

# Biddabah School Newsletter

Thursday, 19 February 2009

04/09



## **Congratulations Saturn**

The Swimming Carnival went ahead with reduced numbers last Friday when the weather made holding a full school Swimming Carnival too uncomfortable. A limited number of hardy possibles and probables were taken by teachers and parents to the Speers Point pool for time trials because of the proximity of the Zone Carnival.

A big thanks to – Mrs Cerniauskas, Mrs Dunlop, Mr Hepplewhite, Mrs Blackman, Mrs Meisenhelter, Mr Keeping and Mrs Dawes and all parents who assisted in our wet weather carnival. The children, though cold and wet, were quite cheerful and all tried their best. A special “Well Done” to Sports House Captains and Vice Captains who came along to help.

Biddabah’s results appear later in this newsletter as do the Zone results that were obtained in equally as trying conditions on Tuesday this week

Well done to our Biddabah team who again were the winners of the Zone Carnival.

## **Dear Parents,**

It's time to let parents know officially now that Mrs Jones went public at last night's school council meeting. Both Mrs and Mr Jones will be calling it quits at the end of July. Jocelyn has worked in the school, first as an

office assistant and later as our office manager since 1996. Maurie has been our general assistant since 2004. Both are institutions around the school. Both are exceptional in their own roles. Both will be very badly missed.

## Changed Photography Day

Because of the Regional Swimming Carnival being on the same day as we were planning to hold the School Photography Day I have asked the photographers to provide an alternate date. The new date will be advertised in next week's newsletter.

## To All New Roundabout Users

The Council Ranger has warned several drivers intending to use the school roundabout about parking in Ruswell Avenue. School does not finish until 3.00pm and the children are unlikely to be available to be picked up for about five minutes after that. Arriving before say, 3.05pm will result in the queues up Ruswell that the rangers object to. While waiting in a queue at traffic lights is neither standing nor parking, establishing a queue before 3.05pm might need explaining especially when challenged by a council ranger.

I have had discussions with the ranger coordinator about the use of Watt Street. Watt Street is the street between Ruswell and the school roundabout that parents use to collect their children. The ranger coordinator is instructing rangers to be vigilant when drivers fail to move down to the next available space on the exit side of Watt Street. I don't mean that if you are stopped adjacent to the shelter in the process of picking up a child you should move down, but if you are the car behind you should not wait for the stopped car to move off. If there is a space, you should move.

The safety of children is paramount and our roundabout is envied by many schools as a safe, efficient way to collect children in the afternoon. Following the long established procedures will ensure it continues to be.

One more thing before I vacate the soapbox. Parents should not enter the teachers' car park to pick up children. This is extremely dangerous. For safety, children are not permitted to enter the teachers' car park and cars backing out put our kids and themselves at risk.



From Tuesday's Zone Carnival, notice our new Biddabah swimming cap that was a hit with other schools.



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

## Band News!

Mr Ward still needs girls and boys to play the Alto Saxophone. It's not too late to join the school band. Come and see Mr Ward next Tuesday or Miss Minor anytime.

## Computer Competition

Year 5 students will be able to enter the computer competition despite a clash of dates with Myuna Bay. Provision will be made to conduct testing prior to the excursion.

M Ferguson - Stage 3 Coordinator

## Principal's Reading Challenge



Reading logs for the 2009 Principal's Reading Challenge will be coming home tomorrow.

100 nights = BRONZE

150 nights = SILVER

200 nights = GOLD

## School Development Days

Parent please be aware that I have applied to move the (student free) School Development Day for term 2 from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May so the staff can attend a Brian Tickle Maths Inservice.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April is not a Public Holiday but it is part of the Autumn School Vacation. Because of the above, students at Biddabah will return to school on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April. For other schools, this will be their School Development Day.

**Biddabah Students lay the first of \$554 dollar coins around a heart drawn in the COLA by the Biddabah Red Cross Youth in aid of the victims of the Victorian Bushfires. In addition to this, parents and staff donated \$400 towards the appeal.**

## *In their own Write*

*Today's featured class is 6D*

The class has been writing poems about their hopes and expectations in Year 6. . . . .

