed in December 2011 after previously serving as General Manager of Commercial Operations and Communication at Cricket New South Wales, where she was responsible for strategic direction, managing partnerships with sponsors, rights holders and suppliers, government relations, event management and an active role in the development of the Blacktown training facility. She was also Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Association for prolonged periods

Challenges and Issues Christina has faced as a leader include:

- Acknowledging that every day you are a role model for staff
- facing the need for difficult conversations with staff
- inequality in the workplace
- leadership opportunities are everywhere no matter what position you hold
- the importance of a clear vision



This event enabled our college leaders to connect with a prestigious role model and learn more about what it means to be a female leader in life.

Baldivis Secondary College is committed to supporting the development of young women in school and community leadership roles and hosts an event for our senior students each term. Through supporting a greater percentage of talented women to step up into leadership positions, tremendous cultural and career opportunities will follow.

Contributed by Ms Vicki Forth | Deputy Principal

P&C NEWS

The Krispy Kreme doughnuts fundraiser, was a huge success, the college raised \$2844.00 profit.

This money will be used to buy resources for the students, I would like to thank the students and parents who got involved and put in orders and a HUGE thank you to Renae Taylor, Jane McClure, Christie Greig, Liola Delaney and Erin Farmer for going to Whitfords to collect and organising the 412 boxes with the students orders.

I would like to also thank the following local community businesses who donated prizes for the students:

- Time Zone Baldivis
- Perth Mint
- Rockingham Wild Encounters
- Bally Boutique and Beauty
- Bella D's Nails N Eyes

Contributed by Mrs Tracy Gschwendtner | P&C President

Woolworths Earn and Learn

The College is participating in the Woolworths Earn and learn program, Make a difference, simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn and Learn sticker for every \$10 pent, (excluding, tobacco, liquor & gift cards).

Drop the stickers in the Earn and Learn box labelled Baldivis Secondary College at the Baldivis Woolworths or hand in your stickers to the College Library.

Masters Fundraising BBQ, Saturday 5th September 2015

The P&C have booked a Masters BBQ on Saturday, 5th September.

Can you help by giving up an hour of your time!

If you can please email: Baldivis.SC.P&C@education.wa.edu.au, with your name, contact number and the time you are available. Your support is greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER

Save This Date: Saturday, 24th October 2015

A family portrait fundraiser has been booked, this is a great opportunity to get a lovely family portrait at a great price and give to special people in your life for a Christmas present, as well as raising money for the College. Photographs will be taken in the college library.

What Families Receive:

For \$20.00 you will pay and receive 3 items:

- 10"x13" Professional Coloured Family Portrait OR A3 Black and White Sketch Portrait
- Wallet sized Colour Portrait
- Keyring

Fundraising flyers will be emailed to families. Bookings are essential and payment must be made online at time of booking. Portraits will be ready to view approximately three weeks after photographs taken.

Next P&C Meetings

Tuesday 8th September 6:30pm

Tuesday 3 November 6:30pm

Tuesday 1st December 6:30pm

All are welcome to the meetings.



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*Baldivis Secondary College P&C
invites you to:*

A Professional Family Portrait Fundraiser Day

Please join us for a professionally posed Family Portrait shoot of your Family to raise funds.

Saturday, 24th October 2105

Baldivis Secondary College, Library

Stillwater Drive, Baldivis

What You Receive for \$20



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In the top right hand corner, book and pay online

to reserve your photography session before they're all gone!

4 Simple Rules

- Minimum of two generations in the Family Portrait
- No person may appear in two separate fundraising Family Portraits (exception of separated couples)
- An adult family member appearing in the fundraising Family Portrait must be present to collect & view their family portraits (or able to make alternative arrangements)
- Families must sit for a minimum of three separate poses on the day.

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