



## Coming Events

**FRI 30 OCT**

Interschool Dodgeball

Bandanna Day

**MON 2 NOV**

School Development Day

**THU 5 NOV**

Move Up Day - K&PP

C5/C6 Recess Fundraiser

**FRI 6 NOV**

Assembly - 8:40am

**9 - 20 NOV**

Interm Swimming PP - Yr4

**TUE 10 NOV**

Belridge half day transition - Yr6

Beldon Speaks Finals Yr 1&2

**WED 11 NOV**

Beldon Speaks Finals Yr 3&4

**THU 12 NOV**

Beldon Speaks Finals Yr 5&6

**TUE 17 NOV**

Board Meeting 7pm

## BELDON BRIEFINGS

29 October 2020

### **Wanjoo** (Welcome)

As most of you know we have had some disruption this week due to a very territorial mudlark. Thank you to everyone for their understanding about the impromptu changes that we have had to make regarding access to the school.

Nothing stands still for long in today's schools. At Beldon we are well on the way to establishing an indigenous garden with a spectacular grass tree as a centre piece. The story of the Wagyl is on display nearby, and the image of the Aboriginal Flag proudly adorns our bounce wall. Our teaching blocks have been renamed after the 3 gifts of the Wagyl and the new block signage looks amazing. On Wednesday our students thoroughly enjoyed learning songs in Ngoongar language during a concert performed by Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse. We now know a welcome song in Ngoongar that we can use at assemblies. Finally, on Thursday an Aboriginal flag was gifted to the school by Karden Construction.

**Ngalak Djerabinyi**  
(We are happy). Geoff Elliott - Principal

### **SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Monday is a School Development Day and students do not attend on this day. Should you require child care, Zig Zags OSHC will be open from 6:30am. See [HERE](#) for more information.

### **COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS: IMPACT**

The premier recently announced that Phase 4 of the COVID-19 Roadmap will continue. Schools have been directed to maintain the relevant operational guidelines. The guidelines do not impact greatly upon outdoor events such as sporting events and the recent Book Week parade. However, they do significantly impact upon indoor events where the capacity of venues must comply to the two square metre per person limit. To comply with the guidelines, we are unable to invite parents to

our school assemblies. These will continue to be live-streamed on our [Facebook page](#). We are in the process of planning our end of year events. The Awards Assembly will need to be streamed in a similar fashion to our assemblies. The Graduation Ceremony will take place as usual however the audience will be limited to two guests per graduating student. An explanatory note outlining events for Year 6 parents was sent home this week and a copy is also available on our school website.

### **USE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT AFTER SCHOOL**

We have a small team of cleaners who need to clean the playgrounds after school as part of the response to COVID-19. **Please leave the play areas by 3:15pm** so that the cleaning can take place. Please remember students must be supervised by parents, and that the Nature Playground is only for Kindy to Year 2 children.

### **ARE YOU LEAVING US?**

Both the Department of Education and the School have started preparing for the 2021 school year. In the near future, we will need to calculate our staffing numbers for next year. In order to predict as accurately as possible, we would like to know if any students will not be attending Beldon PS in 2021. If you know your child will not be returning next year, please email us on [beldon.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:beldon.ps@education.wa.edu.au).

### **DOGS ON SCHOOL SITE - POLICY REMINDER**

It is Education Department policy that dogs are not allowed onto school grounds unless part of a school organised event or program. Potentially any dog can be a risk to children and some children experience fear and anxiety around dogs. Family pets account for 40% of dog attacks and children under 12 are most at risk. Most serious attacks on children involve head and facial injuries. We request that parents please do not bring their dogs onto the school property.