Kindergarten: Back to Work
Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Mrs Morrison and Mrs Burton along with the great K-2 teachers and parents for a magnificent day last Thursday at the Easter Hat Parade. There was an excellent attendance by parents, grandparents, carers etc. and the work that had gone into the hats was just outstanding.

I have included a hat fashion parade with this newsletter. Apologies to anyone I missed.

On Saturday the first of our interns from Pennsylvania State University arrives in Australia. She will be met in Sydney by the program coordinator, Mr Michael Freeman and her host family, Donna and Steve Bruce.

Brigid Crane will stay with the Bruce family and intern at Biddabah School until the end of May. She will be joined for the start of term 2 by Maria Probasco, also from Pennsylvania State University who will be staying with Scott and Louise New.

We are looking forward to interning both young teachers at Biddabah School. Brigid will commence her internship with Mrs Burton on KB.

Cross Country This Friday

The annual school cross country will be held within the school grounds this Friday. The senior carnival for ages 8-12 will be held between 9.15-11.00am and the junior carnival for ages 5-7 will be held from 11.30am-1.15pm. There will be no school assembly.

Heartbreak Hill in 2012

Parents are reminded to provide children with adequate sun protection and advise teachers of any student who is too sick (e.g. cold asthma or injury) to run. Students should be wearing their sports uniforms and hat and should be wearing appropriate footwear.

Peer Support 2013

Next Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th April, Year 6 students will undertake their Peer Support training days in readiness for their Term 2 Peer Support lessons.

Every student from K - Year 5 have been allocated to a Year 6 student leader and will participate in the Peer Support social skills program every Wednesday at 12.30pm throughout Term 2.

Mrs Dutch
Peer Support Co-ordinator.

The New Australian Curriculum

Parents are no doubt aware that the NSW has joined with the Australian Government and all other states and territories in a joint endeavor to develop an Australian curriculum.

The purpose for making the change is:

- To achieve our national goals, regardless of individual circumstances or school location,
- To equip all students with skills, knowledge and capabilities,
- To coordinate resources that can be developed more efficiently, and
- To have greater consistency for the country’s increasingly mobile student and teacher population

There are four new primary syllabuses that will be introduced and implemented over the next four years:

- **English** Planning 2013, Implementation 2014
- **Mathematics** Planning 2013-14, Implementation 2015
- **Science** Planning 2013-14, Implementation 2015
- **History** Planning 2013-15, Implementation 2016

Two Staff Development Days in Term 2

To be ready for the new curriculums and especially English in 2014, teachers have a great deal of preparation and planning. Part of this will be the two school development days at the start of next term. All students will commence Term Two on Wednesday May 1st.

![NO NUTS](image)

WE SAY NO TO PEANUTS, AND ALL NUT PRODUCTS AT BIDDABAH SCHOOL
Impetigo

Parents have approached teachers about treatment for impetigo. The following information may help.

Impetigo (school sores)

Impetigo is an infection of the skin. It is often called 'school sores', probably because school age children are usually the most likely to get them, and they can be spread at school. Impetigo is very easily spread, but with care spread can be reduced.

Impetigo is an infection of the skin caused by bacteria. These bacteria can live on the skin, in the throat or nose, or on other parts of the body without causing a problem.

Impetigo can occur on healthy skin but it often happens when the skin has already been damaged by a scratch, bite or a disease affecting the skin such as eczema or chicken pox.

The sores can be anywhere on the body, but are often on the face near the mouth and nose, or on the arms and legs. Impetigo may starts with a blister or a group of blisters. The blister bursts leaving a patch of red, wet skin which weeps. The spot usually becomes coated with a tan or yellowish crust, making it look like it has been covered with honey. There can be small spots around the first spots, spreading outwards. Impetigo is usually itchy. The sore takes about 1 to 3 days to develop after contact with fluid or crusts from a sore. There is often superficial peeling on the edge.

The sore is itchy, and children can scratch it, spreading the infection to nearby skin or to other parts of their own body. The fluid and crusts of the sore contain the bacteria, and contact with the sore or with things that have been on the sore (clothing, dressings, towels, etc) can spread the infection to other people. A sore can be infectious as long as it is weeping. Usually it has stopped being infectious about 24 hours after treatment with an antibiotic has been started, and healing has begun. The germs can also be spread from other parts of the body that do not appear to be affected, eg from a runny nose.

Treatment A child with impetigo needs to be checked by a doctor to be sure that it is impetigo, because sometimes an antibiotic medicine is prescribed. Remove the crusts. The best way to do this is to bathe the child for 20-30 minutes, while wiping the crust away with a wet towel. Try to prevent your child scratching the sores as much as possible, eg cover sores with a water tight dressing and cut your child's fingernails. Continue medical treatment until all sores are healed. Your child can go back to school, kindergarten or day care after 24 hours of treatment and when the sores are completely covered with dressings. The sores should clear up in a few days with treatment but may need to be treated again.

Key points to remember
- Impetigo is very contagious (infectious) and can be easily spread to other children.
- Try to prevent your child scratching the sores as much as possible, eg cover sores with a watertight dressing and cut your child's fingernails.
- Your child can go back to school, kindergarten or day care after 24 hours of treatment and when the sores are completely covered with dressings. Continue medical treatment until all sores are healed.
- It is extremely important to remove the crusts, even if the child is taking antibiotics.

Keep Your Kids Safe Online

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

Thinking About Enrolling at Biddabah in 2014?