As we embark on our Year 6 journey  
Canberra will be the best of them all but  
Remember to be fair and share  
We're on our way to Year 7 next  
But still in Year 6 for a whole year  
Now it's my turn to shine in 2009  
Cody

As we embark on our Year 6 journey  
Last year of primary, so we'd better get learning  
We've got peer support this year  
So we've got to shine in our prime in 2009  
Courtney

As we embark on our Year six journey  
We need to keep on learning and leaning and learning  
Be neater and fair, have fun without care  
Gain confidence and represent the school  
And make it easy at high school  
On our Prime in 2009  
James

As we embark on our Year 6 journey  
We'll represent the school as we dive into the pool  
Fitness first, we have an energy boost  
Enjoy, have because we're on the run  
We'll be polite and sensible and all the other manners  
too  
Better, smarter, we'll be much brighter  
We'll gain up more confidence  
Set good examples  
Sum up the primary years for we're only here for one  
more year  
In our prime in 2009  
Tori

As we embark on our Year 6 journey  
We will gain fitness  
Be polite and we won't start a fight  
Because we're alright  
Our strength will gain, we'll feel no pain

As we head towards high school  
We're in our Prime in 2009  
Jayden

As we embark on our Year 6 journey  
Our fitness will come and our relationships will not  
burst  
We will travel to Canberra on a very slow bus  
And let's hope there will be no fuss  
There are so many memories here and there but for  
some reason I'm getting a scare  
Josh

As we embark on our Year 6 journey  
It's our last year to sum up and finish learning  
We will take a stand from wrong and right  
To believe in others and not make fights  
We'll gain confidence and be the best we can  
To be a role model, now that's a plan  
Have good self esteem that a goal of mine  
In our prime in 2009-02-18  
Tahja

As we embark on our Year 6 journey  
We did enjoy the past that went so fast  
We will try to be fair and be a good role model  
A be a better person in our prime in 2009  
Matt

As we embark on our Year 6 journey  
We'll have fun even if we're learning  
We'll try our hardest for a good reputation  
By the end of the year it will be a sensation  
We'll pay attention and never drool  
Because we don't want to be a fool in high school  
In our prime in 2009  
Michael

As we embark on our Year 6 journey  
Year 6 will be harder to leave than a big bunch of candy  
With so many memories here and there  
Year 7 will be kind of a scare  
As we become neater and more fair  
Mrs Dutch will always be there  
Fitness first with all of the sporting teams  
When we win the cup we will all scream  
Peer support will come first  
Helping the children so they will never shed a tear  
In our prime in 2009  
Jake

As we embark on our great Year 6 journey  
I hope to finish learning, learning, learning  
I hope to achieve in mathematics  
Hopefully Mr C could give me some tactics  
The school musical will be a piece of cake  
But I'd better hurry don't want to be late  
I'm going to enter high school with Biddabah Pride  
I'm not the best at everything but oh well... at least I  
tried!  
So on graduation day, I'll be happy to stand in the line  
In our prime in 2009  
Emily

As we embark on our Year 6 journey  
Becoming neater as we leave primary  
Enjoying ourselves and having fun  
By the end of the day it's all done  
Representing the school in athletic events  
Being fair by using common sense  
Peer support is so much fun  
Enjoying ourselves in the sun  
Making new friends day after day  
Some are small and some are tall  
In our prime in 2009  
Lachlan

As we embark on our Year 6 journey  
We hope to keep on learning, learning  
I want to have a good reputation  
I will help those that are within our nation  
I will help those little kindies  
And I hope they don't get bindies  
In our prime in 2009  
Nic

As we embark on our Year 6 journey  
We will become smarter as we learn  
To gain some confidence and self esteem  
To become a great peer support leader  
To represent our school in sporting teams  
In our prime in 2009  
Catherine

