SPORTS NEWS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Dear Parents,

Despite having some weather issues on Friday 5th the Swimming Carnival for years 3 - 6 was a great success. As with all carnivals the weather is an unknown. What we always do, on such days, is stay with the school hours set for that day i.e. 8 am – 2pm. This will not change even if carnivals are cancelled. Unfortunately for Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 their carnival was cancelled. The payment you made for this day will now go towards the Aquarium excursion which will be held later in the year. Thank you for your support on the day when things were a little uncertain. Each child in their own way displayed resilience in being able to deal with the change. Well done.

Parent Teacher Information Sessions

It was fabulous to see the huge number of parents who were able to attend these sessions on Monday evening. I enjoyed being able to welcome new parents and have a quick chat to familiar ones. My message to all parents was that if we work together, we can achieve great things and whenever you have an issue with your child always seek assistance from their teacher or Stage Supervisor first. I’m certain that both teachers and parents learnt much from these sessions, and much of what was shared can never be measured.
Biddabah Public School

A huge thankyou to all of the staff, students and community who were involved in our evacuation.
It proved that our implemented procedures are effective and compliant!!
I have had nothing but positive comments from the community.
Your support is invaluable.

Relieving Principal Ms Minett

SPORT NEWS

Speers Point Pool was the venue for a great day at the annual school swimming carnival. Early drizzle and blowy conditions did not deter the hardy pupils from Yrs3-6 who, once again, put on a great display of persistence and sportsmanship.
The weather calmed, slightly, in time for the carnival to be completed and the students returned to school tired, wind blown and dry!
Unusually there was little lost property. So well done everyone on that front.
A huge thank you to all those involved; teachers, pupils and parents (especially Ms Bidas, Mr Williams, Mrs Blackman, Mrs Hyslop and Mrs Hain).

Thanks, also, to all those other parents who offered their services! Our school is lucky to have you all.
Congratulations to Venus who topped the point score. Jupiter came second, Saturn third.
The mighty Mercs were hoping for a top 3 finish but fell short by just 7 points!

Michael Cox

Swimming Carnival 2016
| Event               | Sr G Medley | Jnr B Medley | Jr G Br/S | Jr B Br/s | 11yr G Br/s | 12/13 G Br/s | 12/13 B Br/s | Jnr G B/s | Jnr B B/s | 11yr G B/s | 11yr B B/s | 12/13 G B/s | 12/13 B B/s | Jnr G B/f | Jnr B B/f | All Age G 100m | All Age B 100m | B 8yr 50m | G 8yr 50m | B 9yr 50m | G 9yr 50m | B 10yr 50m | G 10yr 50m | B 11yr 50m | G 11yr 50m | B 12/13 50m | Jnr B Relay | Jnr G Relay | Snr B Relay | Snr g Relay |
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**PRINCIPALS READING CHALLENGE**

**SILVER**
Trey McFarlane

**DIAMOND**
Peyton Dennis
Xavier Towers

**HOLIDAY READING**
**100 NIGHTS**
Logan Cowling
Alexandra Cowling

**200 NIGHTS**
Xavier Towers

**BANKING NEWS 2016**

**Bronze**
Bianka Hatfield

**Silver**

**Gold**
Jude Schroder
Emily Gesovski
Ryan Aurisch

**Outstanding**
Chenaye Govan
Hayden Russell
Kye Parsons
Matilda Bartley
Logan Cowling
Blake Cornally

**PLOVER AWARDS**

**Green Plover Awards**

**Congratulations**
Will receive a certificate at the next Friday school assembly.

Angelina Majurovski
Trinity Jackson

**BAND NEWS**

**Band News**
A great start for the band for 2016, with a number of new students starting. If any student still wants to join, they are most welcome but need to get their note in as soon as possible.

Notes are available from the office note stand. Please fill them out and return next week.

K. Broxom

**GARDEN CLUB**

Garden Club will be on every Thursday Morning 8:30-8:50 for those students wishing to help maintain our schools lovely gardens. Meet outside Ms Filipcevic room each week.

Thank you!

**P&C NEWS**

Quick reminder that we are having a casual gathering next Wednesday night at 7.30pm in the library. We welcome everyone to come along, meet each other and see what the P&C is about. A very brief meeting will follow but the focus of the evening will be getting to know others!

Hope to see you there!

This is a reminder to all parents that the uniform shop is run by volunteers as a service to our families. The shop is NOT run for profit!

