

Biddabah School Newsletter

Thursday, 26 February 2008

05/09

New equipment for Infants is put through its paces by the Kindergarten Joeys.

The new 'outdoor' play equipment that arrived today was purchased from the last of the school's Investing In Our Schools grant in a program put together by parents and Ms Roper. While Ms Roper opened the boxes and checked that everything had arrived, the Joeys were very keen to put it to use at once.

The outdoor play equipment will be used by students as part of their physical education and general fitness program.

Dear Parents,

In last week's newsletter I reported that I was trying to change the date of our school photography day due to the clash with the Regional Swimming Carnival.

Unfortunately I was unsuccessful and the date for taking our school photos **remains Thursday, 5th March 2009.**

Master School Portraits have provided a free First Day portrait of all Kindergarten students. Both teachers and parents are very happy with the product.

Care Record

A Care Record sheet for every child at school should have come home earlier this week. Would parents please fill it in as soon as possible and return it to school (both sides) as soon as possible. The Care Record consists:

- health care information
- permission for local excursions
- permission for photographs and names in the newsletter

We update the Care Record each year. Perhaps your child now has an allergy or a medical condition that s/he did not have before. Perhaps your contact details or your address, phone number has changed. We need to know that because in an emergency we need to do our very best to look after your child.



The War Against Headlice

The word that nobody wants to hear. Yes, we have headlice in the school again. Please check your children's hair.

How Do I Know If My Child Has Head Lice?

Many head lice infections cause no symptoms, and probably less than half cause itch. So you have to LOOK to find out if your child has head lice. Do not rely on itching and scratching.

Live, dead, hatched eggs? How can I tell?

Eggs are not difficult to see; use a strong light and look on the hair shafts. Newly laid eggs are usually within 1.5 cm of the scalp while older eggs are higher up the hair shafts. If you are not sure whether an object you find is a head louse egg, try sliding it up the hair shaft using your fingers. Eggs are usually quite difficult to move, whereas hair muffs and other items slide easily.

However, finding live lice can be difficult since the climbers move away quickly from disturbances in the hair, and they are very difficult to see.

An easy way to find the climbers is to use the conditioner and comb technique:

- Apply conditioner to dry hair aiming to cover each hair from root to tip with a layer of conditioner.
- Detangle the hair using an ordinary comb.
- Immediately comb the hair with a fine tooth comb. The best comb for this is the Lice Meister comb. However, plastic nit combs with conditioner are also very effective for detecting climbers.
- Wipe the conditioner off the fine tooth comb onto a paper tissue and look for lice and eggs.
- Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 5 times.
- Also examine the comb for lice and eggs.

Conditioner stuns lice for 20 minutes. So once the hair is properly covered with a layer of conditioner, do not delay in combing those little suckers out! If you find

lice, your child should be treated.

If your child has not been treated for head lice before, and you only find eggs, you should consider treating for head lice. However, another option if you do not want to use insecticidal treatments, is to check again the next day using the conditioner and comb technique.

If your child has been treated recently, and you find only hatched eggs, but no lice, you may not need to treat since the eggs could be from the old infection.

You should check your child every week using conditioner, a fine tooth comb, and paper tissue as described above.



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

Principal's Reading Challenge



100 nights = BRONZE

150 nights = SILVER

200 nights = GOLD

Principal's Reading Challenge log sheets were handed out following last week's newsletter. BRONZE and SILVER awards will be handed out at stage assemblies and the GOLD will be handed out by me at the whole school assembly, probably in term 4. For students who go on to read more than 200 nights I am planning a special award at the last whole school assembly for the year.

In their own Write

Today's featured class is 2Z

The class has been learning about and writing alliterations. . . .

Callan Maguire and Maddison Jones were absent.

School Photographs next Thursday

Amara and Aliesha ran to see the animals at the aquarium.

Amara

Emily eats Easter Eggs.

Emily

Zany zombies eat zucchinis zig-zagging at the zoo. The zebras zip past them.

Zali

Zany zombies don't like zapping in water.

Rhys

Big bouncing balls bounced their way to the zoo. Bouncing baby wombats bounced right past them. The big bouncing balls ate some brains and bounced back home. They bounced on their big, bouncy trampoline.

Heath

Mrs Sophie and Mr Samuel went to sunbake in the sun and have some fun.

Emily

Running rabbits race round roundabouts.

Connor

Little elephants enjoy eating eggs and looking at the number eight with their eyes. They also enjoy riding enormous elephants.

Emily

Charlotte the crocodile ate a cake and swallowed the candles.

Charlotte

Thomas and Tyler turned into tiny turtles. They thought that the other turtles were their family because others had turned into tiny turtles too. Everyone in the world had turned into tiny turtles.