As we embark on our Year 6 journey  
I'll try to be fair to those who are wary  
I'll try to learn as much as I can in our last year of  
primary  
As I try to leave with a good reputation  
As representatives of our great school  
We'll be peer support leaders  
In our prime in 2009  
Brittney

As we embark on our Year 6 journey we need to keep  
learning, turning, writing and not fighting  
Be kind to all or it will be your fall

When you leave out the front door into Year 7 then  
you'll be back and remember your primary year like  
heaven  
So now it's time in 2009 to shine at the top of my prime  
Blake

As we embark on our year 6 journey  
We need to keep learning, learning and learning  
We must be fair and share  
For we are the role models for the mini's down there  
We have to be good and get smarter  
Good reputation and good self esteem  
For we are in Year 6 now  
Can't let anyone down  
So we're on our way to Year 7 next but stuck in Year 6  
for a year.  
So now it's our turn to shine in 2009  
Anonymous

As we embark on our Year 6 journey  
We will set an example for our peers  
Our self esteem will grow  
We will have an exciting final year at primary school  
Fitness will play a big part in our year  
Playing lots of sport will help us shine  
We're in our prime in 2009  
Liam

As we embark on our Year 6 journey  
We hope to accomplish the best that we can  
Make friends and represent our school  
Become smarter and enjoy  
Fitness come first, then get smarter  
In our prime in 2009  
Amanda

As we embark on our Year 6 journey  
I hope to have fun even if I'm learning  
Year 6 will be a year for me to enjoy  
I will be a role model for younger girls and boys  
I will be sensible as I try to get smarter  
Because in 2010 I'll be a high school starter  
So this year is my year to shine  
In our prime in 2009  
Hayley

As we embark on our Year 6 journey  
I will learn more and more  
And help my fellow peers  
Plus I will be a role model  
And gain my confidence  
I will enjoy this year  
Because it is my last  
I think this year will go so fast!  
I will be fair and share  
And sensible to show I care  
Now we have to show ourselves that we can be  
In our prime in 2009



In the spotlight this week is Morgan Lewis from 6C.

### The Victorian Bushfires

The scorching heat  
The dry smell of smoke  
Just the thought would make you choke

So many people  
Have lost their lives  
It's not fair  
That so few survive

As the fire  
Laps at their windows  
They're shaking with fear  
From their heads to their toes

Only some  
Have lived to tell the tale  
As they tell their stories  
The fire fighters fail

Although they fight  
So very well  
When the fire will end  
Nobody can tell

The fires are still blazing  
People still unfound  
Just the thought is terrifying  
At least my friends are still around!



## Thank You

Students and parents  
for your donations  
towards the Biddabah  
Red Cross Bushfire  
Appeal.

## This Week in Sport

### Biddabah Swimming Carnival

Children to represent Biddabah at the WLPSSA Zone  
Carnival are -

Carl Gearing  
Luke Hepplewhite  
Matthew Meisenhelter  
James Davidson  
Kurt Albury  
Jakson O'Donoghue  
Ethan Stewart  
Jackson McRae  
Max Dawes  
Tyne Marjoram  
Angus McGrath  
Ethan Grine  
Joshua Chapman  
Zac Stewart  
Jessica Cerniauskas  
Keira Moss  
India Coloton  
Andrea Meisenhelter  
Rachel Dunlop  
Alexis Hopwood  
Hayley Campbell  
Sophie Van Oijen  
Madison Kidd-Matthews  
Hayley Mayor  
Courtney Lane  
Ebony Weaver  
Cady Lane  
Tiarna Knight  
Charlie George  
Ashleigh Keeping

Tahja Lafaele

Michael Cox - Sports Master

## WLPSSA Zone Carnival

Well done to all competitors and their helpers especially Mrs Lindy Dunlop and Mrs Leanne Cerniauskas on a good day for Biddabah. Also thanks to Mrs Lee James (ex-parent of Biddabah) who assisted with gear. In cool damp conditions our children excelled and won the day!

