Both the Infants and the primary disco was very well attended and the students had a ball!

It’s Party Time

It was great to see teachers volunteer their time on a very cold night to supervise the Semester 1 Disco.
Dear Parents,

It was all smiles at the K12 Disco on Tuesday evening. Year 1 students Zoe Freund and Grace Welsh had fun dressing up with the theme of Heroes and Villains.

The themes for the different sessions were for the infants: Heroes and Villains and for the primary students; Hippies and Rock Stars. Congratulations and well done to the parents who obviously put in a great deal of effort to costume the children.

5W Reflections of NAPLAN

The night before NAPLAN I felt very nervous. Thinking I might fail. After I did the first test I felt relieved for it to be over then forgot that it was on the next day as well twice times
(Ashton Daily 5W)

When NAPLAN started I felt like I was going to fail but I think I got most of the test right. The maths test was easy as I could have done ten more in that time.
(Tyler Freund 5W)

When NAPLAN came around I thought I was going to do alright the when it finished I thought I did better than alright I did great the maths test was the easiest by far.
(Wil Swain 5W)

When I was about to start NAPLAN I thought it was going to be pretty hard and I just done my best and I'm confident I went well. I liked the maths the most. I didn't worry about it much so it made the test feel easier.
(Dylan Chock 5W)

When it was NAPLAN day I thought it was going to be very hard but it wasn’t really that hard. I just had to have confidence in myself and do my best. We did Maths, Reading and Language. I think I did pretty well in the tests. Now I am glad that it is over for another few years.
(Cooper Ralph 5W)

When NAPLAN started I was really worried but when I did the test I thought it would be really hard but it was easy. I don’t have to do NAPLAN for a few years.
(Jayden Marriott)

On the day of NAPLAN I was so nervous but I knew I had to do it so I got in there and got it done. When it was finished I was so glad I'm not shore how I went but I'm glad it's gone for another two years. YES!
(Jordan Parsons 5W)

On the day of NAPLAN I was so nervous. I didn’t want to do it but I knew I had to. I went ahead and did it. After the test I felt nervous about the results but I thought I did pretty well. When it was finished I felt very happy that is was done for another 2 years. YAY.
(Emma Gulliver 5W)

In NAPLAN I was very scared but when I finished I was happy that it was over then the next day I wasn't that scared.
(James Lole 5W)

In the first NAPLAN test I was a little bit nervous but after that it wasn’t that bad. I'm glad it's over for another two years.
(Taj Blackman)

In NAPLAN I got a bit nervous but when I did the NAPLAN it wasn’t too bad. Thank goodness I don’t have to do it next year.
(Josh Haynes)

When we had to do NAPLAN I was really nervous. I thought it was going too hard but it was actually quite easy. We did Maths, Reading and English. I hope I did well and I'm glad I don't have to do it for another 2 years.
(Taylah Cowling 5W)

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday year 3 & 5 did NAPLAN. I think I did really well. We had to do Language, writing, reading and maths. The math test was my favourite. Can’t wait for NAPLAN in year 7.
(Mikaylah Jupp)

When I did NAPLAN I was not nervous because I had already done NAPLAN in year 3. Some questions were hard but it is just revising things we learnt in year 3 and 4. I don't mind doing NAPLAN.
(Isabelle Stanton)

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On the first day of NAPLAN was feeling confident to sit and take this test. I was a little bit nerves but most of my feelings were happy, confident and resilient. My pencil broke a few times but the teachers were nice enough to hand out others. When the test was over on Thursday I was feeling much happier to get the test out of my head. I'm looking forward to year seven to take another NAPLAN test.

(Mathew Dixon)

The morning before NAPLAN I felt really bad. Once I got to school and the 9 o'clock bell went we went to the hall I thought I was going to vomit but once I started my nerves went away. The last day of NAPLAN I was so excited to finish it for this year. After I finished the NAPLAN I felt so good in myself. I'm so happy its over for another 2 years.

(Ezra Palombini)

Naplan was very boring and really quiet. I think that I did quite well. The subjects were writing, maths, reading; language had most trouble with reading because some of the words I didn't quite understand and it always starts at 9 o'clock.

(Brylee Cavanough)

NAPLAN was sort of fun and hard too. Every night I worry that I will fail but when I get there I am brave as a bull. I did not want to be late and I actually I think I got 100% in the maths test.

