All Creatures Great & Small

TOP LEFT/BOTTOM RIGHT Lydia George (6H) demonstrates how she will represent Biddabah at the State School Vaulting titles to be held in Sydney in two weeks.

ABOVE Mrs Dutch meets ‘Manasa’ favourite pet of Emma Roffey BOTTOM LEFT. Manasa means ‘Goddess of snakes and poison’.
Dear Parents,

Last Friday Biddabah recognised Walk Safely to School Day with a combined walk to school by students, their families and teachers. Our first ‘walk’ was rained out so the event organizer, Mrs Morrison advertised an alternate date.

Our walk began with games involving a huge balloon at Feighans Oval in Warners Bay.

Parents, teachers and children then set off to walk to school. There were plenty of opportunities to discuss safe behaviour along the way.

All students who walked safely to school received a sticker and learned skills to support their continuing safety in their local area.

This is the third year that Mrs Morrison has organised the walk. We are now looking forward to next year’s walk with plans for an even bigger group to walk safely to Biddabah School.

Reporting to Parents

This Friday, we are aiming to send all Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 reports home.

The remaining Year 1 & Years 3-6 reports will be coming home next week in time for you to read them before your scheduled meeting with the teacher.

Parent/teacher interviews have been timetabled for the next two weeks. The reports will be linked to each teacher’s interview day.

In weeks 9&10, parents will be invited to attend progress interviews on the following days:

Tuesday 16th June  KB, KS, KF, 1X
Wednesday 17th June  2M, 1E
Thursday 18th June  1B, 2Mc
Monday 22nd June  2/3W
Tuesday 23rd June  3M, 3D, 6D, 6H
Wednesday 24th June  3C, 4M, 4A
Thursday 25th June  5W, 5G

Your class teacher will soon be inviting you to nominate an interview time on the day set aside for interviews. Please be prompt getting your request back to your child's teacher.

It’s Time
To enrol at Biddabah for 2016

To ensure a place in Kindergarten next year please call in to the office or phone 4954 6058 now
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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.

This week it has been celebrating the YMCA’s birthday with cake, games and lots of balloon fun. This develops socialisation skills, cooperation and turn taking. Children also worked in groups to make dioramas this developed social skills an ability to work in a group. The diorama pictured is of Egypt developing knowledge on different countries in the world.
BRONZE and SILVER awards will be handed out at stage assemblies GOLD and the DIAMOND will be handed out by me at the whole school assembly, probably in term 4. For students who go on to read for 250 nights plus will still be eligible for a special award at the last whole school assembly for the year.

**Congratulations 100 nights of reading**

**Bronze Certificate**
- Ryan Brown
- James Gray
- Mia Goudie
- Emma Gulliver
- Jarrah Brown
- Lillie Ralph
- Aliesha Sinclair

**Congratulations Winners of Mathletics Certificates**

**Bronze**
- Jaimie Spargo
- Ken Young
- Arnika Mistry
- Samuel Donaldson
- Mayfair Webber
- Alexandra Cowling
- Kye Parsons
- Grace Rixon
- Ethan Cowling

**Silver**
- Ella Harris
- Logan Cowling

**Gold**
- Taylah Cowling

Library lessons for Term 2 finish this week due to our parent/teacher interviews being held over the last 2 weeks of term. Students can still return books any day to the library and borrow during lunchtimes on Monday through to Thursday. Looking forward to Term 3 will see some changes in our library and some new additions to our normal library program. Book Week 2015 is held between 24th and 28th August (week 7) and will feature our annual Book Fair, our Book Week Parade where we encourage students to dress up as a character from their favourite book and a Read-a-Thon!

The Read-a-Thon is being held to encourage our students to read for half an hour a day for 2 weeks and to raise money for the library so we can introduce some e-Readers into our collection. Further information will be sent home but it is a great way to encourage your children to read as there are incentives for those students who do so and can get sponsorship from family and friends.

Week 4 will see Stage 2 and 3 (Years 3-6) participate in an Author visit as a lead up to Book Week. Louise Park will be visiting on Friday 7th August to conduct a series of workshops with our older students. More details to come.

Mrs Freund & Mrs Keogh
Today's featured class is 3D

3D love writing in their journals. This week their task was to finish this thought: If I could change one thing about myself it would be _____________________________.

(If they were already perfect they had to tell how they got to be so perfect!)

If I could change something about myself it would be to make me faster so I could win races. It would also be good when I play hockey, soccer or basketball. So I could be nearly impossible to beat or even get close to. That is what I would change about myself, but I also would like to get the ball a lot!

Bailey Browne

What would I change about me? I have been thinking for a while and DING! I know what I would change, it would be my hair. I would change it into a wave. I would grow it backwards. It would look AWESOME!

Kahnae Browne

Something I would change about myself is ……… I could talk to every animal because I always talk to my dog like she is human.

Tahni Campbell-Schmidt

If I could change one thing about myself it would be to stay the same age forever so I can do everything and not be scared or afraid.

