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Dear Parents

EASTER RAFFLE

One of these beautiful prizes COULD BE YOURS!!!!

On Wednesday morning a group of parent volunteers spent the morning wrapping the Easter Raffle Prizes. They look fantastic. All tickets need to be returned to school by Friday ready for the big draw on Monday morning. The draw will be after our Monday morning Loyal Assembly. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the parents who gave up their time to make our Easter Raffle prizes look so fabulous. Thank you also to all who donated an Easter egg.
IMPORTANT NEWS - LMBR

The Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) program is one of the largest public sector business reform initiatives in NSW. Once LMBR systems are implemented they will deliver benefits to both schools and the Department as a whole. When fully implemented the LMBR program will allow us to have a centralised system for student information and reporting and an improved financial processing and management system.

Over the coming weeks the Office staff, in particular, will be faced with this new challenge. LMBR training has already commenced and for the next ten weeks we will be working through a systematic plan to prepare for the day when Oasis, our current finance and administration system, is no longer available to us and LMBR takes over. During this time the Office staff and I have to attend set training day; 5 for me and 15 for the Office staff. We then come back to school and have to practise what we have learnt, complete certain tasks within the system and continue to do all of the other normal tasks that occur in our school. I am seeking your support, understanding and consideration whilst we prepare for this huge change to the way we operate. You will receive a letter soon outlining the changes about how payments can be made. During the transition period there will be a week or two when NO payments will be able to be made to the school. This includes POP payments. The reason for this being that current school bank accounts will be closed and new ones opened. If you make payments during the non-payment period your money could disappear. You will have noticed we have been requesting early payments for events throughout terms 2 & 3. This is to accommodate the time needed to implement LMBR and the processing of money during the non-payment period.

I will write more about LMBR in the coming weeks.

K – 2 WORK OF THE WEEK.

Each week a group of students selected from K-2 visit me after their Stage 1 assembly to show me their work of the week. It is amazing to see the quality of work our students are producing. Well done to each of you!

Ms Minett
IN YOUR OWN WRITE : 4D

4D wrote some Haiku poems. Haiku poems are usually about the seasons and they have three lines. The first line has 5 syllables, the second line 7 syllables and the third line 5 syllables. We wrote Haiku poems about autumn and summer and followed the structure loosely so that we did not inhibit our creativity. Can you guess which poems are about summer and which are about autumn?

April is coming
Yeah, pranking season is on
Holiday for me
Ben Adams

Falling leaves, hot cross buns
The cold winds are coming
The chocolates too!
Tully MacLeod

Here comes autumn
Leaves are falling down
Yellow, brown, red
Tahni Campbell-Schmidt

Easter will come
You will get chocolate now
Just you wait and see
Paige Mitchell

Leaves fall off the trees
Pranking season, lots of fun
Chocolate eggs are yum!
Ethan Cowling

It is now autumn
Leaves are brown, yellow, red, pink
Leaves fall off the trees
Callie Morton

April Fools coming
Funny, fun hmm
Who should I trick?
Harley Rae

Easter is coming
You get Easter eggs, yummy
Hot cross buns too!
Kye Ralph

Leaves fall off the trees
I dance in the wind happily
Now I know autumn’s here
Mia Hyslop

I have a pool
To swim in all day
Hip hip hooray
Jack Phelps

I sit on the soft sand
The water swishes, sways and sparkles
It is so nice in summer
Sascha Sabotkovski

Love catching those waves
The really hot weather is here
Summer is perfect
Jack Harrold

Leaves falling down
Walking through the falling leaves
Orange, yellow, red
Ruby Pearson

Sun shines bright on me
It is time to play in the sun
Eating ice-cream
Chelsea Stanbury

The leaves fall down on me
I dance in the wind happily
Now I know autumn’s here
Mia Hyslop

I have a pool
To swim in all day
Hip hip hooray
Jack Phelps

Hot sun on my head
Swimming in the pool
One more icy pole please
Abby Stenhouse

Leaves fall off the trees
Hot cross buns hot on the plate
Chocolate from the bunny
Jakobi Jupp

Leaves fall of the trees
All different types of colours
Brown, yellow, red, pink
Kirra Priestley

Spring, better get the rake
Gizmo lost in the leaves
Did you steal my rake?
Tobias Tihema

Going to the beach
It’s very hot in summer
Not much wind at all
Amelia Welsh
HARMONY DAY
‘Our Diversity is our Strength’
Monday, 21st March, 2016

Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

At Biddabah PS we are celebrating by wearing something orange, as this has been the Harmony Day colour since the first day was held in 1999. School hats and normal school shoes/joggers must be worn.

Children are also asked to bring a gold coin donation to place on our coin line. Money raised will go to our designated charity ‘The Mark Hughes Foundation’, which raises money for brain cancer research.

Thank you for your support in celebrating this special day.

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

STARSTRUCK:
It was announced last night that our school Stage 3 The Blue Diamonds made it into 2 dances in Star Struck. This is very exciting news for us and would like to congratulate the dancers for all their hard work.

GROUPS DANCERS
All dance groups will be performing their dances in front of the school during Friday Assembly on the 8 April. Parents are invited to come along and watch.

BAND NEWS

Bandlink Update
Time is passing very quickly and the band students are sounding fantastic. Just a reminder for all band members new and old, the bandlink note and payment needs to be in before the end of term.

To new members that are unsure if they will be ready... yes you will. The beginning band at the workshop caters for you. If you are not intending to attend, can you bring your note back A.S.A.P.

Extra notes are available from the note holder at the front of the office.

Please contact Mrs Broxom, if you have any queries.