(Bailey Creer)

NAPLAN was not that hard it was kind of easy. I still worried about it. But I think I acted it in math and reading. When we finished NAPLAN I was so relieved because I had finished NAPLAN for another two years.

(Lochlan Flett)

I was scared at first but I tried my best and got through. I think I went well and got most my answers right.

(Brock Adams)

NAPLAN was a kind of test to see how we do in all the fields of learning. When I did NAPLAN, it was quiet and kind of boring. We had to sit and wait when we finished and that was the boring bit but then we all go at different speeds. I thought maths was the best.

(Liam Kneller)

The morning before NAPLAN I was really nervous, but when the test started it was really boring and quiet. On the last day of NAPLAN I was so excited to get it over and done with. I am so happy its over for another 2 years.

(Stella Geres)

I nervous when the maths started but other than that it was alright

(Ama Gwira)

I was scared when I turned up and forgot it was NAPLAN day. I wish I had remembered. Everyone kept on saying it more a teachers test but why do they make the children sit down to do it. my pop said it was stupid but it’s hard to believe when you’re in the room with a pencil in your hand and forget the answer but over all I thought I did good.

(Arnika McCredie)

It was not easy but also not hard. I reckon I went best in the maths as I knew most answers. I thought the reading was the hardest. Hopefully I go well next time.

(Mia Reid)

Naplan was hard. I was relieved when it had finished.

(Claire Ashley-Brown)

I was worried that I would need help but I did not so yay 😊

(Will pacey)

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.

Skoolbag for Windows Phone Users (as well as iPhone, iPad & Android users) Please be advised that Skoolbag have finally released their App for Windows Phone Users.


Please download as soon as possible. Hopefully we now have all families connected.

Moving forward, if you are unable to use Skoolbag, please contact the school directly to let us know as this will be our primary communication tool.

If you are experiencing technical difficulties with the app and your specific phone, please contact Skoolbag for support and assistance (http://www.skoolbag.com.au/enquiries.php).

Jenny Dutch & the Technology Team

We are also aware that there have been some issues with the Skoolbag App and the sending of push notifications. The ability for us to schedule notices for a later date is not working well with notices appearing immediately, despite being assigned for a later date. We understand the confusion this creates but we have no control over this. For the time being, we will endeavor to send notifications only on the day it is due to be sent out and cease using the scheduling tool.

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This week we continued on with slime creations adding eyes and making a variety of monsters. Lots of different types of artwork done with children spending sometime at the craft table, drawing coloring and creating a range of items. We have also used patty papers in a variety of creative ways. We currently have places available for the Before School Care program every day; we have places available for After School Care on Wednesday and Fridays. Please contact Emily on 0401 189 553 or email oshc.biddabah@ymcansw.org.au.

Claire Ashley-Brown will receive a certificate at the next Friday school assembly.

Congratulations
Winners of Mathletics Certificates

Bronze
Amy Hain
Ken Young
Cooper Fitchett
Jye Morton
Tom Maddison
Matilda-Jade Hughson
Logan Cowling
Noah Mudford
Bryce Hemsworth
Mia Marshall
Eli Hammett
Jackson Day
Alexandra Cowling
Taylah Cowling
Kye Parsons
Blade James
Taylah McIntosh
Paige McIntosh
Grace Rixon
Angelina Majurovski
Ethan Cowling

Silver
Olivia Cross
Nathan Bartley

Gold
Jacob Fitchett
A man, who owned a racing snail, wanted the snail to go faster so he took off the snail’s shell. The man was very disappointed because the snail was now quite sluggish.

If you have a funny joke for next week’s newsletter, please forward it to Mrs Morrison with your name and class attached. The funniest joke each week will be published.

Biddabah’s chess team enjoyed competing in the New South Wales Junior Chess League Competition this year. We travelled to Avondale Primary School and competed against Avondale, Barnsley, Charlton Christian College and St Mary’s Warners Bay. We enjoyed many games of chess on the day, made some new friends and learnt lots of new strategies and chess moves.

Our Knights and Rookies teams performed quite well and should be proud of their efforts. Biddabah Public School would like to thank Mr Graham Head for organising the event and allowing us to come and play chess at Avondale School. I would also like to thank the parents and caregivers who assisted with transport and came to watch us play.

