When the Fire Brigade Visited Year 1 they let Them Play With The Hoses
Dear Parents,

The ‘rush’ at the start of the year is still continuing and we are being kept busy with all the changes and programs brought out by the department.

It’s hard to believe term one is almost over. It has gone so quickly. We are almost up to Easter and organization for the Scripture Assembly and the Easter Raffle is proceeding.

At last night’s P&C meeting we elected a new P&C executive for 2015. Before I introduce the P&C for 2015 I just want to thank the 2014 executive for one of the most successful years we have ever had. The canteen has boasted record profits and the fete was brilliant and also made a record profit.

Congratulations and welcome to our new P&C Executive for 2015.

2015 P&C Executive

President            Leanne Fong
Vice Presidents      Kim West
                      Mel Adams
Secretary            Katrina Cowling
Treasurer            Michelle Freund
District P&C         Melissa Aurisch
                      Nicola Davidson
Fundraising          Special Purpose Committees
                      (Uniform Shop, Fete, Mothers & Fathers Day etc)
Canteen Treasurer    Ellen Williams
Auditor              Sally Lole

Mosquito-borne Disease

Mosquitoes can transmit a number of viral infections including Ross River virus and Barma Forest virus and there have been large numbers of these infections reported so far in 2015. It is likely that the risk period may extend through until Easter.

Mosquitoes are most active around dusk and in the first few hours of the evening and again at dawn. Rivers, creeks, wetlands and recently-flooded land allows mosquitoes to breed and so people living near or visiting these areas need to be especially careful to prevent mosquito bites.

Recommended ways to prevent mosquito bites:

- Cover up when outside and mosquitoes are active (especially around dawn and dusk). Wear light-coloured loose-fitting long pants and sleeves and covered footwear.
- Use an effective personal insect repellent on all exposed skin.
- Re-apply personal insect repellent according to directions as protection wears off.
- Mosquito coils or plug-in mats are effective when used indoors. Devices that use light to attract and electrocute insects are not effective.
- Ensure houses are fitted with flyscreens on the doors and windows to prevent entry of mosquitoes.
- When camping, use flyscreens on caravans and tents or sleep under mosquito nets.

All parents, teachers and students should understand that peanuts, tree nuts (walnuts, cashews etc) or nut products must not be introduced to Biddabah School in any way. Even so, we do not claim to be nut free because this may lead to a false sense of security for students diagnosed at risk of anaphylaxis.
Don't forget to download our new Skoolbag App, available for both iPhone and Android devices. Once downloaded onto your device please feel free to explore this new tool, however, we will only be using the App for notifications, calendar updates and newsletters at this stage, with a view to expand to include online absences etc. in the future. It is an excellent tool for information so please download as soon as possible.

Moving forward in 2015, the use of the App will grow and will form the basis, with our website, for our communications with our school community.

Don't forget to visit our website for regular updates and additions:


INFANTS MATHS FACTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Infants classes will be having their Maths Facts Championships playoffs in the class next week.

Finals will be held in week 10.

WORK WORK WORK: HARD HARD HARD

2Mc Assembly Item is Week 9

CAN YOU HELP THE KIDS? We need volunteers to keep our canteen open.
2015 Game Training ROADSHOW

Last Thursday, Jeff Ayling from Game Training came to Biddabah and introduced Years 4, 5 & 6 to the exciting world of game development. The Game Training Roadshow motivates students toward IT by teaching them how to write code and create their own commercial quality video games! Jeff gave a demonstration of the Unity software and provided each student with an activation code to begin developing their own cyber worlds.

The Game Training Roadshow will return next Friday (27th, March) to present a workshop for those students interested. Students attending this workshop will receive the following:

✓ Links To The Free Commercial Game Development Software (Mac/Windows)
✓ Access To A Library Of Game Development Resources Valued At Over $3500 - these include vehicle packs, 3D models, scripts, terrain tools, an amazing weather simulator and complete game scenes.
✓ Video tutorials to use at home.
✓ A fully coded 10 level game with source code and full resale rights.

Ongoing Support beyond the event for help with coding and questions

By the time students arrive home after the event, they will be able to create their own commercial grade 3D World with hills, ocean, sky and trees which blow in the wind. They will also learn how to import vehicles and create winding roads to make fun driving games, write simple artificial intelligence code, character animation code as well as learn the 12 most important coding concepts needed to create games for all major platforms, mobile devices and games consoles.

