

Biddabah School Newsletter

Thursday, 12 March 2009

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The Kingergarten and Kindergarten Joeys children are taking advantage of the beautiful weather to use the wonderful new gross motor equipment provided by Investing in Our Schools.

Every day the teachers set up a different obstacle course for the children to explore jumping, hopping, climbing, crawling, balancing and rolling. All of these skills, apart from being fun and physical are essential for children's brain development and the establishment of pre-reading and pre-number concepts.

At the other end of the school, Mr Cox (our sports master) has recently taken possession of \$2 500 worth of school sporting equipment as part of the Premier's Sports Challenge.

Dear Parents,

The first meeting of the school's 50th Anniversary Planning Team met after school yesterday afternoon in the school library. The Planning Team includes, Stuart Glover, Ben Rees, Leanne Cerniauskas, Ros Mayor and Lindy Dunlop from the P&C and also Jocelyn Jones, Rachel Minor, Sue Burton, Karen Roper and Graeme Mason from the school staff. A welcome community addition is Ann Brownlie (farmer and ex Biddabah teacher)

The team resolved to meet monthly until the date in 2010 when the school will turn the BIG -5-0 (August 6, 2010).

We are looking for any old photographs people might have. These can be left in the office to be copied and returned. Also does anybody know the new location of the time capsule? Somewhere on the Warners Bay foreshore I believe.

In their own Write

Today's featured class is 3B

When I Grow Up.....

When I grow up I'm going to be not good, but THE BEST hairdresser ever so what style would you like?
Kiera

When I grow up I want to be a Famous Soccer Player and play for the Jets.
Zach

When I grow up I am going to be a Pet Shop Keeper.
Darcy

When I grow up I'm going to be a Policeman.
Jordan

When I grow up I will be a Famous Soccer Player for the Socceroos. I will enjoy playing it.
Jock

When I grow up I want to be a Movie Star in a Hollywood movie.
Bella

When I grow up I would like to be a Policeman.
Sam

When I grow up I want to be a Pet keeper because I love so many animals in the world.
Gabby

When I grow up I am going to be a Star.
Isabella

When I grow up I am going to be an Artist.
Madison

When I grow up I want to be a Soccer Player. I want to play for the Jets.
Max

When I grow up I want to be a Rock Star or a DJ. I also might work at Super Strike.
Andrew

When I grow up I want to work at McDonalds and Pizza Hut. I want to get a sports car or a Skyline.
David

When I grow up I want to be a teacher.
Ashleigh

When I grow up I wish to be a palaeontologist.
Lachlan

When I grow up I want to work at Seaworld with the dolphins because they are my favourite animal.
Charlie

When I grow up I want to be a Doctor because you get to help others.
Kaitlin.

When I grow up I want to be a Hairdresser and a Teacher. I would like to be the best hairdresser.
Hannah

When I grow up I would like to be a Teacher.
Lucy

When I grow up I want to be an Actor. I would like to read lines and then act it out.
Helena

When I grow up I want to be a Makeup Artist just like my sister.
Ally

When I grow up I want to be a Drama Teacher. I will work in a big hall.
Piper

When I grow up I want to work at a Pet Shop.
Imogen

When I grow up I would like to be a Midwife.
Mantana

When I grow up I want to be a Teacher. I want to help kids.
Isabella

When I grow up I want to be a Drag Racer because you get to go fast.
Indy

When I grow up I want to be a Famous Soccer Player for the Jets.
Jensen

This Week in Sport

Boys Cricket Team

Biddabah Boys Cricket Team defeated Warners Bay 10/91 to 7/65. A good overall batting performance with Jackson McRae 16, Jonathon Hickson 10, James Davidson 9 and Matt Meisenhelter 9 leading the way. Tight bowling especially by Jackson McRae 3/3 off 5 overs and Jayden Gladys 0/5 off 5 overs and Cordell Webb 0/5 off 3 overs kept us Warners Bay out of the game, 7 dropped catches didn't help but the boys did very well. Next game Vs Barnsley.

Mr Cox



Principal's Reading Challenge

KEEP ON READING



Green Plover Award congratulations

Rachael Dunlop
Imogen Harrison
Piper Waddingham

Will receive a certificate at the next Friday school assembly.

LOST PROPERTY



Students are still losing items of uniform - please check me!

LATE or EARLY LEAVERS

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

EXCURSIONS & PAYMENTS	DUE DATE
Yr 5 Myuna Bay	Permission Note by 31 March 2009
TEXTBOOKS	Overdue - Please arrange payment as soon as possible.
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 3B, Parents Welcome

NEXT WEEK	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	School Council & P&C
Thursday	
Friday	School Assembly, 10.10am Presentation by 2B, Parents Welcome

Wk	Commencing	THIS TERM
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, 18th March. This Meeting is the Annual General Meeting.