Thomas

The zombies kissed a zebra and they loved it. Then they zig-zagged to the zoo.

Draye

Spacy spiders sun baking at the soccer field.

Samuel

Dame the dangerous dragon was sleeping during the day. He dreamed he had a son named Decka.

Deklan

Gabby gathered a group of girl friends. It was a club of girl friends. The green eyes went on Monday. But... The girls all had green eyes.

Abbey

Happy Harry hates hippy vans.
Tyler

Brodie the brown bear was playing ball with his friend Bob. Then they bobbed in the bath. Bob was naughty.
Brodie

Mrs Monkey is a mad magician. Mrs monkey likes to make other monkeys frogs.
Mackenzie

Slimy, silly snails slither slowly to the beach to sunbake.
Sophie

Zany zombie liked to eat zebras while he zig-zagged to the zoo. But he made a big, big mess at the zoo. Then he had to go home.
Krystal

Brown Bear rode his bike then had a bath. Brown Bear kicked a ball to Bob Bear.
Joshua

This Week in Sports

State Nippers Carnival

Last Friday, Saturday and Sunday the State Nippers Carnival was held at Blacksmiths Beach. Jessica Cerniauskas competed in the under 9's and came home with a gold medal after three great swims for the surf swim.

At the same time the Regional Little Athletics Carnival was held at Glendale where Alexis Jeffs also performed well in bringing home four gold medals for the long jump, the 70 metres, 100 metres and 200 metres sprints.

Congratulations, girls!



Green Plover Award congratulations

All Green Plover Awards from last year will be announced in next week's newsletter and will be presented at next weeks Friday whole school assembly.

School Photographs next Thursday

TOMORROW

Friday	Infant's Swimming Carnival (no assembly) Clean-up Biddabah Day
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NEXT WEEK

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	PHOTOGRAPHY DAY Regional Swimming Carnival
Friday	School Assembly, 10.10am Presentation by 4M, Parents Welcome

Wk	Commencing	THIS TERM
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)



MESSAGES

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

NEXT WEEK'S UNIFORM SHOP



TUESDAY

8.30-9.00am

Sonu Rastogi & Lucia van Oijen

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

2.30-3.00pm

Mandy Cordell & Jenny Preston

Fundraisers News

Our Easter raffle is coming up fast so it's time to get those donations in.

We are asking for donations of Easter eggs, Easter products (e.g. stuffed toys) and baskets.

These can be left at the school office.

Raffle tickets for the Easter raffle will be coming home on Friday, 20th March with your eldest child.

The Fundraising Committee.

Canteen News

Could everyone please supply their own paper lunch bag for lunch orders. This would assist in keeping canteen costs down.

A reminder that frozen jelly sticks have increased in price to 15cents each.

Mandy Cordell - Canteen supervisor.

Uniform Shop News

An order for Winter uniform items has been placed this week with the suppliers. You can either complete a uniform order form in advance and leave at the school office or watch this space for when the stocks arrive at the uniform shop.

Thank you.

Fri	March 6	Julie C, Robyn B, Renae A, Kerryn S (work for the dole)
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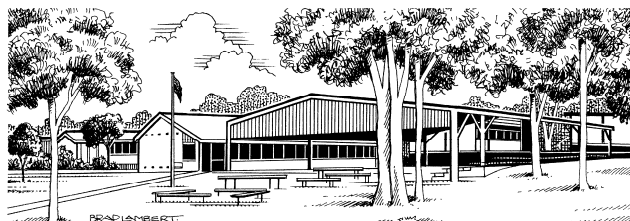
OTHER NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK	
Mon	Newsletter extra
Tues	Kindergarten special Newsletter
Wed	Infants Swimming Carnival notes to all children who had not returned them

STOP PRESS, REMINDERS, LOST & FOUND
Miss Betty Dimple cut her finger

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Graeme Mason
Principal



CANTEEN ROSTER		
Mon	March 2	Suzanne S, Kelly P (new), Kerryn Frogson
Tue	March 3	Anna McGraw (new), Jacqui W, Kae (Blue)
Wed	March 4	Sonu (new), Jenny P, Kylie H
Thu	March 5	Kristie W, Nicole Reid, Emma Swain (new)

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

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

Professionals
fred andriessen
4954 8833 (24 Hours)

COLLECTIONS for Biddabah

Pauls milk lids



DONATIONS

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

KARATE

First lesson
FREE!

Phone: 0411 669 669
www.shorinjiryu.com.au
Location: Speers Point Sailing Club
Discounts for Biddabah PS family's



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?:

- 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?

If you answered 'yes' to each of these questions, we would welcome your application!

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.