We have had reports that our volunteers have been subjected to abuse by parents due to parents not being able to pay at the shop and take their uniforms immediately. This is a policy that has been in place for many years to ensure the safety and security of volunteers, money and stock and is widely communicated.

It is very unfortunate that our hard working (and very scarce) volunteers are treated in this manner, when they are simply helping our school community. Please lead by example and show our children how to use manners at all times – a little respect goes a long way.

P&C
Abbey's Character
Name: Riley
Age: 21
Occupation: Dancer
Residence: New York
Catch Phrase: Boom What

Blake Ansems's character
Name: Jax
Age: 26
Occupation: Treasure hunter
Residence: planet Nim
Catch Phrase: I will find you

Braydon’s character
Name: John Allen
Age: 30
Occupation: robot builder
Residences: 26 bray street New York
Catch phrase: Come get some

Cody's Character
Name: Ed
Age: 13
Occupation: Traveller
Residence: Western Australia
Catchphrase: What the Heck!!

Hugo’s character
Name: Joe
Age: 21
Occupation: none
Residence: in a card board box
Catch phrase: I’ll give it to ya

Jessica character
Name: Angelique
Age: 21
Occupation: Vet
Residence: Paris
Catch Phrase: ok then

Lara’s Character
Name: Eve
Age: 16
Occupation: Donut King
Residence: Paradise Bay
Catchphrase: Are you Serious?

Mackenzie character
Name: Abbey
Age: 21
Occupation: rock climber
Residence: England
Catch Isabella’s character
Name: Jordan Bigwill
Age: 17
Occupation: Student
Residence: New South Wales, Australia
Catch phrase: Now or Never phrase: To Mt Everest

Mia’s Character
Name: Issa Capaldi
Age: 28
Occupation: Traveling in time
Residence: T.A.S.A.T
Catchphrases: Donald Trump and don’t be a lasagne.

ROHAN GRESHAM
NAME: ALEX
AGE: 31
OCCUPATION: BAKER
RESIDENCE: CALIFORNIA

Sam’s Character
Name: Flynn
Age: 38
Occupation: Detective
Residence: Planet: Crownen City: Old Kork
Catch Phrase: Bloody Bloody Bloody Hell!

Sibhon Palmer
Name: Emma
Age: 12
Occupation: None
Residence: Farm
Catch phrase: Hello

Sinead’s Character
Name: Jamie Snotgrass
Age: 39
Occupation: TV Show Reviewer
Residence: Sineedla Lane in Tasmania
Quote: I’m an idiot!

Sofia’s character
Name: Alex
Age: 22
Occupation: Coffee Shop
Residence: New York
Catch Phrase: Holy Schnitzel

Trinity’s Character
Name: 003 AKA Lucy
Age: 11
Occupation: Detective
Residence: a mansion in Paris
Catchphrase: Rats!

Maddie’s Characters
Name: Melisssa
Age: 33
Occupation: Teacher
Residence: New York
Catchphrase: What the what?

Isabella’s character
Name: Jordan Bigwill
Age: 17
Occupation: Student
Residence: New South Wales, Australia
Catch phrase: Now or Never

Levi’s Character
Name: James
Age: 28
Occupation: Butcher
Residence: Las Vegas
Catch Frazee: chips and gravy

Maliq’s Character
Name: Mick
Age: 12
Occupation: He adventures throw the forest.
Residence: Canada
Catch Phrase: Yeah mate

Jacobs Character
Name: Robbie
Age: 33
Occupation: Rugby League Player
Residence: Sydney
Catch Phrase: TRY

Eli’s Character
Name: Shaun
Age: 21
Occupation: Miner
Residence: Australia Sydney
Catch Phrase: Mess with the best die like the rest.