POSITIONS will be available for -

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Canteen President
Canteen Treasurer
Canteen Secretary
Fundraising Coordinator
Uniform Coordinator
School Council Representatives
Publicity Officer
Auditor

Please join the P & C association with a \$2.00 membership fee.

Please come along and support your child's school.

Everyone Welcome.....

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

Over the last 12 months the School Council has been working hard in reviewing the School Leaders Policy, I am pleased to advise that attached to this newsletter is the proposed School Leaders Policy as developed by School Council. We welcome your feedback. On Wednesday evening, 18th March, at our next P&C meeting final feedback will be tabled, so please come along and share your thoughts on this revised policy, if you are unable to attend our meeting you are welcome to provide your thoughts in writing.

P&C REPORT

I would just like to clarify a few points that have been raised with me regarding the Uniform Shop.

Firstly, the Uniform Shop is a P&C run resource for our school, the office staff have absolutely no role to play in its operation.

In the past, due to its previous location and our eager to help office staff, they did assist parents in out of Uniform Shop hours emergency sales.

This has now stopped due to the relocation of our shop to its great new roomy location, adjacent to the Canteen.

So parents, please note that our wonderful office staff no longer have access to the Uniform Shop. This

also applies to our Canteen volunteers – they do not have access to the Uniform Shop keys and float, so please forward plan your Uniform needs around the opening hours.

Secondly, it has come to my attention that Uniform Shop volunteers have been criticised that the Uniform Shop is not open enough. On this matter, may I say that we are doing the very best we can. There are not many Schools I know of that have their Uniform Shops open every day, perhaps if more parents volunteered we would be able to open more but at this stage we are relying on the same four volunteers who give up their valuable time, so please support us as we are trying to support you.

Thirdly, in order to help working families who can't access the Uniform Shop we have placed a Uniform order form on the Schools website or just phone the school and they will arrange for one to be sent home to you. You can complete this order form, pay by Credit Card and your child will receive the uniform items they require. If you are unsure of the sizes, write a note and the Uniform Shop volunteers will help your child find the correct size.

Finally, if anyone wishes to discuss better ways of managing the Uniform Shop we would welcome your feedback at a P&C meeting, also if anyone would like to take on the role of Uniform Shop Co-ordinator or work on the Uniform Shop you too would be most welcome, please leave your contact details at the office and they will be forwarded to us.

Lindy Dunlop

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

office. The more donations we receive the more prizes we will have to raffle.

Don't forget to pre-purchase your Entertainment Books. The cost is \$60.00 each with \$12 from the sale of each book going to our school. These books have great discounts on attractions for the school holidays.

We will be bundling the tickets for the Easter Raffle this Friday, 13th at 9.00am in the Canteen area. If you can spare the time we would love your help.

Fundraising Committee.

Canteen News

Just a reminder regarding the student's canteen survey and the roster return slip. If you haven't filled these out, could you please do so and return them to the office or the canteen. The committee work hard to keep the canteen up and running and these forms would make our lives a whole lot easier.

Thank you, Mandy Cordell - Canteen Supervisor.

Uniform Shop News

Please refer to the P & C notice from Lindy Dunlop above.

CANTEEN ROSTER		
Mon	Mar 16	CLOSED
Tue	Mar 17	Jo Dyson, Julie W, Leanne Jenz
Wed	Mar 18	Joanne Campbell, Mandy Cordell, Louise Bradbury
Thu	Mar 19	Rachel Ratcliffe (new), Kristie Webb
Fri	Mar 20	Lindy Dunlop, Michelle Coates, Ben, Kerrie Keenan

Fundraisers News

Please keep those donations of Easter eggs, Easter products and baskets coming in. They can be left at the

P&C AGM next week 7.30pm in the library

Community News

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, an Australian not-for-profit organisation specialising in international student exchange programs, is seeking volunteer host families for High School Students scheduled to arrive in Australia in July 2009 from Germany, Italy, France, Holland, Austria, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark,

Finland, Japan, Brazil, Canada and the USA. Host families can choose from students staying for a range of either 3, 5, or 10 months and they all attend local high schools whilst they are in Australia. The main purpose of cultural exchange is to challenge youth towards international understanding and tolerance, encourage further learning, self knowledge and awareness - invaluable characteristics in today's world. We organise all the flights, school enrolment, transportation, insurances and support systems. Just imagine your child having an older brother or sister for a few months from another country. It's a great opportunity for young children to start learning that there is a world of variety and opportunity waiting for them - different languages, foods, sports, customs and perhaps a visit to look forward to when they grown up.

