Students at Biddabah School got into the holiday spirit with their Easter Hat Parade. Parents and children spent hours creating their hats that they paraded before parents and teachers today. In the tradition of Easter Parades all over the world there were some really pretty hats as well as the more unusual and funny. 2Mc were very happy to show off their hats as was their teacher, Mrs McEwan (she is in there somewhere).

The children were rewarded for their efforts by a visit from the Easter Bunny who distributed chocolate eggs and sweets to their classrooms.

On behalf of the parents, teachers and students of Biddabah School we wish everyone a happy and safe Easter Holiday break.
Dear Parents,

The Easter Break will begin on March 29th ‘Good Friday’ and children will not return to school until April 2nd. Parents, teachers and students wish you a happy and safe Easter.

Friday next week will be the School Cross Country and there will be no Whole School assembly. Kindergarten’s assembly item will be moved to Friday in week 11 (the last week of school before the holidays).

A reminder to parents about the operation of school speed zones around the Easter holidays. School zones exist for the safety of children and families; they will operate on Thursday 28th March, then resume on Tuesday 2nd April. Forty-kilometres-an-hour school speed zones operate across New South Wales at all school sites on gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even student-free days.

Publicity Officer Wanted

It was incorrectly reported in last week’s newsletter that Kim Eve would be looking after P&C publicity in 2013. In fact P&C are looking for somebody to do their publicity. If you feel you can help, please contact our president: Leanne Fong.

Robyn has been our school librarian for many years and this year she is taking a full-time break. Thelma Keough is filling in for Robyn this year and she took some time to bring Robyn up to date on library issues and Robyn took some time to talk about her newest granddaughter Ava (a sister for Mia).

Remember: children must be 13 years of age or older to create a Facebook account.

Teacher Visit

Robyn Jones paid teachers a visit on Tuesday with her grown-up granddaughter, Mia. Mia kept us all entertained and we kept her supplied with chocolate.

If your child will turn five by July 31st 2014 You can enrol in Kindergarten for the 2014 school year. Contact office or phone (4954 6058)
Parents, staff and students wish everybody a happy and safe Easter.

Strawberry Alert Cancelled

Following a successful anaphylactic challenge, the child in Kindergarten is no longer sensitive to strawberries. At this stage therefore, we are able to cancel the 'strawberry alert'.

I would like to sincerely thank all parents, canteen staff, teachers and children for their support.

You Can Do It Survey Results

Background

In March 2010 we launched the You Can Do It program at Biddabah School. Our goal was: within the context of students, teachers and parents to develop programs that will influence the social emotional well being of children. We hoped to see:

- A positive change in school culture
- Changes in the morale and attitudes of parents, teachers and students
- Improvement in student effort and the quality of homework
- Improvement in student achievement
- Reductions in bullying
- Improved student mental health and
- Happier parents, teachers and students.

At this stage it would be beneficial to sample parent’s perceptions and opinions of You Can Do It, consequently a survey was constructed and distributed to parents

1. I believe social emotional well-being and values are an important aspect of development in the primary school child.

2. My child seems to enjoy his/her ‘You Can Do It’ lessons.
3. I am aware of the explicit language the school uses to develop Social and Emotional Well-Being and values through the ‘You Can Do It’ program.
4. My child appears to have improved in his/her social and emotional well being.
5. My child knows the 5 Keys to Success and language to support his/her knowledge of the program. My child is able to use the ‘You Can Do It’ Keys to Success and apply this to develop achievement, well-being and positive relationships.
6. I am happy with the way social and emotional development and values are taught in the school through the ‘You Can Do It’ program.
7. I believe that the methods used to acknowledge the development of a child’s social and emotional well-being and values are satisfactory. eg. merit awards, positive feedback, newsletters, assemblies, consistent language, assessment etc.
8. My child has shown progress in academics, values and their ownership of learning and behaviour through the use of the YCDI program using the 5 foundations and Positive Habits of the Mind.

Findings and conclusions

Data from the Welfare & Values You Can Do It parent survey was collated and graphed and the following information summarized from the data.

Parents, staff and students wish everybody a happy and safe Easter.
Respondents generally agree with the importance given by the school to welfare and values (1).