All students will benefit enormously from this experience.

Keith Harris

Congratulations to the following students for achieving a Bronze Certificate in the School Banking Program:

Ruby Nelson

Congratulations to the following students for achieving a Gold Certificate in the School Banking Program:

Blake Cornally
Tyler Davis

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

Harper Young
Alexandra Cowling
Charmaine Brunskill
Cooper Nelson
Amira Lamb
Hamish Alexander

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

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.
Today's featured class is 5G.

Interesting facts 5G have found out about the Gold Rush

The first gold rush in the world was in California in 1849-1851 by Laura Hyslop.

Did you know that the welcome stranger was the biggest gold nugget ever found, it weighs 72.02kg and was found on the 5th of February 1869 by Ellie Carroll.

The welcome stranger is the world's biggest gold nugget by Oskar Watson.

Humans have been decorating themselves with gold since at least 400BC by Daniel Williams.

Did you know that Ballarat and Bendigo were the most successful gold fields? They are known worldwide for their gold by Grace Stenhouse.

Did you know that the world's largest nugget, The Welcome Stranger, was found by two men whose cart got stuck on a muddy road and had to get out and move the solid rock that was in the way. This was their lucky day! It was solid gold! By Luke Dabelstein.

In the gold fields while the miners were mining the mothers and women were working in the house and the children were playing and going to school by Reuben Suba.

Scientists believe that 80% of the world's hold still remains undiscovered? It might be time to get digging! By Olivia Bird and Lexi Coleman.

Gold mining could be very dangerous. People died in mineshafts and from a lot of diseases on the gold fields, by Fraser Shaw.

I learnt that if you don't pay your licence fees you get into trouble from the Police and they used to even tie miners to trees by Lucy Thomas.

There were many miners who left China to come to the Australian gold fields. Chinese miners were easily identified with their slippers and straw hats, by Lochlan Crew.

The miners used to call out “Eureka!” when they found gold, by Ashton Stewart.

Did you know that the biggest gold nugget found (The Welcome Stranger) was so heavy it had to be broken into small pieces for people to weigh it, by Brianna Cross.

Did you know that if you didn't pay your licence fee you could be punished? Many miners couldn't afford the fee as they hadn't struck it rich yet by Amy Hain.

Did you know that the Eureka Stockade started democracy in Australia? By Mackenzie Curtis.

I have learnt that the miners tore up their licences. If they didn't have their licences the police tied them up to a tree. They created their own flag and built a stockade and battled with the police and soldiers, by Kye Calder.

Can you imagine living on the goldfields in Australia in the 1850's? There was no electronic games, TV or appliances like fridges. Kids had to play old fashioned games like naughts and crosses, help mum with cooking and played with wooden toys, by Conner West.

In the battle at Eureka Stockade, 22 miners and 8 soldiers died, by Cody Woodley.

75% of all gold in use today has been extracted since 1919, by Jorja Saxby.

Edward Hargreaves and his two friends found the first gold nugget in Ophir, NSW, by Cooper Stent.

Between 1851 and 1861, Australia produced one third of the world's gold, by Tiarna Tull.

Humans have been decorating themselves with gold since at least 4000BC. By Keegan Torrance.

Please plan your Family Holidays in the School Holidays

CAN YOU HELP THE KIDS? We need volunteers to keep our canteen open.
Boys Cricket KO

In a first our school cricket team played its match, against Booragul, on the school grounds.

The team was Bailey Creer, Cooper Waddingham, Lachlan Colley, Daniel Williams, James Lole, Egan Ford, Kayden Newman, Kane Ives, Oskar Watson, Kurt Frazer, Corey Winiarczyk.

Biddabah batted first and made a respectable 8/95. Best batting was James Lole with 37 not out helped out by Lachlan Colley 6 and Daniel Williams 9.

Best bowling was Daniel Williams 2/14 and James Lole 1/6. Bailey Creer kept well with only one bye. However Booragul batted very well and passed our score with 5 wickets down and 6 overs to spare. Congratulations to Booragul.

Our boys all tried their very best and played in a sportsmanlike manner.

Michael Cox Coach

Zone Soccer Team

Congratulations to the following Biddabah students for making the zone soccer team.

