

Biddabah School Newsletter

Thursday, March 19, 2009

8/09

2/3F have been learning about 'Celebrations and Belief'.

Mrs Filipcevic says, "we have learnt about three different celebrations, We learnt about a celebration called St Lucia Day which is celebrated in Sweden. A procession is held and gold crowns are worn with five lighted candles. We made our own, don't they look great!"

I believe the next project is to construct dragons for Chinese New Year.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our new P&C executive team, elected at last night's meeting.

President	Lindy Dunlop
Vice Presidents	Emma Rees Jo Dyson
Secretary	Jodene Garside
Treasurer	Elizabeth Glover
Publicity	Mandy Swan
Uniform	Jenny Preston
School Council	Lindy Dunlop (P&C) Jo Dyson (P&C) Mandy Swan (Parent) Tracy Jupp (Parent)
District P&C Rep	Lindy Dunlop Tracy Jupp Ben Rees
B.E.R (Federal Grant)	Stuart Glover Lindy Dunlop
Fundraising Coordinator	Mandy Swan
<u>Canteen Committee</u>	
Coordinator	Mandy Cordell
Secretary	Jenny Preston
Treasurer	Leanne Fong
Roster	Nicole Reid
Stock Ordering	Renae Alam Julie Cleary
Groceries	Champa Ranasinghe
Tea Towels	Kristie Webb Bianca Saxby
Auditor	Margaret Bryden

Principal's Report 2008

2008 was a year of accomplishment and the fruition of initiatives commenced in previous years. It was a year when parents, teachers and students worked together to make our good school better.

In 2008, the work of teachers in the classroom was supported by the School Council and the P&C. The meetings of both of these bodies were well attended and provided real support to the school.

In the 2007/8 Christmas Holidays the demountable canteen was due to be moved to allow the building of the four permanent MDR classrooms. Unfortunately because of the weather, things didn't go completely to plan and we were left for almost all of term one without a canteen.

Nevertheless because of the hard work of the canteen team the School Canteen still made an excellent profit

I am very proud of the way our school environment improves each year. Over the years, groups of parents, teachers and students have made valuable contributions to control water run-off and to establish gardens, trees and grass, all of which makes our good school look and work better. This year 'Trees in Newcastle' were invited to Biddabah to teach our students about planting and the builders left the environment around our new classrooms in a sustainable state. We then entered the Lake Macquarie City Council Environmental competition and won a substantial award.

In 2008 the school assessed the progress that had been made in our 2006-2008 school development plan that focused on literacy, numeracy, technology and improving the school's ability to provide for the needs of all its students.

Planning is now all but completed on the next 3 year plan for 2009-2011 where our priorities will continue to be literacy, numeracy and technology with a fourth plan to do some work developing the foundations of student's emotional well being through the 'You Can Do It' program. The keys to You Can Do It are: organisation, getting along, persistence, resilience and confidence.

Other keys we will be using in 2009 and beyond include the integration of students with learning difficulties, the identification and support of gifted and talented students, a welfare database called RISC, smartboards and connected classrooms.

Through the work done over several years and completed in 2008 by the Hardcourt Committee, students now enjoy a hard playing surface netball/basketball court and shelter.

2008 also saw four MDR classrooms transported onto the site and installed. Thanks to the P&C they are now air conditioned.

Over the vacation six new smartboards were installed in classrooms (four of these were purchased by the P&C).

We have begun 2009 retaining our 16 classrooms and looking forward to finally achieving our assembly hall as well as additional promised federal government support for school improvements.

Teacher's Car Park

I have had several reports of Kindergarten and Joeys parents driving their cars into the teacher's car park to drop off and collect.

This is highly dangerous. I have spoken to the council rangers and they will prosecute.

Similarly do not stop opposite the teacher's car park to let children out of your car. The only safe place is the designated set down adjacent to the walking path.

If traffic is slow at the roundabout, don't forget the school entrance in Fairfax alongside the hospital car park. Don't park in the hospital car park though, they get a little touchy.



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

Headlice

Would parents please check children's hair for headlice. If found, please treat the infection before returning children to school.

Information on headlice can be obtained from the office.

Principal's Reading Challenge



The awards are still BRONZE SILVER and GOLD

100 nights = BRONZE, 150 nights = SILVER and 200 nights = GOLD

Thank You P&C Committee

Dear Mrs Dunlop

Year 6, as senior students of our school, would like to personally thank you and your hard working committee for providing our classrooms with our new Smartboards.

On behalf of our peers from Joeys to Year 5, we wanted to let you know how grateful we are to the Fundraising Committee, the P&C Executives and members, the families of our school, the school community and teachers for making our learning environment top class with the latest technology. We are all learning something new each day on our Smartboards and are surprised at what we can do on them.

