



**Baldivis**  
Secondary College

# NEWSLETTER

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## YEAR 8 CAMP

*The weather was cool but the sun shone on all our Year 8s who took off on our camp at Forest Edge.*

Students participated in a range of physical challenges and many students overcame fears to jump off the Pamper Pole, keep their balance around the entire Low Ropes course without touching the ground, or brave the chilly waters in canoeing and raft making. Students were placed in activity groups with other students from their College House – Peel, MacKinnon, Rixom and Stakehill, and many of them did not know each other well. We celebrated

many triumphs over the week, and many of them came because the students worked together and encouraged people in their group to keep going to achieve things they wouldn't on their own. New friendships were formed and it was wonderful to see students mix with others outside of their usual class and friendship groups. Everyone came home exhausted but hopefully with great memories and warm fuzzies from their camp experience.



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## *Welcome to our latest edition of the Balddivis Secondary College e-newsletter.*

We are proud to present the events, activities and information related to your child, their friends and teachers. This is also an opportunity to keep our wider community informed about the college.

The college board is currently developing the Balddivis Secondary College Business Plan. This plan will guide all of the college's activities and initiatives with the explicit purpose of achieving targets and key achievements set to ensure positive outcomes for students and staff. In this way we expect to achieve and maintain the high standards we have always desired and developed since our inception.

We enjoyed a formal celebration of the college's official opening on Friday 28 June. The college was honored to be recognized and officially opened by the Director General of the Department of Education, Ms Sharyn O'Neill. Both the Minister for Education, the Honourable Peter Collier, MLC who visited the college later in the

day and the Director General were very impressed with both the facilities and the programs at our college.

Speaking of programs, you will see in this edition a variety of activities and initiatives the students and staff have enjoyed recently. Ranging from classroom activities, after school programs to camps the students and staff have been very busy. The camp was a great success and the large effort provided by staff in organizing and running it is to be congratulated. These major events don't just happen and takes a large amount of planning and energy to make them successful.

Please enjoy this edition of the BSC E-newsletter. Don't forget we have added a Facebook page for Balddivis Secondary College to assist in keeping our community informed as well as the Connect portal for parents to keep on top of classroom activities.

Kind regards,  
**Keith Svendsen** - Principal

## LIFE'S A BEACH!

### *Balddivis Secondary College together with the City of Rockingham have organised the adoption of a stretch of coastline in Warnbro*

This will see our students being directly involved and active in the revegetation, care and maintenance of their local environment for the foreseeable future.

Respecting our environment ultimately means taking action to protect it and by adopting this beach our students will have the opportunity to make a significant difference in their local environment by learning about, planning and taking action to maintain the biodiversity of this stretch of coastline.

Of course there will also be opportunities to enjoy 'our' beach in the future by utilising it for beach carnivals, surf science and outdoor education activities too!

60 of our students will have the first opportunity to help their environment by revegetating the dune system on Monday 29th of July as part of the Planet Ark Tree planting day. Stay tuned for more information.

- Alana Summerhayes, Science

## THE SCIENCE OF FOOTY

In Science we have been looking at chemical and physical changes which has meant that the students have had the chance to conduct many interesting experiments. 8.4 have been looking at colour change as an indicator of a chemical change and reacted various chemicals to produce AFL team colours!

The experiment was a great success and the students successfully formed most of the footy team colours. Unsurprisingly the best reaction occurred with the West Coast Eagles team colours. A few of the boys were not happy that the Freo Dockers colours were not included in the experiment but were very clever to design a reaction that produced a purple and white solution! Dylan, Jyhe and Kevin were super pleased with their efforts.



# CYBERSMART

*As part of its Cybersmart Outreach program, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA), will be delivering free internet safety awareness presentations for parents, teachers and students at Balddivis Secondary College on Thursday 25 July 2013.*

## What is **electronic gaming** doing to our children?



### Free Parenting Matters Seminar

Whether it's on the computer, iPad, smart phone, Xbox, PlayStation or Wii, most children spend time playing electronic games. Parents often worry about the negative impacts on their children, but what does the evidence say? What effect do violent games have?

Hear from two experts specialising in gaming, technology and children. Learn about the gaming culture and how you can ensure that electronic gaming is enjoyed in a positive way in your family.



