

Biddabah School Newsletter

Thursday, 12 February 2009

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The predicted weather for tomorrow is rain so we have called off the Swimming Carnival.

Mr Cox will be taking only those 8-13year old students who are confident of gaining a place in the Zone Team for time trials. They will leave at 8.10am and will only be at the pool for 1-2 hours.

The Infants carnival has been postponed until Friday 27th February from 9.00am-12.00noon. A fresh permission note for that date will be sent home by the infants' teachers.

Friday hours will remain at 8.00am – 2.00pm. Canteen will remain closed.

Children unable to return home or to be collected early will be supervised in the library until 3.00pm. Parents need to make it clear to children if they want them to go to the library or not.

Dear Parents,

A separate note went home on Thursday giving families the opportunity to make a donation to the Red Cross towards the Victorian Bushfires. Any parent wishing to donate an amount of \$10 or more can do so at the office and be issued with a school receipt designated 'Victorian Bushfire Appeal'. If you are donating an amount, please do so by Friday next week. All donations are tax deductible.

In addition on Tuesday next week students are asked to fill the Red Cross Heart to be drawn on the playground with gold coins. This collection will be forwarded to the Red Cross to support the bushfire victims.

Ms Roper is the coordinator of Red Cross Youth in the school.

Biddabah Commendation and Discipline Policy

Included with this Newsletter I am placing a summary of our school Commendation and Discipline Policy. It explains the operation of our Planning Room that is definitely not a detention room or anything to do with punishment.

Planning Room and the letters that come home are in response to parent requests in the past to be fully informed about the school's discipline programs. It is only through mutual support (parents and teachers working together) that issues can be resolved.

Further, you will see how over 98% of our students each year end up with a gold 'Good Behaviour Award'.

School Photographs March 5

Envelopes will be coming home soon to give parents the opportunity of ordering individual and class photographs that are due to be taken on March 5.

Kindergarten and Joeys photographs that were taken earlier this year will be free to parents just as the Year Six graduation photographs were free at the end of last year.



**WE SAY NO
TO PEANUTS,
AND PEANUT PRODUCTS
AT BIDDABAH SCHOOL**

If you do see trespassers in the school out of school hours, the number to call is



Parent Teacher Meetings

Monday 16th February

CLASS	TIME	
Joeys	4.00pm	KJ classroom
KB KR KM	5.30pm	Kindergarten classrooms
1H/F	4.00pm	1H/F classroom
1B	4.00pm	1B classroom
2B	4.00pm	2B classroom
2Z	4.00pm	2Z classroom
2/3F	4.00pm	2/3F classroom
3B	3.15pm	3B classroom
4M	6.00pm	4M classroom
3/4W	6.00pm	3/4W classroom
5W	3.15pm	5W classroom
5W parents 5M 6C 6D	7.00pm	All in the school library, then in the teacher's classroom with the exception of 5W.

School Hours

First Bell	8.55am (9.00am)
Morning Session	9.00am - 11.00am
Recess	11.00am - 11.30am
Mid Session	11.30am - 1.15pm
Lunch	1.15pm - 2.00pm
Afternoon Session	2.00pm - 3.00pm

Supervision is provided from 8.30am to 3.00pm. It is expected that children will arrive at school after 8.30am. Legally, they are not permitted to be here

before 8.30am unless specifically advised by the principal (eg swimming and athletics, sporting trips and excursions).

At every other time, supervision is not available and children should not be at school before 8.30am.

In their own Write

Today's featured class is 3-4W

The class is reading the BFG by Roald Dahl. Here are our favourite parts.

The BFD

I know you all know what the other countries taste like, but did you know that the BFG did not say what Australians taste like, so I will tell you what I think Aussies taste like. They probably taste like BBQ and sausage and a hint of chocolate milk shake over and out.
Jemina

My favourite character is the BFG because he speaks funny and he catches dreams! I love and love this book so much. I think his name is funny.

Zoey

The BFG by Roald Dahl my favourite part of the book so far is when all of the giants were fighting because it was funny!

Thomas

Year 3-4W are reading the BFG and my favourite part is when Sophie looks in at the boys' dreams.