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

- Jarrah Brown
- Henry Lamb
- Fletcher Arendts
- Taiken Mistry

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

- Laura Hyslop
- Sarah Gooch
- Charlie Sobb
- Riley McGregor
- Harrison Aurich

**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 1X**

1X had a wonderful creative art experience making sculptures. They have written a recount about the session.

On Friday, 1X did Raw Art with Ellie. We made clay fruity friends. I made a strawberry and a banana. First, we rolled the clay into a ball. Next we put a face on it and painted them. Jye

On Friday, We did Raw Art with Ellie. We made clay fruity friends. I made a strawberry and a banana. First, we rolled the clay into a ball and we painted and decorated them. Matilda

On Friday, 1X did raw art with Ellie. We made clay fruity friends. I made a mandarine and a banana. First, we rolled the clay into a ball. Then we rolled it into a fat snake. Then we curved the side and that was my banana. Next, I made a mandarine. First, I rolled the clay into a ball and that was it. Sarah.

On Friday, 1X did Raw Art with Ellie. We made clay fruity friends. I made a banana and an apple. First, we rolled the clay into a ball then curved it. Then we made a banana shape. Then we painted the fruit. Charmaine

On Friday, 1X did Raw Art with Ellie. We made clay fruity friends. I made a banana and a strawberry. First, we rolled a ball from clay and then we rolled on one side for the strawberry. Ami

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On Friday, 1X did Raw Art with Ellie. We made clay fruity friends. First we rolled the clay into a ball. Next we rolled each side. Then we curved them. Khaliah.

On Friday, 1X did Raw Art with Ellie. We made clay fruity friends. I made a strawberry and a mandarine. First, we rolled the clay into a ball. Next, we rolled the side of my strawberry. Then we painted them. My colours were orange and red as well. Tom

On Friday, 1X did Raw Art with Ellie. We made clay fruity friends. I made a banana and a strawberry. First, we rolled the clay into a ball. Next we rolled the side on the banana, then it looked like a banana. Then I made the strawberry. Ruby

On Friday, 1X did Raw Art with Ellie. We made clay fruity friends. I made a banana and a strawberry. First, I made the banana. For the banana, I rolled the clay into an oval. Then I rolled the sides and curved it to make it look like a banana. Second, I mad the strawberry. For the strawberry, I rolled the clay into a ball then rolled one side. Charlie

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On Friday, 1X did Raw Art with Ellie. We made clay fruity friends. I made a strawberry and a banana. First, we rolled a ball from the clay. Next for the banana we rolled it into a snake and after that we rolled in on the sides to make a banana shape. Then we painted it and finally we decorated it. Tayla.

On Friday, Ix did Raw Art with Ellie. We made clay fruity friends. I made an apple and a banana. First, we rolled the clay. Next we turned it. Lastly, I painted it. Hugo

On Friday, 1X did Raw Art with Ellie. We made clay fruity friends. I made an orange and banana. First, we made the clay into a ball. Next we curved it. Then we put a face on it. Finally, we painted it. How to make an orange. First we rolled the clay into a ball. Next, we put a face on it and then we painted it. Kirra

On Friday, we did Raw Art with Ellie. We made clay fruity friends. I did a banana and a strawberry. We rolled the clay and we made fruits and we painted it. Imogen

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On Friday, 1X did Raw Art with Ellie. We made clay fruity friends. I made an orange and strawberry. First, I rolled it into a ball to make the fruit. I painted it. Marley

On Friday, 1X did Raw Art with Ellie. We made clay fruity friends. I made a mandarine and an orange. First, we had to roll the clay into a ball. Next, we painted the fruity friends. Tyler W

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Unfortunately, one student was away due to illness but she has written a recount of her weekend.

If I did Raw Art and made fruity friends, I would make a strawberry and a mandarine. I went to my friend’s and had a party. We had some ice-cream and we had a pillow fight. Georgia

A Friendly Visitor

On Monday Year 2 students received a surprise visit from brush tail possum. The cheeky marsupial was exploring the possibility of a meal in the bags outside 2M room when the students discovered it. After quickly moving to a nearby branch, it posed for a photo taken by Mr Edwards.
Girls' Netball Team on a Roll...
Last Thursday, the Girls' Netball Team defeated Booragul Public School 9 to 3. It was our first game on Biddabah's newly painted school netball court and many students came to watch the game. We would like to thank Mrs Pedersen for her hard work training the girls, Mrs Hussain for supervising the team and Toni Lane for umpiring the event.