Dr Wayne Warburton

Dr Wayne Warburton is Deputy Director of the Children and Families Research Centre at Macquarie University in New South Wales. Dr Warburton researches the effects of violent media and the link between personality styles and aggressive behaviours. His most recent book, co-authored with Darya Braunstein, 'Growing Up Fast and Furious' details the impact of violent and sexualised media on children.



Dr Glen Spoors

Dr Glen Spoors lectures in game design and culture at Edith Cowan University in WA. His research covers the psychological and social thinking behind game design and the culture of cyberspace.

### Special event for parents and service providers

Date and time  
Wednesday 24 July 2013, 7pm - 9pm

Venue  
Perth Modern School  
90 Roberts Road, Subiaco

**Click here for map >**

Parking available on basketball courts, entry off Subiaco Road. Entry to the school carpark via Roberts Road and street parking available on Subiaco Road.

Cost  
Free event but bookings are essential at [www.trybooking.com/CYBJ](http://www.trybooking.com/CYBJ)

Further information  
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t: 6551 8566



Government of Western Australia  
Department for Communities

This Parenting Matters Seminar is presented by the Department for Communities. The Department for Communities promotes the interests of Western Australian children, parents, families, young people, seniors, women, carers, volunteers and community organisations in the development of policy and programs across government.

#### SESSION 1:

Student presentation Year 8 from 12.00pm – 1.00pm

#### SESSION 2:

Student presentation for Year 6 and 7 students from Balddivis PS, Settlers PS and Makybe Rise PS from 1.30pm to 2.30pm

#### SESSION 3:

Staff presentation from 3.00pm

#### SESSION 4:

Parent presentation from 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Presentations provide valuable information about the risks confronting children online, and offer tools and tips to help make their internet experiences safe and positive.

#### The internet safety presentations cover topics including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity
- tips to help children stay safe online.

Presentations are thorough, non-technical and is conducted by an accredited Cybersmart trainer.

#### TRAINER INFORMATION

Kerry Jarvis has worked in the education sector for 30 years with direct experience in primary and secondary education as a teacher, counsellor and university educator. Kerry has also worked extensively with key researchers and program developers in the area of bullying intervention and prevention. She has extensive experience in applying the intervention Method

of Shared Concern to address bullying and cyberbullying. In addition to education, Kerry has worked in the community service sector where she worked collaboratively in the development of mental health programs and professional development for school communities.

#### SUPPORT MATERIALS FOR PARENTS

- Materials developed for parents include:
- Cybersmart brochures:
- Cybersmart Guide for Families
- Say no to cyberbullying
- Sexting
- Socialising on the internet
- Guide to online safety
- Dealing with offensive content
- Mobile phone safety

**Cybersmart Gateway**, a web portal giving all Australian primary and secondary schools easy access to the full range of the ACMA's cybersmart education resources. The Gateway hosts current ACMA resources, links to existing national and international resources and offers new materials as they are developed. The Gateway includes strategic tools for cybersafety education planning.

Visit [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au)

Cybersmart Contact Centre, for information and advice.  
Telephone 1800 880 176.

Email for information, printed materials and advice about online safety. [cybersafety@acma.gov.au](mailto:cybersafety@acma.gov.au)

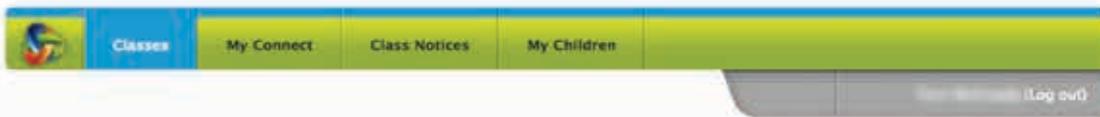


- **Communicate** easily with teachers.
- **Stay informed** with your child's learning anywhere, anytime.
- **Securely access** your child's information.
- **Engage** in your child's learning Journey.

Log in using a department - supplied secure user name to access Connect Classes containing notices, resources, a calendar of events and class activities.



