Training our Peer Support Team

Year 6 will become our Peer Support Leaders in term 2. Each leader will be allocated a small group of students mixed K-5 to work through several important relationship topics including cyber bullying. Their training, conducted by Mrs Dutch and Mr Harris over these two days will set them up with lesson plans and ideas for games to ensure a great term.
Dear Parents,

ANZAC Day will be next term. Our school ANZAC service will be at 2.00pm on the Friday of the first week back next term (Friday 24th April).

Ethics Survey

Over the coming vacation, parents might like to think through how they want the school to support their children’s moral training. The rationale for the school’s K-6 HSIE curriculum states:

“The future wellbeing of human society and its environment depends upon the quality of people’s interactions with each other and with their cultural, social and physical environments as they strive to meet each other’s needs”.

The You Can Do It program is K-6 and strongly develops children’s self-management and their relationships with others.

In addition, over the years parents and ministers of religion have conducted combined scripture classes (SRE) that support children’s moral education with stories and teachings.

Parents always have the right to withdraw their children from SRE classes and at Biddabah several have already done so.

Primary Ethics also provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes. Several schools have already established ethics classes and in this newsletter I am including a leaflet from an ethics coordinator, Mr Noel Gilchrist to assess your interest in establishing an ethics class at Biddabah. If you are interested, please complete and return next term.

Survey - Thank You!

A big thank you to our parents and carers who returned their completed surveys and to those parents and carers who were happy to provide the information over the phone.

The information provided by you is used by the government to determine what funding we receive so we are very grateful for the honest and timely responses you all provided.

No information is shared with any other government organisation, either state or federally and as this is the only data collection and analysis used to determine our funding. The importance of the responses is significant.

Every effort has been made to contact parents who have not returned their surveys, however, due to the work commitments etc. of our families, not all calls could be answered.

Should you wish to still complete the survey and return on the first day of Term 2, copies are still available from our website. Emailed responses are also most welcome (biddabah-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) but all responses must be received no later than Tuesday 21st April.

Infants Maths Fact Championship Winners

After months of hard work, the following students have been officially crowned the winners of the Infants Maths Facts Championship.

**Kindergarten:** Cooper Chaplin

**Year 1:** Charlie Browne

**Year 2:** Nathan Bartley

A special mention goes to the following students who were finalists in their grade championships:

**Kindergarten:** Xavier Towers, Abigail Clinch, Flynn Spargo, Jamie Blake, Charlotte Hrneth, Gabriella Dunn, Aaliyah Greaves, Sonny Allen, Lawson Rose, Liliana Mascord, Harry Van Der Helm, Travis Mackay, Audrey Ross, Emily McCarthy.

**Year 1:** Thomas Hayley, Maddix Lake, Alex Doherty, Bridie Asquith, Kristian Majurovski, Aiden Cooper-Clark, Ami Bromhead, Tyler Woodley.

**Year 2:** Blade James, Grace Rixon, Blake Cornally, Mia Marshall, Bonnie Pearson, William, Noah de Sousa, Jacob Fitchett, Alessandro Perazzolo.

We would like to congratulate all of our students for their participation in this championship. Our students will now be able to enjoy the benefits from their hard work by having more knowledge, confidence and understanding in Maths throughout the remainder of the year.
Easter Raffle Results