Biddabah will travel to Valentine for the third game of the PSSA Netball Knockout Competition in week 9 of this term. GOOD LUCK, GIRLS!

Keith Harris (netball coach)

Biddabah's 2015 Netball Team: Lilijana Webb, Lydia George, Ellie Carroll, Amy McGrath, Ava Hearne, Sophie Purser, Freya Gearing, Holly Keeble, Anna Hickson, Ruby Davis & Ella McGregor

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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.

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
School Assembly, 10.10am
Presentation by 4M, Parents Welcome

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NEXT WEEK

Friday
Seasons For Growth
Debating Biddabah vs Elermore Vale

P&C News

The next meeting of the Biddabah P&C and School Council will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 17 June

School Council 6.30pm P&C 7.30pm

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

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Entertainment books
These should all have been returned by NOW.

The canteen requires an extra helping hand on Mondays as it is getting too busy for just two volunteers to run. If you can help at all, particularly from 11-2, this would be a huge support for the volunteers that are on canteen this day.

Help is required on Tuesday 9 June, Tuesday 16 June and Friday 19 June.
If you can help at all, either for a half or full day, please contact Mel on 0419 294 046. If you see Jo Chock or Tiz Berntaglia at school you can also let them know if you would to volunteer in canteen.

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Calling all Grandparents! If this is you and you would love to have some fun in the canteen then Tuesday 16 June is your day. If you would like to spend some time in the canteen on this day then just turn up between 8.30-2.30. The kids would love to see their Nan and Pop, Gran or Grandad, Nonna or Nonno, Tita or Tito just to name a few.

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

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Introducing LOOP for Parents

LOOP is a new book club ordering system that has been introduced to make ordering and making payments easier and quicker. In issue 5 the brochures will have a slight change for credit card payments. LOOP payments can now be made as our school has registered for this.
Dogs in the School Grounds

The New South Wales Companion Animals Act was introduced in September 1998 and is about the welfare of animals, their owners and the broader community.

Section 14 of the Act particularly states that dogs are PROHIBITED in SCHOOL GROUNDS (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled). Any visitor to the school is not able to bring their dog into the school grounds but may remain with their leashed dog on the footpath outside the school gates. The exceptions are Assistance dogs that are specifically trained to assist those who are sight or hearing impaired. I thank you for your anticipated co-operation in this matter.

Ambulance

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.

OTHER NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

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DID YOU MISS OUT?

There are still several copies of the 2014 Biddabah School Magazine in the office. COST $20

2014 Reports & Photographs from: School Sports, Academic Teams, Student Activities & Excursions

2014 Class Reports & Photographs

SCHOOL HALL BOOKINGS

Bookings for Biddabah’s Communal Hall can be made with the principal.

4954 6058

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Graeme Mason
Principal
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Program 1: 4 Classes week.
Program 2: 1 x 1hr Personal Training sessions a week
Program 3: 2 Classes and 1 x 45min Personal Training Session
(Limited to 6 people per session. Booking essential)
Classes: Total Body, Boxing, Butts & Abs (Indoors)

Facebook: Sarah’s Personal Training & Group Fitness Warners Bay

8 Week Get Fit Challenge
Starts Week 1
Term 3
$150 8 Weeks
$20 Week
Raw Art
The students at BPS have enjoyed another creative year exploring various techniques and methods of creating art. Our classrooms are now decorated with these masterpieces. Come in and have a look!
On Wednesday, our Peer Support groups celebrated Reconciliation Week with a special ‘Walk the Talk’ lesson. Organised by Mrs Wood, our groups explored the meaning and symbolism of the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian flags. We walked around our school together and also enjoyed creating artworks incorporating Aboriginal art techniques.

Each year from 27th May to 3rd June, National Reconciliation Week celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. This week-long celebration is an ideal opportunity for all Australians to explore ways to join the national reconciliation effort.

Reconciliation involves building positive, respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians; enabling us to work together to close the gaps, and to achieve a shared sense of fairness and justice. The ultimate goal of reconciliation is to build strong and trusting relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians, as a foundation for success and to enhance our national wellbeing.

Our Year 6 Peer Support Leaders performed exceptionally well and are to be commended for their efforts this week. Thank you to all the students and teachers who participated in this important event.