### Connect: Class Summary



**Switch Classes**  
Jump to another class using the switch class feature.

- Summary
- Notice Board
- Discussions
- Learning Content
- Submissions
- Class Library

**Welcome**  
Written by [User] Monday, 11 February 2013 @ 1:27PM

Welcome

- [User] added a new Announcement [Welcome Mr Lang](#) 1 hour ago
- [User] added a new Announcement [Welcome to](#) 6 hours ago
- [User] added a new Announcement [Hi to all new parents](#) 1 week ago
- [User] added a new Announcement [Scitech Excursion on Wednesday!](#) 2 months ago
- [User] added a new Announcement [Final school assembly](#) 2 months ago
- [User] added a Response to [How do creatures adapt to their surroundings?](#) 3 months ago
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- [User] created a new Discussion [How do creatures adapt to their surroundings?](#) 3 months ago
- [User] created a new Discussion [Should the Great White be shot at WA beaches?](#) 3 months ago
- [User] added a new Announcement [Director General visit](#) 3 months ago

**Class Visitors in the last Seven Days**

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| Parents  | 16 |
| Students | 25 |

February

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| 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 1   | 2   |

Monday 11 February 2013

- Notes
- Scitech excursion

**Class Calendar**  
Stay up to date with class events and deadlines.

**Notice Board**  
View class activities and interact with the class community.

**Class Library**  
Access class resources to understand and assist in your child's learning.

- Links**
- Scitech
  - Exhibitions
  - Horizons - the Planetarium
  - Opening Times and Costs

# Bullying - Don't Just Stand There

A seminar for Parents, Carers, Teachers..in fact the whole community.

What is Bullying? What can be done? Who can do it?

## You will learn:

- What is Bullying?
- What isn't Bullying?
- Some Myths
- How common is it?
- The role of the bystander.
- What can parents do?
- What can kids do?
- What can the community do?
- Information delivered in this seminar is grounded in current research?

## The Presenter

Dr Dorothy Lenthall has a background in teaching and psychology and now works with schools helping them develop effective anti-bullying programmes. Her research for a Doctorate in Communication was on bullying in schools. She has presented papers on bullying at conferences in Australia and overseas and published the book "Don't Just Stand There, Parents Take Action" for parents whose children are being bullied.



**Tuesday 2nd July, 7- 9.30pm**

Venue: Living Waters Hall  
Cnr Currie St & Swallowtail Pde, Warnbro.

Port Kennedy PS Parents \$26.50 Non School Members \$32

Pay cash at Port Kennedy PS office

OR register online at

<http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=50605>

For More Information Please Contact

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Tracey 0409 732 858 or [jstars4@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jstars4@yahoo.com.au)

**Proudly Supported by the Port Kennedy PS P&C  
Presented by Behaviour Tonics**

# SHAVE OR SAVE

*Mr Newland is going to shave his moustache... or is he?*

Two donation boxes has been set up in Student Services. To save the stache – donations can be placed in the box for The Cancer Council of WA. To see the mo go – place your donations in the box for the Food Bank.

This is a fun way to raise money for two very worthy organisations. You have till Wednesday, 3 July to donate!



# YEAR 9 COURSE SELECTIONS FOR 2014

From Year 9 onwards students will have some choice in the courses that they study, whilst some courses, such as Mathematics, English, Science, Society and Environment, Health and Physical Education remain compulsory and need to be taken by everyone. This includes AVID, which students have for one period per week.

Students and parents should preview the information contained in the Lower School Curriculum Handbook which can be accessed via the Year 9 Course Selections for 2014 link on our website; [www.baldivissc.wa.edu.au](http://www.baldivissc.wa.edu.au). Please read the course descriptions carefully. It is important that consideration is given to the types of courses students may want to pursue in their senior school years when selecting courses for Year 9; as it is sometimes advantageous to undertake certain courses in Year 9 and 10 as preparation. It is also strongly recommended that students talk to their current teachers as part of the decision making process.

Students are required to submit their Course Selection Sheet with the courses numbered in preferential order to the Front Office by Friday, 26 July 2013. Course selections for Year 9 students incur an additional cost. When returning your child's course selection sheet, a deposit of \$150.00 is required. The balance must be paid in full by 28 February 2014.

The college will endeavour to provide students with their first two preferences, but this is not always possible as it depends on student demand and the college's capacity to adequately staff the courses selected.

If your son or daughter has misplaced their Course Selection Sheet they can collect another one from the Front Office or from Student Services.

## DATES

**Arts Semester 1 Showcase** - Tuesday 2 July from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Performing Arts Centre.