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)
Congratulations to the following students for achieving a **Silver Certificate** in the School Banking Program:

- Callie Stone

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

- Kobe Masterson

Today's featured class is KB.

KB are really enjoying Kindergarten and they would like to share some of their favourite activities with you.

**Mitch:** I like playing with my friends. I like playing hide-and-go-seek. I like playing ‘Hide the Sticker’ with our sight words and playing tips with my friends.

**Toby:** I like to play with my friends and I get to play with my other friend Toby too. I like to do activities and write our sight words on the tiles.

**Amira:** My favourite part about school is playing outside with the hoola hoops. I like to glue in activities and I like to play games on the Smartboard. My favourite game is ‘Hide the Sticker’.

**Alessandro:** I like to play on the monkey bars with my friends. I like to play with the train set in activity time. I love to play with the dress-ups too.

**Angelina:** I like to play on the equipment and I like to play with my friends. My favourite game is ‘Duck, Duck, Goose’. I like reading stories and when the teacher reads to us.

**Kate:** My favourite thing to do outside is to play on the equipment and in the sandpit. I like cutting and pasting in activities.

**Ryan:** I like playing in the COLA best. I like playing games like the hoola hoops and with the equipment. I like to draw and do numbers and letters.

**Roy:** My favourite thing to do is playing Ninjas with Ryan and Jayce. I like to sit next to Mitch and have a go on the computers. We like to play Batman too.

**Grace:** I like playing on the equipment, on the slide part. I like to play with the hoops too. I like to play juggling too. I like listening to the sounds and doing the actions. I like watching a movie at lunch-time.

**Blake:** I like learning at school how to write and do numbers and how to colour-in properly. I like to play on the equipment and have fun with my friends. We like to play in the COLA.

**Jayce:** I like playing with Mitch and Ryan and all my other friends. We like playing Batman and Robin. My favourite thing inside is going on the computers and playing with the frogs and playing with my friends and running in the COLA.
**Tahlia:** I like to draw and colour-in and cut. I like having a turn on the computers. I like playing in the sandpit at lunch time.

**Alex:** I really like drawing and colouring-in and gluing. I like to build things with the foam blocks and play on the equipment outside. I like to play in the sandpit with my friends.

**Liam:** I really like playing with my friends with hula hoops and the spiky balls. I like to play games like animals with the counters and I like to have a go on the computers.

**Maddison:** My favourite thing about school is working at my desk. I like to colour-in and cut with the scissors. I like to go to the COLA and play with the hoola hoops.

**Movindu:** I like doing the Tutors in my room. I'm just learning to do them. I like playing in the COLA and in the sandpit. I like to build sandcastles.

**Jorja:** You have lots of fun at school playing with your friends and dressing-up. I like to do activities and my favourite one is the Big Book.

**Lara:** I really like playing with my friends like chasey and playing with the bouncy things in the COLA. I like writing and colouring-in too.

**Sophie:** I like to draw and paint and play with my friends. Jolly Phonics is fun. I like to be a leader in activities and I love doing the Mother’s Day surprises for my Mum.

**Jett** and **Eli** were absent.

**LOST PROPERTY**

**PLEASE CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY BOX REGULARLY**

**EXCURSIONS & PAYMENTS**

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Parents are advised that no payment will be accepted after the due date unless approved by the organising teacher.

**TOMORROW**

**Friday** | CROSS COUNTRY

**NEXT WEEK**

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| Wednesday | School Assembly, 10.10am  
Presentation by Kindergarten  
Parents Welcome  
AUTUMN VACATION BEGINS |
| Thursday |                                        |

**TERM 2 SCHOOL DIARY**

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Students return (Wed)  
ANZAC SERVICE (Wed)  
Zone Cross Country (Fri)  
Assembly 4/5W (Fri) |
| 2   | May 6     | Choral Fest (Tue-Wed)  
MOTHERS DAY STALL (Wed)  
K-2 Aquarium Excursion (Fri)  
Hunter Cross Country (Fri)  
Assembly 1B (Fri) |
| 3   | May 13    | NAPLAN (Tue-Thu)  
School Council/P&C (Wed)  
Assembly 6H (Fri) |
| 4   | May 20    | Water Safety K Y3 Y6 (Mon)  
Assembly 1M (Fri) |
| 5   | May 27    | LIFE ED (Mon-Wed)  
Grandparents Day (Thu)  
Assembly 2M (Fri) |
| 6   | June 3    | SCHOOL DISCO (Tue)  
Assembly 2T (Fri) |
| 7   | June 10   | QUEENS BIRTHDAY (Mon)  
Assembly Kinder (Fri) |
| 8   | June 17   | School Council/P&C (Wed)  
Assembly 4M (Fri) |
| 9   | June 24   | Assembly 5G (Fri) |
The next meeting of the Biddabah P&C and School Council will be at 7.30pm on
Wednesday, 15 May

Next week's Uniform Shop

Monday
2.30-3.00pm
Sarah Patrick

Tuesday
2.30-3.00pm
Nicole Reid

Wednesday Morning
8.30 - 9.00am
Jenny Preston

Wednesday PM
2.30-3.00pm
Michelle Hain

Thursday
2.30-3.00pm
Nicole Stone

Friday
2.30-3.00pm
Emma Swain

Entertainment Books

If you have pre-ordered your entertainment book, it will be sent home on Friday

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

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Other Notes Sent Home This Week

| 28/3 | Soccer trials Girls/ Boys |
| 2/4  | AFL Paul Kelly Cup |

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