1. Nicole Donaldson 4M
2. Mia Marshall 2M
3. Chelsea Mossman 2MC
4. Ruby Davis 6D
5. Bridget Holbrook KF
6. A Bagnall (Luke) 1X
7. Jack Roddam 4M
8. Bella Masterson 1B
9. Bryce Hemsworth 2M
10. Sophie Conway 4M
11. Lochie Murnane 3C
12. Regina Harbridge (Conner) 5L
13. Kahnae Browne 3D
14. Damien Boersma 6D
15. Ray Connor 2MC
16. Cooper Ralph 5W
17. Ruby Davis 6D
18. Lochlan Keenan 4M
19. Isabel Stanton 5W
20. Lexi Coleman 5G
21. Bridget Holbrook KF
22. Kiera Priestley 3M
23. Sienna Rex 3D
24. Georgia Manning 1X
25. Bridie Asquith 1B
26. T Flood (James) 6H
27. Jessica Boersma 4M
28. Lochie Murnane 3C
29. Saxon Thompson-Barber 4A
30. Kirra Priestley 3M
31. Ella Gazzard 1E
32. Tyler Davis 1K
33. Mia Adams 2MC
34. Taylea Brown 1B
35. Rebecca Dumas 6H
36. Paige Mitchell 3M
37. Anika Mistry 4M
38. Jake Lake 3M
39. Maddison Govan 1E
40. Flynn Spargo KB
41. Dylan Chock 5W
42. Luke Bagnall 1X
43. Aiden Davis 2/3W
44. Emily Creerly 4M
45. Bridie Asquith 1B
46. Liliana Mascord KF
47. Angus Lyn KS
48. Kelly Rex 3D
49. Tahlia Flett KF
50. Eden Hilder 1B
51. Harper Young 2MC
52. Mikayla Jupp 5W
53. Levi Creely 4M
54. Liliana Mascord KF
55. Lachlan Colley 6D
56. Harley Rae 3D
57. Saxon Thompson-Barber 4A
58. Laura Hyde (Dakota) KB
59. Lawson Rose KF
60. Cooper Stent 5L
61. Cameron White 3M
62. Kye Hili 3M
63. Charlie Ratcliffe 3C
64. Kahnae Browne 3D
65. Harper Young 2MC
66. Ella Harrison 4M
67. Joel Gallager 4A
68. Luke Stilgoe 1B
69. Mackenzie Miller 4M
70. Bridie Asquith 1B
71. Joshua Haynes 5W
72. Georgia Saxby 5L
73. Flynn Warrington 4A
74. Charlotte Herneth KS
75. Sam Gulliver 5W
76. Kahalia Rodgers 1X
77. Paul Milton (Kye) 6H
78. Koby Browne 2MC
79. R Ryan c/-M Jupp (5W)
80. Cooper Harris 3M
81. Blake Cornally 2M
82. Liam Kneller 5W
83. Eden Hilder 1B
84. Maliq West 4A
85. Annie Gresham 6D
86. Amy Hain 5G
87. Stacey Rose (Lawson) KF
88. Lexie Coleman 5G
89. Harper Young 2MC
90. Blake Poole KS
91. Kye Ralph 2/3W
92. Cooper Nelson 2/3W
93. Flynn Spargo KB
94. Judie Maddison (Tom) 1X
95. Eli Sharman 4M
96. Stenhouse (Abby) 3M
97. Audrey Rose KF
98. Georgia Manning 1X

Biddabah is a cool school
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:


Coordinating Teachers
Jenny Dutch & Technology Team

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

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.

VISITORS CARPARK
ONLY ENTER in the Visitor’s Carpark if you are a:
• Canteen volunteer
• Disabled parking permit
• Special invitee

Locking may be necessary Morning and Afternoon

Biddabah School Uniform

BLACK SHOES
or
PLAIN BLACK JOGGERS

100 nights = BRONZE
150 nights = SILVER
200 nights = GOLD
250 nights = DIAMOND

Congratulations
Winners of Mathletics Certificates

Bronze
Hayden Spargo
Eli Sharman
Eden Hilder
Cooper Chaplin
Kirra Priestley
Anabelle Antony
Emily Gesovski
Jack Bruce
Zoe Price
Emma Gulliver
Mia Reid
Blade James
Grace Rixon
Amelia Snape
Ethan Cowling

Silver
Taylah Cowling
Bailey Creer
Jacob Fitchett

Gold
Ken Young
Dear Parents/Caregiver,

At Biddabah we believe that children’s experiences beyond the classroom contribute to their growth and development. Further, the provision of opportunities for children to participate in experiences in the wider community both reinforces and supplements school curriculum. Such experiences, organised and implemented by the school, provide opportunities for integrated learning including living skills.

Please note that although we require some parents to come along and help, excursions remain educational experiences lead by the teachers.

Date: 15th May 2015
Cost: $40.00 per child / $40.00 per parent helper
Permission Note: Permission note to follow including more information about this excursion.
Supervision: Class Teachers, School Learning Support Officers and Parent Helpers. (Parent helpers will not be able to take pre-schoolers with them.)

More information and permission note will follow in Term 2.

Biddabah is a cool school
Today’s featured class is 3M.

In 3M we researched famous people that came from Newcastle. Do you know all of these people?

Silverchair are a rock band that attended Newcastle High School. Indy

Ben Lexcen is a famous marine architect and yachtsman. Abby

Barry Maitland is a crime fiction writer. Cooper D.

Susie Porter is a film actress. Charlotte

Chris Brown is a vet and TV personality. Jacob

Yahoo Serious is an actor and composer. Sam

Clive Churchill was famous for being a great rugby league player. Cameron

David Berthold is the artistic director of the Brisbane Festival. Cooper H.

Jennifer Hawkins was Miss Universe, is a brand ambassador and beauty star. Lucy

Mikey Robbins is a radio presenter and actor. Dominic

Mark Richards is five times world champion at surfing. Finley

Justin Norris is a butterfly and individual medley swimmer. He won a bronze medal at the Olympics. Paige

Screaming Jets are the greatest rock and roll band to come out of Newcastle. Cooper N.