Mrs Broxom
**UNIFORM SHOP**

**OPENING HOURS**

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**P&C NEWS**

**Easter Raffle: Donations Needed PLEASE!!!**

Our annual Easter raffle is again being organised and drawn Monday 21 March. Prizes are ready but if you haven’t been able to donate we will be accepting your donations of Easter Eggs until:

**FRIDAY 18 March.**

**ALL TICKETS TO BE RETURNED FRIDAY 18 MARCH**

Thank you for all the donations so far !!

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**BANCING NEWS**

**Outstanding**

Toby Hyslop
Cooper Harris
Jessica Gesovski
Jordan Parsons
Clayton Geres
Conner West

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**PLOVER AWARDS**

**Green Plover Awards**

**Congratulations**

Will receive a certificate at the next Friday school assembly.

Mia Reid
Paige McIntosh
Ella Harris

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**MATHLETICS**

**Bronze**

Taylah Cowling
Mackenzie Curtis
Lochlan Crew
Benjamin Summers
Jessica Gesovski
Kye Ralph
Charlotte Neilands
Sascha Sabotkovski
Emily Gesovski
Ethan Cowling
Zane Rainey
Kuda Hall
Charmaine Brunskill
Nicholas Sabotkovski
Riley Neilands
Matilda-Jade Hughson
Tom Maddison
Harry Van Der Helm
Oliver Antony

**Silver**

Cooper Ralph
Ken Young
Mayfair Webber
Harley Rae
Alexandra Cowling
Morgan Smithers
Isabella Masterson
Logan Cowling
CANTEEN ROSTER

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CANTEEN NEWS
When ordering any hot food (i.e. including Nachos at recess) these items need be reordered in the morning so the canteen volunteers can prepare these orders in advance.

Just a reminder, that the canteen does not sell fairy bread, LOL or half hot dogs. If your child orders any of these items then they will be refunded their money unless they choose something else. We would really appreciate that if you are not able to do your scheduled canteen day that you attempt to replace yourself. This does not include illness, being called into work or any emergency.

THURSDAY 24 MARCH will be cupcake day with an Easter theme. So remember to bring along some money so you can have a delicious cupcake.

We require help on Monday 21 March. If you would like to 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.

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

P&C FUNDRAISING

Its that time of year again...

Biddabah Public School

P & C Association are selling the Entertainment Book and Digital Membership to raise funds for a range of resources.

The Entertainment Book gives you access to thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for Newcastle, the Hunter, The Central Coast and Port Stephen’s best restaurants, cafes, attractions, and theme parks. Plus it has best in market prices for over 1,500 hotels and resorts that you can use whenever you like until 1st June 2017.

The Entertainment Books are available as a Book (with a gold card and vouchers) or as a Digital Membership where vouchers are redeemable on your smartphone at the touch of a button.

Take advantage of the Early Bird offer by pre-ordering your book by the end of March and you will receive over $150 worth of Early Bird Offers which you can use straight away!

To order your Book or Digital Membership securely online visit: http://www.entbook.com.au/34829 Or alternatively, you can make payment direct to the school office. Thank you for supporting Biddabah Public School P & C.
SCHOOL DIARY: TERM 1

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       Hunter PSSA AFL 8 Mar  
       K-2 12.40pm Assembly  
       Stage 2 Assembly 2:00pm  
       Stage 3 Assembly 10:30am  
       K-6 Assembly 10:10am  
       4W |
| 8  | March 14 | Hunter PSSA AFL 8 Mar  
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       Stage 3 Assembly 10:30am  
       K-6 Assembly 10:10am  
       2B  
       P&C Meeting  
       17 Feb 7:30pm Library |
| 9  | March 21 | K-2 12.40pm Assembly Mon  
       K-2 Scripture Assembly: Tues Hall 2pm  
       Cross Country 5-7Yrs 11:30  
       8-12yrs Thurs 24 Mar 9:15am  
       K-2 Easter Hat Parade Thurs 24  
       Stage 2 Assembly 2:00pm  
       Mon  
       Stage 3 Assembly 3C  
       No whole school Assembly |
| 10 | March 28 | K-2 12.40pm Assembly  
       Stage 2 Assembly 2:00pm  
       Stage 3 Assembly 10:30am  
       K-6 Assembly 3C |
| 11 | April 4 | K-2 12.40pm Assembly  
       Stage 2 Assembly 2:00pm  
       Stage 3 Assembly 10:30am  
       K-6 Assembly 10:10am  
       4/5H  
       NSW PSSA Swimming 6th-7th |

Joke of the Week:
What happened to the Easter Bunny when he misbehaved at school?

A. He got egg-spelled!

ABSENCE OR LATE LEAVERS OR EARLY LEAVERS

At Biddabah we use a computer roll marking system. This means the system will generate a note to you for unexplained absences. Late children should be accompanied and signed in by a parent, otherwise an explanation request will be sent home.

Do we have your correct details? Please return your child’s 2016 Care Record to the Office ASAP

This allows us to send messages, newsletters and critical Information to all parents very quickly. We may need to inform you about a cancelled carnival; the late arrival of a bus; there may be a whole school emergency requiring you to collect children etc.

Notes Sent Home This Week

| 16 Mar | Cross Country 8-12yrs  
       Kindergarten Newsletter  
       Easter Hat Parade K-2  
       Gymnastics Stage 3  
       Bandlink  
       Sydney Aquarium K-2  
       Blue Mountains Yrs. 3-4 |

| 9 Mar  |  
       9 Mar  |  
       Feb 23 Feb 26 Feb  
       16 Mar |

Excursions & Payments Due

| Thurs 24 Mar  | No payment required  
               Thurs 24 Mar  
               8 April  
               Tues 6 April  
               Fri 1 Apr  
               Fri 1 Apr |

Check for Individual Class or Activity Notes Sent Home
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