Enquiries to Mrs Branch at the college on 9523 3600

### P&C Meeting

Wednesday, 3 July from 6.30pm in the College Library

### School Development Days

Monday, 22 July and Tuesday, 23 July 2013 (Student Free Days)

### Start of Term 3 for Students

First Day for students for Term 3 is Wednesday, 24 July 2013

### ACMA CyberSmart Parent Information Session

Thursday, 25 July from 6.00pm-7.30pm in the Performing Arts Centre





# NETBALL – THE SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL CUP

*Do you know what my favourite part of the game is?  
The opportunity to play - Mike Singletary*

Friday the 7th June was the day of the Southern High School Cup for Netball. A call was put over the PA for any girls interested in playing so we could form the first Baldivis Secondary College netball team. The response was overwhelming with 40 enthusiastic girls attending the first tryouts. Three Baldivis teams were formed and travelled to Frank Gibson Park in Fremantle to play a total of 5 games each against other high schools in the Southern Region. As a brand new school we set an amazing example of our core value – respect. The girls showed respect for each other, for other teams and for the umpires throughout the entire day.

During the course of the day we kept the St John Ambulance service busy suffering three wrist and finger injuries and three leg injuries throughout the three teams.

The teams led by Ms Giglia, Ms Sharpe and Mrs Cagney played brilliantly showing a commitment and determination they should be proud of but despite their best efforts Baldivis 2 & 3 did not make it through to the next round. Baldivis 1 were undefeated and played a game against Mandurah Christian College on Tuesday the 25th June at 4.00pm at Baldivis Secondary College.

A big thank you to all the parents who came to watch and offer support at various times of the day and a special thank you to Tracy Simpson, Cara Simpson, Toro Paroma and Shanae van der Merwe who volunteered to umpire during the day.

Kaylie Simpson





# 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)

## YOH FEST DANCE

*Welcome to our latest edition of the Baldivis Secondary College e-newsletter.*

The Youth on Health Festival is coming up in September and our student leader group have been working tirelessly to complete their choreography for our eight minute dance work on the theme of 'Lifestyles'. Enthusiasm from the whole cast has been amazing, and the excitement is brewing as we start on our quest for costumes, accessories, props and makeup. Our main set pieces are now ready thanks to Mrs Healey and the art students who painted our letter-boards during week 6- they look great!

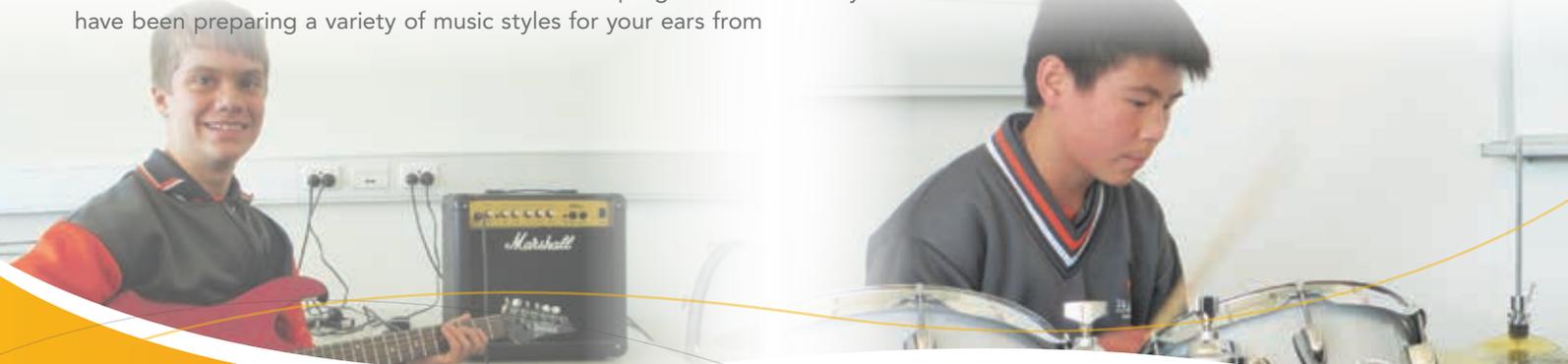
Our winning art work 'Hurricane GaGa' from the Castaways competition will be our main set piece, and the students are very excited about incorporating this into their dance. Our piece is about the struggle a young person goes through when they try to fit into a new social group with people who have very different lifestyles. Our representation of this theme is very close to the students' hearts as starting at our beautiful new school and adjusting to making new friends is still fresh in their minds.