My favourite character is the BFG because he is a nice giant. The BFG is a wonderful story because I love stories like that. I am enjoying reading the BFG because it is a lovely story.

Kaileb

I am enjoying reading the BFG because the BFG speaks funny! My favourite characters are the BFG Sophie and the fleshlumpeater. He is too funny!!

Anoushka

Year 3-4W are reading the BFG. The BFG stands for Big Friendly Giant. He took a girl from her bedroom and they became friends but there are giants that want to eat her. The BFG talks funny. It is hard to understand him. It is a good story.

Elizabeth

I am enjoying reading the BFG because it is a great book and it has great drawings also. My favourite

character is the Fleshlumpeater. I really loved the book and Roald Dahl is a wonderful story maker.

Stefani

The BFG by Roald Dahl is a wonderful story because the BFG is a wonderful character. I wish most people were like that. My favourite character is the Gizzard Gulper because he has a funny name,

Alannah

Year 3-4W are reading the BFG. It's a great book. My favourite character is the BFG because he shot a bad dream in the nose of the fleshlumpeater.

Harley

My favourite part so far is the Chapter Dreams! I like it because I like it when Sophie read stories from the labels.

Nathaniel

My favourite character in the BFG is Sophie. Sophie and the BFG are the main characters.

Abbey

This year 3-4W is reading the BFG. My favourite character is tied between the BFG and Sophie. I just love the way the BFG talks and Sophie is so nice and sweet. Roald Dahl's books are sooooo funny!!! I can't wait to read on.

Samantha

Year 3-4W are reading the BFG. My favourite part is when the BFG and Sophie go dream catching.

Lauren

My favourite part of the BFG is when the BFG goes into the children's bedrooms to blow in lovely dreams.

Kianah

My favourite character is the BFG because he blows beautiful dreams into children's bedrooms and he eats "Snozzcumbers" instead of human "beans".

Harrison

I am enjoying reading the BFG because it is funny and really interesting to find out what comes next. My favourite character is the BFG because he talks really funny.

Rachel

My favourite character is Sophie because she gets to go and see things that don't exist and I wish I had her life.

Shaiyan

My favourite character is the BFG because he thinks up a plan with Sophie.

Liam

The BFG is a very friendly giant. My favourite character is the BFG because he makes very funny words up. Sophie is a little girl.
Kiara

I think it was unreal because they told it so, so good. It was interesting.
Sophie

I think Australians would taste like meat pies, cream lamingtons, ice creams or cricket bats to giants from Giant Country and it would take about six children to fill them up.
Sarah

My favourite part of the book so far is when they give Fleshlumpeater a dream.
Jack

My favourite character is the BFG.
Jay

The BFG is very good. It is funny. I like Jack and the beanstalk because the giants are scared of him.
Mat

My favourite character is the Bonecruncher.
Mat

My favourite part in the BFG is when Sophie gets stolen out of her bed and gallops to Giant Country with the BFG.
Madison

3-4W is reading the BFG. I think it is so funny. My favourite thing about the BFG is how the BFG talks. It is marvellous!
Kiara

My favourite part in the BFG is when he blows the bad ream into the Fleshlumpeater.
Carl



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- School Information
- Old newsletters
- Term Calendars
- Biddabah School Handbook
- Welfare Policies
- P&C and School Council details
- DET resources
- Student's resources.



Bounce Back SMS

We are launching a new way for each of you to access information. This will allow us to keep you up to date with last minute changes to excursions or sport.

Simply text **biddabah1** to **199BBSMS** and get the latest information in an instant. This return message will be kept up to date and will be easier for you than trying to phone us at school.

LATE or EARLY LEAVERS

Children and/or parents will need to obtain a note from the office.

TOMORROW

Friday	Swimming time trials School day 8.00am-2.00pm
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NEXT WEEK

Monday	Parent Teacher Night
Tuesday	
Wednesday	School Council 6.30pm P&C 7.30pm
Thursday	
Friday	School Assembly, 10.10am Presentation by 6D, Parents Welcome

EXCURSIONS & PAYMENTS	DUE DATE
TEXTBOOKS - Years 1 - 6	As soon as possible these payments are now overdue. Class Teachers
SWIMMING CARNIVAL - Kinder to Year 6	CLOSED
Parents are advised that no payment will be accepted after the due date unless approved by the organising teacher.	