Teachers directly teach You Can Do It throughout the year however their programs reflect a different approach taken each term. Term 1 all teachers teach YCDI lessons. In term 2, You Can Do It is taught through scripted weekly Peer Support lessons. Term 3 the focus goes back to the classroom with teachers programming You Can Do it as a function of their Child Protection program and in term 4 teachers combine YCDI through a revision of the Peer Support approach from term 2. Most children enjoy their YCDI lessons (2).

Starting with the keys there is an explicit language used in YCDI that a significant number of respondents are familiar with (3)(5).

A significant number of respondents indicated that there has been an improvement in their child’s social and emotional well being (4) and that they can use the YCDI keys to succeed effectively (6).

After three years of implementation most respondents are happy with the way YCDI is taught (7) and with the methods used by teachers to acknowledge the development of YCDI values (8).

Respondents strongly agreed that children’s academic and social progress has been enhanced by the YCDI program (9).

**Future directions**

It was hoped that the YCDI program when it was launched in 2010 would initiate positive changes for the way parents, teachers and students interacted in the school. Apart from YCDI being adopted by the school, the best parts have also been adapted to be part of the way we do things here. This is the essence of the ‘making our good school better’ approach.

The results of this survey indicate that we are well on track to fulfilling our original goals with happier parents, teachers and students.

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Parents, staff and students wish everybody a happy and safe Easter.
Congratulations to the following students for achieving a Silver Certificate in the School Banking Program:

- Ruby Pearson
- Bailey Raisbeck

Congratulations to the following students for achieving an Outstanding Certificate in the School Banking Program:

- Daniel Williams
- Zoe Haydon
- Kirra Priestley
- Zoe Smithers
- Cameron Price

WANTED: Students to take up an instrument in our fantastic school band.

Mr Ward, is especially, looking for anyone interested in playing the drums, but all instruments are available on excellent terms. Research into a musical education has shown positive outcomes for student's learning in all areas.

If anyone is interested please see Mr Ward on Tuesday mornings or Mrs Broxom for details.

Thank you.

Parents, staff and students wish everybody a happy and safe Easter.
**In their own Write**

Today's featured class is 3/4C.
The class is displaying the use of Cinquains

Mum.
Very pretty.
I love her.
And she loves me.
Caring
By Will

Tim
Annoying, awesome
Loud, fast, guillible
Good at playing piano
Fun
By Tim

Milo
playful ,hairy
barking,running,eating
have to play with
cute
By Amy

Me
Small likeable
Easily bored grumpy
Likes reading its good
Happy
By Lachlan

Kirra
wite,black,big
she is so cute
awesome
By Reuben

my cat
cute tiny
scratches plays purrs
love my soft cat
grey
By Hanna

Penguins
cute playful
splashy love swimming
they are very cute
smooth
By Lydia

Myself
Noisy, Lazy
You have to watch me
By Ashton

Spud
Mean, grumpy
Dumb, fat, ugly
Scarey, big, stooped, old
Dopey
By Beau

Milo
Loud, cute
Barks, runs, bites
He is easily exited
Funny
By Hayden

Dogs
Cute, fluffy
Barking, nice, naughty
Need to get one!
Awesome
By Annabelle

Lego
Colourful , small
Flying , driving , entertaining
Have to build with
Playful
By Tyler

Me
Midget loud
Jumpy cute sporty
Happy to be me
Awesome
By Annie

Spud
Noisy lazy
Funny cute heavy
Got to play with
Unfit
By Dylan

Friends
Cheerful playful
Kind caring awesome
I play with them
Friendly
By Tahlia

Brody
Crazy friendly
Loud fast confident
Fun to play with
Fun
By William

Guinea pigs
Furry small

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Running eating hiding
They are very cute
Adorable
By Freya

Cooper
Awesome, cute
Playful, funny, cool
I am feeling great about myself
Playful
Family
Loving careful
Happy exciting awesome
Happy to be loved
Sick!
By Anna H

Gold fish
Wet, cold
Swimming, splashing, eating
See them swimming around
Small

Texta
Colourful, arty
Draw, colour, outline
Good for school work
Helpful
By Liam

Dog
Cute, loud
Cute, loud
Fast, sleepy, entertaining
Have to scratch it
Old
By Brody