Junior Boys Relay           **First Place**  
**Carl Gearing, Ethan Grine, Kurt Albury, Jackson McRae**

12/13 years Boys Breastroke   \*  
**Matthew Meisenhelter   First Place**

Individual Boys Medley  
**Matthew Meisenhelter   Third Place**

10 years boys 50m Free       \* )  
Junior boys Individual Medley )  
Junior Boys Backstroke       \* )  
**Carl Gearing               First Place**

9 years girls 50m Free       \* )  
Junior girls Butterfly       \* )  
Junior Girls Individual Medley )  
**Jessica Cerniauskas       First Place**

Junior Girls Backstroke  
**Jessica Cerniauskas       Second Place**

All Age 100m Free           )  
Junior Girls Breastroke       )  
**Jessica Cerniauskas       Third Place**

Junior Boys Butterfly  
**Luke Hepplewhite       First Place**

Junior Boys Individual Medley )  
Junior Boys Breastroke       )  
**Luke Hepplewhite       Second Place**

12 Years Girls 50m Free       \*  
**India Coloton             First Place**

12/13 Girls Backstroke  
**India Coloton             Third Place**

Snr Boys Relay               **First Place** \*  
**ZaK Stewart, Matthew Meisenhelter, Joshua Chapman, James Davidson**

Snr Boys Individual Medley    )

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12/13 Boys Butterfly           )  
**James Davidson           Second Place**

12/13 Boys Backstroke        )  
All Age 100m Free            )  
**James Davidson           Third Place**

Boys 50m Free  
**Ethan Grine               Second Place**

Jnr Girls Relay               **Second Place**  
**Jessioca Cerniauskas, Rachel Dunlop, Keira Moss, Charlie George**

8 years Boys 50m Free  
**Angus McGrath           Second Place**

9 years Boys 50m Free        )  
Junior Boys Backstroke        )  
**Kurt Albury               Third Place**

11 years Boys Free  
**Ethan Stewart           Third Place**

12/13 years Boys Butterfly  
**Tyne Marjoram           Third Place**

Junior Boys Backstroke  
**Jackson McRae           Third Place**

11 years Girls Breastroke  
**Andrea Meisenhelter   Third Place**

11 years Boys Breastroke  
**Max Dawes               Third Place**

All events were timed and children whose event is marked with an asterisk qualified for the Regional Carnival on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at Maitland.  
Michael Cox - Sports Master

## Hunter Diving Championships

On Tuesday, Joshua Chapman and Liam Heather went to the Regional Diving Championships. Both boys were successful competing in the 1 metre Springboard, 3 metre Springboard and 5m Platform. Joshua was placed First and Liam Second. Both boys will go on to the State Championships. Well done!

Michael Cox - Sports Master

## Community Sports Notices

Play AFL with the Warners Bay Bulldogs

Ages - 5 - 16 years

All games are played on Sundays

Registration - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 1.00 to 4.00pm at Seaman Oval, Seaman Avenue Warners Bay.

Cost is \$75 per child

Contact Gary Ryan on 0417 121 316

All new players will receive a family pass to the Sydney Swans at ANZ stadium in 2009.

### Ulinga Netball

Ulinga Netball Club is looking to fill teams in the following year divisions -

Under 8's, 11's, 13's, 14's and 15's.

Contact details are 4954 7952 - Karen - Club Secretary

9	March 23	Show Holiday (Fri)
10	March 30	ATSI Experience (Wed) School Assembly 1H (Fri)
11	April 6	Good Friday (Fri)

### NEXT WEEK'S UNIFORM SHOP IN THE CANTEEN DEMOUNTABLE



**TUESDAY**

8.30-9.00am

**Sonu Rastogi**

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY**

2.30-3.00pm

**Mandy Cordell & Jenny Preston**

## Canteen News

**THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2009!!**

Next Friday, the Canteen has a new lady starting from Hunter Workways (work for the dole scheme). Her name is Kerry Setzer and she will be working two days per week in the office and one day per week in the Canteen. Could everyone please make her feel welcome.