To enquire, call Southern Cross Cultural Exchange now toll free on 1800 500 501, visit www.scce.com.au or email scceast@scce.com.au.

West Basketball Club

West Basketball Club has vacancies for Under 12 Girls (born 1998 or 1999). If you're interested in playing a great team sport please contact Al Herrington on : 0412 789 200.

OTHER NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Tues	Various Year 6 Notes - Year 6 students
Thur	Rugby Gala Day information - selected students

STOP PRESS, REMINDERS, LOST & FOUND

Please finalise your outstanding textbooks accounts as soon as possible.

BIDDABAH PUBLIC SCHOOL ELECTION OF STUDENT LEADERS PROPOSED POLICY AND PROCEDURE

(As formulated by Biddabah Public School Council, through consultation with our learning community: students, staff and parents.) To be circulated for comment prior to initial usage.

After a year's usage, an appraisal and evaluation of this policy will be made, in order to keep making our good school better.

All Year 5 students will be familiar with this policy on beginning their Year Five classes.

RATIONALE:

1. All students, in all grades, can contribute in a positive manner, to our school.
 2. Leadership opportunities are available for all students, in a variety of forms, through school activities in academic, sporting and cultural areas.
 3. In Year 6 leadership opportunities are formalised through specific Student Leadership roles.
 4. The formal Student Leaders, in Year 6, are:
 - 2 School Captains (1 girl and 1 boy)
 - 2 School Vice Captains (1 girl and 1 boy)
 - 4 Prefects (2 girls and 2 boys)
 - 8 House Captains (4 girls and 4 boys)
 - Library Monitors (number chosen by the Teacher Librarian)
- and in Year 5:
- 8 House Vice Captains (4 girls and 4 boys)
5. Student Leaders are role models for all other students.
 6. Student Leaders are expected to exhibit the standards and expected behaviours of Biddabah Public School.
 7. Student Leaders will motivate and lead their fellow students.

PROCEDURE:

The Election of Formal School Leaders - the School Captains, School Vice Captains and Prefects will proceed as follows:

CANDIDATE SELECTION

1. All Year 5 students will become familiar with this policy on reaching Year 5 through familiarisation led by their classroom teacher.
2. Year 5 teachers will meet together with the Year 5 students and outline the expectations and roles of Student Leaders in our school. This will occur at the beginning of their Year 5 classes and in Term 4.
3. The number of Prefects elected each year will be 8, regardless of the size of the cohort.
4. There will be 4 girl Prefects and 4 boy Prefects, who will include a girl and boy School Captain and a girl and boy School Vice Captain.
5. Nominations will be open to all Year 5 students on a withdrawal basis: that is all students are nominated unless a student expressly desires not to be considered, or are deemed ineligible after having lost a behaviour level in Year 5.
6. The students in Year 5 will then have 8 votes each, which they must give to eight different nominees, 4 to girls and 4 to boys, which may include themselves. The Year 5 students will tick the names which are in alphabetical order, in two gender based columns.
7. The highest scoring 4 girls and 4 boys will become possible nominees for the Year 2 - Year 5 voters and all interested staff, who wish to vote.
8. Any staff member who is interested will also have eight votes each to be distributed between eight different nominees. Each of these voters will record their eight choices on the same voting sheet format used by the Year 5 students. The highest scoring 4 girls and 4 boys will then become possible nominees for the Year 2 - Year 5 voters and all interested staff, who wish to vote.
9. As the two lists may contain common names, additional names from both lists in turn, will be added with gender balance to provide 16 nominees in total, 8 boys and 8 girls by the Year 5 teachers. These are the nominees for the next stage of voting. In the event of a tied vote for the 8th position, the name will be pulled out of a hat. Unsuccessful nominees in this initial voting will be told of their success or otherwise in their Year Five Classes before the publication of these 16 candidates.