Noah’s Character
Name: Nick
Age: 32
Occupation: Soccer Player
Residence: New York
Catchphrase: Get Back To Boot Camp

Xavier’s Character
Name: Inhaler Man
Age: 52
Occupation: Villain / Assassin
Residence: Brazilian Jungle
Catch Phrase: Na nan a na

BRAD’S CHARACTER
NAME: PAUL
AGE: 27
OCCUPATION: SOCCER PLAYER
RESIDENCE: AMERICA
Catch Phrase: oops

Lachlan character
Name: Dredcom
Age: 38
Occupation: To fight and to do comedy
Catch phrase: Get to the chopper

Isabella’s character
Name: Jordan Bigwill
Age: 17
Occupation: Student
Residence: New South Wales, Australia
Catch phrase: Now or Never
CANTEEN ROSTER

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| Mon  | Feb 22 | Louis James, Malea Parker, HELP NEEDED X 1 |
| Tue  | Feb 23 | CLOSED |
| Wed  | Feb 24 | Kristy Newman, Louis James, Leanne Fong |
| Thu  | Feb 25 | Cheryl Brown, Kerri Ford, Louis James, Linda James |
| Fri  | Feb 26 | Paula Boersma, Kerri Cornally, HELP NEEDED X 3 |

CANTEEN NEWS

It’s good to see the canteen roster filling up with volunteer names, thanks so much. Don’t forget that, if you have never done canteen before, whether you are new to the school or an existing family and if you would like to have a go, please go in and have a look around. There are friendly and experienced volunteers that would love to show you how it all works. Canteen is lots of fun and is an easy way to have a catchup with your friends and/or to also meet new friends. Not forgetting that the children enjoy seeing their loved ones in the canteen.

For something fun, we are having a competition where the prize is a $50 voucher to Absolute Thai Charlestown. If you have your name on the canteen roster starting from the 8 February through to the 8 April 2016, you will be automatically entered into the draw. Your name will go into the draw once. The winners name will be drawn on the 24 February and be notified this day.

The canteen will not be open on a Tuesday at this point. If we get more volunteers then hopefully the canteen will open 5 days a week.

The canteen requires volunteers for Friday 19, Monday 22 and Friday 26 February.

If you can volunteer in the canteen whether it’s for a half or full day, we would love to hear from you. Get some friends together and make a day of it. Please contact Mel Aurisch on 0419 294 046 or Jo Chock. Alternatively, there’s a roster in the canteen where you can write down your name.
UNIFORM SHOP

OPENING HOURS

Tuesday Mornings
8.30am-9.00am
Donna Newham

Thursday Mornings
8.00am-9.00am
Mel Adams

Thursday Afternoon
2.30pm-3.00pm
Kirsten Rae

Renea Shepherd

BROAD BRIMMED HAT
NOW sold in the CANTEEN
Biddabah School Uniform

YEAR 6 SECOND HAND JUMBLE SALE

Year 6 pre-loved clothing shop will be on sale during school hours. Come along and sift through the large collection of clean and tidy uniforms.

Vandalism

Unfortunately on the weekend we had some unwelcome visitors in our school who damaged our gardening equipment and also broke some of the bottle top sculptures in the gardens. If you notice anyone in the school grounds outside of school hours who you believe shouldn’t be there please contact school security on the number below.

Phone: 1300 880 021

8TH MARCH 2016

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON MSP ENVELOPE.

FAMILY envelopes only at the office

Student to bring correct money on the day

Cash, cheques and money orders only.

Book Club
Orders Due 19 FEB

Joke of the Week

Why do bananas have to put on sunscreen to go to the beach?

A: because they might peel!!

See office if you have a joke.
## SCHOOL DIARY: TERM 1

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**Notes Sent Home This Week**

- Textbook fees
- Care Record Code of Conduct BYOD note Technology Note

**Excursions & Payments Due**

**ASAP**

To office

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**UPDATE FOR PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT**

POP is now user friendly on mobile devices. In the past using the $ Make A Payment page through a mobile device or tablet has not been easy as on a computer. Now when you click on this page, via mobile device, you will be able to complete the online form with ease!!

**TECHNOLOGY NEWS**

- For communications & up to date information.
- Download the new Skoolbag App
- Available for iPhone & Android
- Uses for notifications, calendar updates, activities & excursion cancellations & newsletters.
- Also see School Website


**Coordinating Teachers**

Jenny Dutch & Technology Team
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The Valentine Public School P&C would like to invite students, staff, friends, and family to join us at our new annual event. The Lake Macquarie Wellness Festival.

Come along to Valentine Public School on Sunday 1st May 2016 from 12-4pm for a fun afternoon of wellbeing and fitness demonstrations, therapies, food entertainment and much more. Entry is free.

ADVERTISING COSTS

Roadside Sign in Medcalf Street

Your business can advertise on our roadside sign. Advertisers are offered one of the eight places for an annual fee of $500. If you are interested in taking up this offer, please contact the principal: Mr. Graeme Mason.

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Graeme Mason
Principal