From Monday the frozen jelly sticks will increase in price from 10 cents to 15 cents.

Starting from Monday we will have our fruit and vegetables supplied by **FRESH AS FRESH**. The fruit and vegetables will be so much fresher!!! If you are looking to have your fruit and veg delivered, **FRESH AS FRESH** will deliver them for you right to your door. Contact the Canteen for details.

Mandy Cordell - Canteen Supervisor.

## Uniform Shop News

Attached to this Newsletter is a Uniform Shop Order form. If you are unable to attend the uniform shop at the times when our volunteers have it open, could you please complete one of the order forms and drop it off at the school office with either the painless payment option completed or cash or cheque.

The ladies who operate the shop are parents from the school and are not able to open the shop every day. We would ask, if possible, that parents try to arrange to

EXCURSIONS & PAYMENTS	DUE DATE
TEXTBOOKS/LEARNING MATERIALS	All classes Yrs 1 to 6 are now overdue - please see your child's class teacher
UNIVERSITY COMPETITIONS	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March - Stage 2 & 3 Students
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 6D, Parents Welcome

NEXT WEEK	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	K-2 SWIMMING CARNIVAL Clean-Up Day at Biddabah School

Wk	Commencing	THIS TERM
6	March 2	School Assembly 4M (Fri)
7	March 9	School Assembly 3B (Fri)
8	March 16	School Council & P&C (Wed) School Assembly 2B (Fri)

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come when the shop is open or use the above method for ordering.

Thank you.

<b>Wed</b>	Updated letter on University Competitions - Stages 2 and 3 students.
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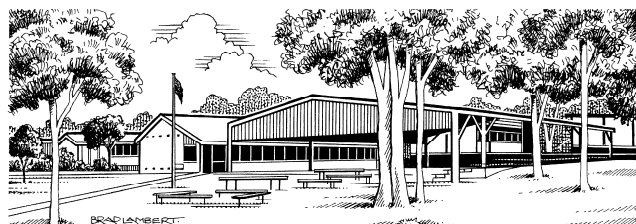
**Graeme Mason**  
**Principal**

CANTEEN ROSTER		
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Feb 23</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Feb 24</b>	Suzanne Spinks, Kae Reeves, Champa
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Feb 25</b>	Rajka A, Amber Butler, Lisa D (new)
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Feb 26</b>	Bianca Saxby, Tracey Jupp (new)
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Feb 27</b>	Mandy Swan, Mandy Cordell, Michelle Pitts, Kerry Setzer



**MESSAGES**

The Annual General meeting of the Biddabah P&C will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 18 March



<b>OTHER NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK</b>
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## POSITION VACANT

Would you like to work with a friendly team in an interesting and challenging environment?

Due to business growth, Macquarie Educational Tours requires an additional Group Tour Planner to join our busy office. On the job training will equip the successful applicant to plan and book extended tours for our school clients from all over Australia.

The Position:

- Permanent Part-time
  - 4 days, 7 ½ hrs/day (30 hours per week) during NSW Public School Terms.
  - OR
  - 5 Days, 6 hrs/day (30 hours per week) during NSW Public School Terms.
- This is a Clerical position. Starting at Grade 3, progressing to Grade 4 and 5 with competency and experience.
- Our workplace is a non-smoking environment.

Are you our new Team Member? If you answer 'yes' to each of these questions, we would welcome your application!

- Can you demonstrate strong Administration skills **and** experience?
- Are you competent with basic Word, Excel and email functions?
- Do you enjoy working in a TEAM environment?
- Are you a confident communicator?
- Do you have a pleasant phone manner?
- Do you easily establish rapport with people?
- Do you have an eye for detail?
- Are you able to multi-task?
- Are you willing to learn?

Please apply in writing to:

Group Tour Planner Position  
Macquarie Educational Tours  
PO Box 1136  
Warners Bay NSW 2282

Applications close: Friday 13 March, 2009.

# 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

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

  
fred andriessen  
4954 8833 (24 Hours)

# KARATE



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Discounts for Biddabah PS family's