CANDIDATE PREPARATION

1. The Principal and Stage 3 Assistant Principal will address the 16 candidates in regards to their roles and responsibilities. The 16 candidates will be reminded that only 8 will be successful in obtaining a position.
2. The 16 candidates will be invited to compile a profile using a photograph- (taken by the school photographer earlier in the year) and describing why they would make a good Student Leader.
3. This proforma will consist of: All About Me, What I like about Biddabah Public School and Why I would make a good Student Leader. The proforma will be completed at school in the computer lab. These completed proformas will be displayed in the COLA area for the week preceding the voting by the school voters.
4. The 16 candidates will also deliver a one minute speech, using no props, in which they are invited to tell us why they deserve a vote. This speech will be delivered to the Year 2 - 5 section of the school, the staff and the candidates' families. This speech will be formulated at school and will be checked by a Year 5 teacher. Students will be encouraged to show their individuality and to distinguish their views from those of the other candidates. Any unwarranted changes or inclusions will invite a voting penalty. These speeches will be delivered in gender groups, in an order pulled from a hat. Absent candidates will prepare a taped speech at school under the supervision of their classroom teacher.
5. Speeches will be conducted in Year 6's absence at High School Orientation, with voting concluded by recess.
6. At the conclusion of the speeches the families and candidates will be reformed of the process to be followed, by the Assistant Principal Primary (returning officer).

VOTING IMPLEMENTATION

1. The Year 2 -5 section of the school and all interested staff members will then vote for these 16 students, ticking 4 candidates on a ballot paper (2 ticks for two different girls and 2 ticks for 2 different boys. The candidates themselves vote also. The top scoring 8, 4 girls and 4 boys, will be the Prefects for the following year.
2. Ballot papers will be different for each class. This will avoid the donkey vote and will give the participating students the opportunity to have a different position on the paper.
3. Classroom teachers will tally votes on a spare voting sheet and will send voting slips and tally sheet to the returning officers.
4. Each child will be informed of their success or otherwise in the election process, privately and sensitively, by the supervisor of the election process, the Assistant Principal Primary, prior to any public announcement. The counting of votes will not be done solely by any one individual, but will be supervised by the Assistant Principal Primary and will be conducted with at least one other staff member (returning officers).

5. The announcement and publication of the 8 prefects will be made prior to Presentation Day, possibly at a Loyal Assembly (Monday) of the students in the week preceding Presentation Day.
6. Prefects will be allocated areas of responsibility and will be mentored by staff members to develop leadership skills. Staff will mentor the prefects in portfolio areas which reflect the needs and the interests of the school e.g. environment, charities, recycling.

ELECTION OF CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

1. When the voting has been completed and the eight prefects have been announced by the Principal, the election of the School Captains and Vice Captains will take place, overseen by the returning officers, the Assistant Principal coordinating Stage Three and the Principal.
2. In this election the eight prefects will each have a vote for a girl and a vote for a boy and a vote for themselves. Consideration will be given to the tally and order of this vote.
3. Consideration will be given to the popular vote that has been conducted in Years 2 -5 in selection of the prefects.
4. Interested staff will be given the opportunity to vote for School Captains and School Vice Captains from the 8 prefects. Consideration will be given to the tally and order of this vote.
5. The returning officers, the Assistant Principal coordinating Stage Three and the Principal will then determine the Captains and Vice Captains using the tallies and orders from the Prefects, Staff and Voters.
6. The Girl and Boy with the most votes will be School Captains. The Girl and the Boy with the second highest votes will be the School Vice Captains.
7. The announcement of the School Captains and Vice Captains and their induction, will be made on Presentation Day, by the Principal. The Prefects will also be inducted on Presentation Day.
8. These 8 Prefects will not be eligible for election as a House Captain.

THE ELECTION OF HOUSE CAPTAINS WILL PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Prefects will be ineligible for election as House Captains.
2. All House members Years 1 - 6 will vote for a Boy and Girl House Captain from Year 6 and a Boy and Girl Vice House Captain from Year 5.
3. Nominees may prepare a speech. All nominees are expected to speak to the house voters giving reasons for their election. Absent candidates may prepare a one minute speech to be played on a tape.
4. The election will be conducted by the House Patrons.
5. House Captains will receive their badges at an assembly in Term One.

THE ELECTION OF LIBRARIANS WILL PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Interested students will inform our Librarian.
2. Due to the specific nature of the role, he/she will use his/her prior knowledge of the students, who she has taught for the last 6 years to choose students, to perform the tasks the role demands.
3. Library monitors will receive their badges at the same assembly as the House Captains.
4. Prefects and House Captains may be Library Monitors.

The committee would like to congratulate the previous Student Leaders, the students, the staff and the parents for their efforts in supporting our school and our Student Leaders.

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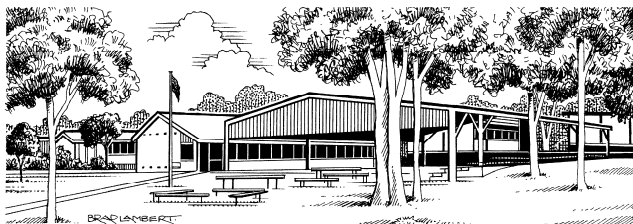
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The school will gladly accept donations of native plants for the school garden