Dein Perry is a tap dancer and created Tap Dogs. Anabelle

Silverchair are a rock band, and Daniel Johns is still singing solo. Levi

Peter Cave is a journalist that won 5 Walkley awards. Noah

Belinda Clarke plays cricket for Australia. Mia

Silverchair doesn’t exist anymore. Daniel makes music on his own. Kirra

Biddabah is a cool school

Ben Lexcen made boats and beat the Americans at a big race. Braith

Sophie Lee is an actress who is 46 now. Mayfair

William Dobell was knighted in 1966 and is an artist. Jack

Sarah Wynter is an amazing actress. Ruby

Andrew Johns played football for the Knights. Emily

John Earle makes artworks of Newcastle. Jakobi

Chris Brown went to Merewether High School. Ethan

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.

It’s NOT OK to be Away

Please plan your Family Holidays in the School Holidays
Rugby Union 7s Competition

This week Biddabah participated in the Lake Macquarie Rugby Union 7s Competition at Walters Oval at Speers Point. Biddabah sent two teams to compete in this competition, and both did extremely well for two teams that had very little experience in playing Rugby Union.

One team, however, did extremely well making it to the final on the day, however, going down to Edgeworth P.S. The two top teams qualify for the Hunter Rugby 7s Finals to be held at Waratah Oval on May 5th. Good luck in the finals!

ABSENCES, LATE or EARLY LEAVERS

At Biddabah we now use computer roll marking. This means the system will generate a note to you for any unexplained absences.

Late children should be accompanied and signed in by a parent otherwise an explanation request will be sent home.

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WEEK ONE NEXT TERM SCHOOL DIARY

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The next meeting of the Biddabah P&C and School Council will be at 7.30pm on
Wednesday, 20 May

P&C 7.30pm

Help is required on Tuesday 28 and Friday 1 May. If you would like to volunteer in the school canteen please call in and say hello and have a look around. You can put your name down on the roster that is in the canteen or contact Jo Chock, Tiz Perazzolo or Mel Aurisch.

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

The lovely ladies that make the special cupcakes will be baking up a storm on Thursday 30 April so don’t forget your pocket money. All money raised through the canteen goes straight back to the school providing resources for the children.

I would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers that have given their time in keeping the canteen open for this term. Please have a safe and relaxing break in the Easter holidays and see you all next term.

NB Changes made to the canteen roster after Tuesday will not be reflected in the current newsletter.
Looking for the Glass Slipper
Year 6 Peer Support learn about resilience, working together, confidence, persistence and organisation while getting ready for the ball
Girlsstarz
(Ages 7—12 yrs)
* Hip Hop
* Funky Jazz
* Street Tap
ALL 3 classes for $17.00 TOTAL!
Be a GIRLSTAR!
Learn the coolest dance moves to the latest dance grooves!

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(Young children 6.00 pm—7.00 pm)
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45 FAIRFAX RD WARNERS BAY

CLASSES START ON MONDAY 20th APRIL
Classes will be $10 a session (45min). All low impact.
Classes: Total body workout, Boxing, Stretch, Butts & Abs and
Aqua aerobics.
6:00am, 6:30am & 9:30am classes Monday to Thursday
5:30pm classes Monday & Wednesday plus 6:30pm Aqua Aerobics.
Find me on Facebook at:
Now taking bookings for term 2.
8 week get fit program.
0409366794
Ethics Classes at Biddabah Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ethics classes are now available in NSW public primary schools as an option for children who do not attend Special Religious Education (SRE) / Scripture. The NSW government has authorised the charity, Primary Ethics, to create curriculum and deliver these classes. Curriculum is available for children from Years K-6.

Classes are inquiry-based where children use dialogue and discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument. Trained and vetted volunteer Ethics Teachers lead discussions.

To enable classes to commence at Biddabah Public School we require a volunteer Ethics Coordinator and a number of volunteer Ethics Teachers, depending on demand. The Ethics Coordinator acts as a liaison between Primary Ethics and the school and organises the recruitment of the Ethics Teachers. Ethics Teachers must attend our two day training and commit to teaching their weekly ethics class for a minimum of one year.

We will commence ethics classes at Biddabah Public School if there is enough demand and suitable volunteers. Please return the slip below by 23rd March 2015 if you are interested in choosing ethics for your child.

For more information, please visit the website at www.primaryethics.com.au or contact the Primary Ethics Regional Manager, Nigel Gilchrist, on lakemacquarie-region@primaryethics.com.au

Signed
Principal,
Biddabah Public School

Please return this form if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child in 2015.

Child’s Name: ________________________________________ Class: ________________________
Signed: ___________________________________________ Date _______________________

School to keep this portion

School to return this portion to Primary Ethics GPO Box 4351, Sydney NSW 2001

Yes, please register my interest with Primary Ethics:

My name: ___________________________________________ In 2015, my child will be in year: ______________________

My email address: ________________________________________________________