Ezra Palombini
Corey Winiarczyk
Kyle Munns

Holly Keeble - Basketball Star

Last week, Holly Keeble travelled to Maitland to trial for the PSSA Hunter Regional Basketball Team. She played exceptionally well and was selected to be in the Hunter team - congratulations, Holly!

Holly will join 9 other students from the Hunter and will travel to Illawarra next term to compete against some of the best basketball players in the state. Biddabah

Public School would like to wish her all the best as she competes to represent our school at the State level. Good luck, Holly!

DON’T RIDE SCOOTERS IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

It’s a School Rule

ALWAYS WEAR YOUR HELMET

It’s a School Rule

It’s the Law!

CAN YOU HELP THE KIDS? We need volunteers to keep our canteen open.
LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY BOX REGULARLY

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TOMORROW

Friday

GETTING ALONG DAY
National Anti-Bullying Day
PIZZA for Lunch
CROSS COUNTRY (weather permitting)

NEXT WEEK

Monday K-2 Assembly 12.30
Tuesday
Wednesday Yr 1 Warners Bay Walk 11.00
Thursday
Friday Maths Facts Class Playoff

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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, 20 May

For the latest P&C News email pandc@biddabah.com.au

EASTER RAFFLE

We are holding our annual Easter Raffle this term which is a great fundraiser for our P&C and the kids love it.

All donations of Easter Eggs, bunnies, baskets etc for prizes will be gratefully accepted and can be left at the office.

Tickets are on sale now at $1.00 each and all tickets (sold or unsold) should be returned to the office ASAP and no later than 27th March.

Raffle will be drawn and prizes distributed the last week of term.

Thank you for your support.

Fundraisers News

CAN YOU HELP THE KIDS? We need volunteers to keep our canteen open.
## Canteen Roster

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- **Mon, Mar 30**: Ellen Williams, Louis James
- **Tue, Mar 31**: CLOSED
- **Wed, Apr 1**: Louis James, Kristy Newman, HELP NEEDED x 1
- **Thu, Apr 2**: Louis James (9-1.30), Mel Greaves, HELP NEEDED x 1
- **Fri, Apr 3**: CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY

We require help in the canteen on **Tuesday 24**, **Thursday 26** and **Friday 27** and **Tuesday 31**March. Also, **Wednesday 1** and **Tuesday 2** April.

If you can help at all, either for a half or full day, please contact Mel Aurisch on **0419 294 046**.

**NB** Changes made to the canteen roster after Tuesday will not be reflected in the current newsletter.

## Uniform Shop News

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### Business Card Size

- **$14.30** (week)
- **$85.80** (term)

### ¼ Page

- **$25.30** (week)
- **$330** (year)

### ½ Page

- **$41.80** (week)
- **$69.30** (week)

### Full Page

- **$25.00** (week)

### Distribute Your Pamphlets

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### Special Offer

- **$330.00**

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Graeme Mason
**Principal**

**CAN YOU HELP THE KIDS?** We need volunteers to keep our canteen open.
Where: Biddabah Public School

When: Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly, Once a term

Hours: Anytime between 8.30am to 3.00pm. If you cannot do a full day, then perhaps you could do a half day. We have a number of volunteers that do this.

Experience: 
Not required. Everything you need to know will be learnt within a short space of time.

Salary: 
‘A la carte’ lunch and drink endless tea and coffee and best of all, friendship.

Bonus:
Your children are happy to see you in their favourite place – school. You’ll meet new people and make great friends within our school community.

Applications close: NEVER
Please complete the form and send it back to the canteen as soon as possible.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you to our volunteers, your help is invaluable.

Please contact Melissa Aurisch 0419 294 046

Name: ..................................................................................................................

Landline: .......................... Mobile: .................................

Please circle the day/s and frequency you would prefer to work:

Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

Weekly  Fortnightly  Monthly  Once a term  Emergency Contact

If you would like to be placed on the emergency contact list where you will be called if there are not enough volunteers on a required day, please indicate.
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Bookings Essential 02-49046020

TUESDAY & THURSDAY
6.00 pm to 7.30 pm
(Young children 6.00 pm—7.00 pm)
INQUIRIES : 49 544 522
P&C Easter Raffle

Donations of eggs welcome

Tickets due back 27th March

Wrapping in the library 27th March

Drawn Monday 30th March
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