Ella Dabelstein

If I could be perfect I would wish I would not be cross-eyed because it’s annoying when people say “What are you looking at?” So that’s what I would like to be perfect.

Pheobe Fraser

I wish I could change my hair colour to red because it is very light blonde. It is my favourite colour. So if I was in a red room I could hide as I would blend in with the background!

Cooper Freund

If I could change anything about myself it would be to have special powers like fast running, getting things without moving and having freezing powers.

Mancia Ganga

If I could change one thing about myself it would to be not so clumsy. I always fall over and hurt myself and it hurts! Sometimes it is itchy where I hurt myself. It is also annoying because I have to put ice on it.

Clayton Geres

I would like to change and be better at maths, because I am not good at maths. I’m not good at subtracting things and it would be easier for me when I did work at school. If I could be better at maths it would make me feel good.

Jessica Gesovski

If I could change one thing about myself I would like a special ‘ice power’ because I could freeze things.

Jack Harrold

My one thing I would want to change about me is that I want to be able to talk to animals because then I would be able to understand what the animals are saying. If I could do that I would have every pet in the world. That would be fun!

Mia Hyslop

I don’t want to change anything because I am funny and I am good at netball. Also, I am a good runner because I am fast. I don’t want to change because I tell funny jokes. I am good at netball because I am good at finding a space.

Jorja Klaassen

I would like to change the fact I am clumsy. Once I stepped on a sparkler and it went right through my foot.

Tully MacLeod

If I had stuff to change it would be my scooter riding. I would like it to be better. If I could do a full whip instead of a half whip I would like that.

Kobe Masterson

If I could change something about myself it would be I would like to have abs. It would be so cool. I would be strong and fit.

Charlie Mathews

If I could change one thing it would be to be good at computers because I am bad.

Callie Morton

If I could change anything it would definitely be my hair because it is too short. I get cold in winter. I also would like to put it up, but I can’t. Also, if I put it up it looks like a Christmas bauble!

Clare Norman

If I had something to change about me I would want to learn how to kick a football higher and further. I think I would be the best football player in my team. I could be the strongest player too. I love my footy.

Joshua O’Farrell
What would I do to change myself? I would like to be very good at maths. If I was very good at maths I would be a genius.

Chloe Palmowski-McNamara

If I could change one thing about myself it would be changing my hair to stylish hair. It would be black and I would be famous from my amazing hair.

Harley Rae

If I could change one thing about myself it would be to have blonde hair because it would be nice and I would have different colours in my hair.

Sienna Rex

If I could change one thing about myself it would be to better at maths, spelling and art because I want to change that. It would make me happy.

Max Roach

If I could change anything on my body it would be my freckles. I HATE THEM!!! There is no way that I will like them. I hope that they're gone when I'm older.

Emma Roffey

I think that I am perfect because I can run fast and jump high. I can do my homework faster than I do anything else. I go to my pops, nans and brothers and I clean the whole place. I clean everything, even the toilet!

Hayden Russell

If there was one thing I could change about myself it would be that I could do a cartwheel. If I could do a cartwheel I could get a silver medal at gymnastics. I have been stuck on the silver medal for about three terms.

Jaimie Spargo

If I could change anything, I would like to be good at stunt motorbike riding and do good tricks and jumps at the circus.

Oskar Stewart

If I could change one thing about myself it would be to have long hair so I could flick it to one side.

Kani Tapara

If there was one thing I could change I would like to have teleport powers so I could go everywhere at zero cost.

Tobias Tihema

If I could change anything about myself it would be my hair. I really want to have long hair. I want to be able to put it up.

Amelia Welsh

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

Nobody

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

Eden Wilson
Charli Ratcliffe
Lara Gooch

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

Kirra Priestley
Egan Ford

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

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Thank you.

TOMORROW

Friday School Assembly, 10.10am Presentation by 1E, Parents Welcome

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

**P&C News**  
**P&C 7.30pm**

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 16 June, Friday 19 June and Monday 22 June, Tuesday 23 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 Berrtaglia at school you can also let them know if you would to volunteer in canteen.

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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OPENING HOURS

Tuesday Morning  Thursday Morning
8.30am-9.00am  8.30am – 9.00am
Kim West       Renee Shepard

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• Monitor and explain student attendance

But not yet……we are trialling the Parent Portal with 4M only

Dear 4M Parents,

At this stage we are trialling this portal for students in roll class 4M to assist with our semester 1 parent interview bookings.

NB: If you have more than one child registered in your family from another class, you will be able to view their student portal but they will not be active for data transfer until further notice.

4M parents will receive a registration letter and after you complete the registration you will need to enter your Parent Portal Access Key that you will be supplied with.

4M class will also receive information on booking their semester 1 parent interview with their class teacher.

Once the portal is fully operational you will also be able to submit unexplained absences via this portal and also you will be able to send messages to the teacher if required.

As we continue to develop this initiative, the Parent Portal will become more and more significant in our day to day management of your child’s enrolment at our school and as development continues, more applications and information will be on offer.

Parents of other classes..

Please be patient as we trial this initiative and we will roll out to the rest of the school as soon as possible.