## SEMESTER ONE ARTS SHOWCASE

Our Music and Integrated Arts students have been working conscientiously to prepare for Baldivis Secondary College's first Arts showcase, which will feature art works from Mrs Healey and Mr Newland's visual art classes, as well as music performances and media videos from Mrs Branch's music and performing arts classes. The showcase also features solo and ensemble performances from students in our School of Instrumental Music program who have been preparing a variety of music styles for your ears from

classical, to modern to contemporary. The showcase will be held in the Performing Arts Centre at the school on Tuesday the 2nd of July, starting at 6pm and finishing at approximately 7:30pm. It's a gold coin entry with proceeds going towards our Yoh fest teams for next terms performances. Please note that all students attending must have a parent or guardian with them. We hope to see you there!



# BALDIVIS SC SEMESTER ONE YEAR 8 REPORTS

Baldivis SC Semester One Year 8 reports are being issued on Friday, 5th of July. Parents are requested to pick up the reports in person between the times of 2 – 5pm from the Performing Arts building.

Any report that is not collected on the Friday will be posted home the following week.

If you have any queries about the reporting process then you are welcome to contact Owen Martin through the front office. Please note that if an interview has been requested by any of the class teachers you are encouraged to set a mutually agreed time as early in Semester Two as possible.

- Owen Martin



*Makybe Rise Primary School P&C Association Inc proudly presents*

## 'How to raise happy and resilient children and teenagers'

a parent seminar hosted by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, one of Australia's most in demand health, lifestyle and well being speakers, and renowned specialist in the field of child and adolescent parenting and behaviour.

LIMITED TICKETS

**Monday, 29 July, 2013**

**7.30 - 9.30pm**

**Makybe Rise Primary School Undercover Area  
Makybe Drive, Baldivis**

**Tickets: \$30 per person**

funds raised will go towards our 2013 school goals  
(tea & coffee facilities available on the night)

for tickets or further information, please contact Andrea;  
Fundraising Coordinator on 0417 099 085



**MAKYBE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
P&C ASSOCIATION INC**

*every child, every day*



# S&E WEEK

As a curriculum area Society and Environment encompasses the subjects of history, geography, economics and business and civics and citizenship. This week Baldivis Secondary College has promoted and highlighted various aspects of these areas as part of their S&E Week celebrations. Students have had the opportunity to engage in a range of activities both in and out of class including;



- Visiting the Careers Bus
- Career Profiling
- Daily Song Competition
- Murder Mystery
- QR Code
- Guest Speakers
- Food Fanatics
- Feature Food at the Cafeteria



These activities integrated the use of ICT and were specifically designed to promote the development of student's inquiry and inductive reasoning skills as well as their research and communication skills; expose students to a range of career options through career exploration and engage students in relevant, meaningful and fun learning experiences.

# ALL THE BEST ... MR BUYS

We have been very fortunate to have had Mr David Buys with us for first semester. Mr Buys, apart from his role as a Science teacher has been a wonderful support to staff and students in troubleshooting IT problems, helping students at breakfast club and doing lots of odd jobs in and around the school. Mr Buys is leaving us at the end of Semester One and we wish him all the very best for his future endeavours!



# OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

Someone once said that 'history never looks like history when you are living through it'. Today, Friday 28 June 2013 marked a significant day in the history not only of Baldvis Secondary College

but the entire Baldvis community. For many of the invited guests, the official opening represents the realisation of a dream, a vision, a master plan. For the college staff and students who have been together for 19 weeks already today symbolically represents the beginning.

College Principal, Keith Svendsen reminded all those present of how just how important it is that every student, staff member, parent and our wider community member make the most of this rare opportunity to create a very special culture, a culture of inclusion and success; ***"It is implicit on us to create a special school, a distinctive school, a great and successful school. Built with a sense of community and built on sound values"***.

The Minister for Education, the Honourable Peter Collier, MLC was unfortunately delayed at parliament and not able to attend the actual ceremony. He did, however make a special effort to visit the college mid-morning and met with a number of staff and students. We are looking forward to hosting the Minister at some stage in term 3.

In the absence of the Minister, the Director General of the Department of Education, Ms Sharyn O'Neill cut the ceremonial ribbon and declared the college open. Later in the day staff and students each release a helium balloon to celebrate the occasion. Students were then treated to an ice-cream to end what truly has been a memorial day for all.