Wk	Commencing	THIS TERM
5	February 23	Infants Swimming Carnival (fri) School Assembly 5M (Fri)
6	March 2	Photography Day (Thu) School Assembly 4M (Fri)
7	March 9	School Assembly 3B (Fri)
8	March 16	School Council & P&C (Wed) School Assembly 2B (Fri)
9	March 23	Show Holiday (Fri)
10	March 30	ATSI Experience (Wed) School Assembly 1H (Fri)
11	April 6	Good Friday (Fri)

please call in at the uniform shop on Thursday afternoon or Tuesday morning for collection. Thank you.

Some very willing Year 6 boys helped P&C and School staff with the move.

Canteen News

The Canteen Committee has decided to add a couple of items to the menu. Starting from Monday you will be able to order 4 x carrot sticks at the cost of 20c and 2 x saos and vegemite at the cost of 50c.

From Monday 16 February we will be starting a new system of ordering lunches. There will be 16 boxes with class labels situated on the counter of the canteen at the start of each morning. Children with lunch bags with the correct money inside will place their order in the box which has their class name on it. Children who have lunch orders which require change may ask for it. This should speed up the sorting of bags in the morning.

The canteen will be closed the last week of term due to lack of volunteers. There are still quite a few days which need filling. If anyone can spare any time at all could you please ring Nicole on 0425 389 681.

Canteen Supervisor - Mandy Cordell - 0412 483 671.



MESSAGES

The next meeting of the Biddabah P&C will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 18 February

Uniform Shop News



The Uniform Shop has moved location.

On Tuesday you will find the Uniform Shop at the end of the canteen building.

With two change rooms and a lot more space the service to parents will be improved.

We have now received fresh stocks. If you have any uniform items on order that you have not collected

CANTEEN ROSTER		
Mon	Feb 16	Kellie Andriessen, Kerrie Keenan
Tue	Feb 17	Champa Ranasinghe, (new) Karen Reardon, Karen Morris
Wed	Feb 18	Mandy Cordell, Shelley Stevenson
Thu	Feb 19	Rachel Ratcliffe (new), Kristie Webb
Fri	Feb 20	Shanine Walker, Nicole Reid, Michelle Pitts, Helen Osland



We all love dogs but for the safety of our children, please do not bring them on to the school grounds

Business Directory

A guide to local businesses that support our school



Quote 24513

When you shop at Rebel for a 5% discount and a 5% rebate to our school

COLLECTIONS for Biddabah

Pauls milk lids



DONATIONS

The school will gladly accept donations of native plants for the school garden

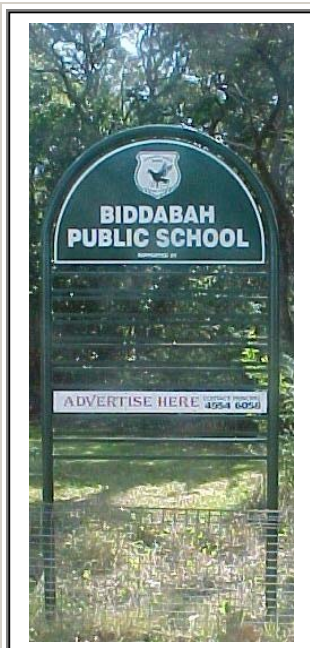
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OR
LIST THE MANAGEMENT OF YOUR INVESTMENT PROPERTY
and
We will donate \$100.00 per transaction
On your behalf to Biddabah Public School

Professionals
fred andriessen
4954 8833 (24 Hours)

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Marc Mathews
Phone: 0411 669 669
Location: Speers Point Sailing Club
*With a paying child and late class only



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Advertisers are being offered one of the eight places on our sign for an annual fee of \$500. An additional one-off fee of around \$90 will purchase your professionally prepared board from the artwork you provide.

If you are interested in taking up this offer, please contact the principal: Mr. Graeme Mason.

OTHER NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Thur Red Cross Victorian Bush Fire Appeal



BOOKCLUB ORDERS DUE

Monday 16 February

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Graeme Mason
Principal