Me
Friendly silly
Jokes kind awesome
I so love swimming
Energetically
By Rebecca

Butterflies
Quiet harmless common
They flutter all day
Colourful
By Caeden

My pet Milly
Cute cuddly
Fast sneaky entertaining
Have to cuddle it
Old
By Jayden
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**TOMORROW**

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**P&C News**

The next meeting of the Biddabah P&C and School Council will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 15th May

**School Council** 6.30pm  
**P&C**  7.30pm

**Canteen News**

**CANTEEN ROSTER WEEK 10**

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**Have we got your correct details?**

This allows us to send messages, newsletters and critical information to all parents very quickly. We may need to inform you about a cancelled carnival; the late arrival of a bus; there may be a whole school emergency requiring you to collect children etc.

Have you changed your email address or Mobile Number?

**BOOKCLUB ORDERS DUE**

CLOSED

We all love dogs but for the safety of our children, please do not bring them on to the school grounds.
The Biddabah P&C pay a subscription to the NSW Ambulance on behalf of all students enrolled at Biddabah School.

If a child is injured or becomes sick at school requiring attention or ambulance transport the cost will be covered by the P&C subscription.

**WHAT YOU DO**
If you receive an account from the NSW Ambulance related to a call from school, bring the account in to the office and we will take care of it.

Parents please note, there is no school or P&C insurance for accidents to students. You will either need to claim through Medicare or take out your own private insurance policy.

**ADVERTISING COSTS**
Roadside Sign in Medcalf Street
Your business can advertise on our roadside sign. Advertisers are offered one of the eight places for an annual fee of $500. If you are interested in taking up this offer, please contact the principal: Mr. Graeme Mason.

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Graeme Mason
Principal
Thank you to all parents and students who brought in chocolate and purchased tickets in the P&C's Easter Raffle. Thank you as well to the lovely P&C ladies who put the 100 prizes together, prepared the tickets, drew the tickets and distributed the prizes to classrooms.

The P&C Easter Raffle raised a whopping great $1 188.00

The Prize Winners

Emma Morris
Hayley Gardner
Sierra Blundell
Brody Speciale
Rebecca Dumas
Kani Tapara
Connor West x 3
Craig Harris
Renae Cleary
Liam Hyslop
Cora Snape
Emily Gash
Amelia Snape
Eli Hunt
Kurt Fraser x 2
Beau Wellings x 2
Britany Daley
Sienna Haynes
Corey Winiarczyk
Hayden Russell
Finley Puddicombe x 2
Stella Geres
Hayden Spargo
Lachlan Keenan
Georgia Sobb x 2
Hugo Kidd-Matthews
Will Pacey
Amy Hain
Mia Goudie
Olivia Crossley
Ethan Grine
Mikaylah Jupp
Madeline Bell
T Filip

Samantha Woodhouse
Sandra Woods
Daniel Sponneck
Loki Clinch
Emma Bagnall
Taj Blackman x 2
Joey Marwood
Kobi Robbs x 2
Mia Reid
Beau Bromhead
Mia Hyslop
Isabella Maguire
Ken Young
Monique Palmer
Lexi Coleman
William Donaldson
Sophie Wingeat
Mackayla Jones
Coby Masterson
Taylah Ddaley
Tony
Sam Gulliver
Zoe Haydon
Aiden Davis
Brian Pacey
Joshua Keenan
Sophie Conway
Wil Swain
Lachlan Colley
Abigail Gooch
Olivia Bird
Abbey Flynn
Oscar Watson
Lucy Thomas

Jace Glasby
Annabelle Antony
Tahni Campbell-Schmidt
Jason Blundell
R Brown
Steve Snape
Noah Savage
Zoe Price
Emily Price
Dante Grine
Kirra Priestley
Ella Howell
Brianna Cross
Bonny Pearson
Matthew Tull
Mathew Dixon
Willis Hahn
Noah Eades
Beaudean Millward
Lachlan Hepplewhite
Angus Mossman
Lachlan Swan
Mia Marshall
Sophie Purser
Ellen Williams
Joel Gulliver

Handcrafted Bunny won
By Georgia Sobb