Would you please pass on our thanks to all concerned.

The students of Year 6 - 2009

Red Cross Kids

Last Thursday at recess we voted for our President, Vice-President, Secretary and Publicity Officer. These are who we elected.....

President - Hayley Campbell

Vice-President - Matthew Meisenhelter

Secretary - Madison Kidd-Matthews

Publicity Officer - Jonathan Hickson

We are looking forward to a great year.

By Madison, Hayley, Matthew & Jonathan

In their own Write

Today's featured class is 1B

1B have been cooking pancakes. Here are the descriptions of our "Funny Face Pancakes".

My funny face pancake is big and yellow. His hair is made with a purple snakes. His eyes are purple snakes.
Blake Pritchard

My funny face pancake was yellow and medium. His hair is made with snakes. His eyes are purple smarties.
Tayla Conway

My funny face pancake was yellow. His hair is made with green bumpy snakes. His eyes are yellow smarties.
Ethan Smith

My funny face pancake was a medium yellow pancake. His hair is made with green, red and orange snakes. His eyes are red and orange.
Connor Pinkerton

My funny face pancake was huge and yellow. His hair is made with red snakes. His eyes are blue smarties.
Gabrielle Kennedy

My funny face pancake was big and yellow. My funny face pancake has purple snake hair. His eyes are orange smarties.
Tom Swain

My funny face pancake was yellow. His hair is made with orange snakes. His eyes are orange.
Jeremy Russell

My funny face pancake was medium and his eyes are green smarties.
Caitlyn Rae

My funny face pancake was small and yellow. His hair is made with green snakes. His eyes are red and blue smarties.
Bailey Curtis

My funny face pancake was yellow. His hair is made with purple snakes. His eyes are red smarties.
Grace Griffin

My funny pancake was medium yellow. He has no hair. His eyes are pink and yellow smarties.
Joel Broadbent

My funny face pancake was big and yellow. His hair is made with pink musk sticks. His eyes are red and yellow snake heads.
Farhan Khan

My funny face pancake was medium and yellow. His hair is made with bumpy purple snakes.
Alaska Stevenson

My funny face pancake was yellow. His hair is made with a purple snake. His eyes are purple smarties.
Mason Gleeson

My funny face pancake was yellow and medium. His hair is made with snakes. His eyes are red and blue smarties.
Emma Bagnall

My funny face pancake was yellow and it was small, and I had jelly beans and musk sticks. His hair is made with bumpy musk sticks. His eyes are pink musk sticks.
Alexandra Nash

My funny face pancake was yellow and white. His hair is made with red and purple snakes. His eyes are purple and yellow smarties.
Emily Kennedy

My funny face pancake was a yellow pancake. His hair is bumpy green snakes.
Teesha Beuzeville

My funny face pancake was yellow and white. His hair is made with green and yellow snakes. His eyes are blue and yellow smarties.
Tanika Spink

My funny face pancake is big and it is yellow. His hair is made with green snakes.
Brendan Saxby

My funny face pancake was yellow. His hair is made with pink musk sticks. His eyes are yellow and pink smarties.
Aiden Creer



**Green Plover Award
congratulations**

Aiden Swan
Kiera Moss
Alexis Jeffs
Cameron Tibbs

Will receive a certificate at the next Friday school assembly.

This Week in Sport

Boys Cricket - State Knockout Vs Barnsley

Our boys batted first and got a very respectable 87. Best bats - Nathaniel Duggan on debut was dropped on 0 and then top scored with 17, Jackson McRae 14, Jonathon Hickson 9, Jayden Gladys 9 and Jake Hamilton 5 not out.

Our fielding was good but our bowling was a little loose. Jackson McRae bowled five overs-1 wicket for 4 runs, Cordell Webb bowled 3 overs-0 wickets for 8 runs, and Matthew Meisenhelter bowled and got 1 wicket for 3 runs.

Barnsley batted well and passed the total with 2 overs to spare. So we are now knocked out. Our boys all tried their hardest. Well Done!!

Michael Cox - Teacher 6c

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our Zone Swimming representatives, the Senior Boys Relay, India Coloton, Carl Gearing and Jessica Cerniauskas who all did well.

Jessica Cerniauskas did so well she's off to the State titles at Homebush for 50m Freestyle.

Good Luck, Jessica.

Michael Cox, Sportsmaster.

Biddabah take on the Paul Kelly Cup

Thursday 17th saw 24 fabulous Biddabah children travel to Barton Oval in Belmont to take part in the Paul Kelly Cup. Two teams of 12 (one girl & one boy) were divided to make two strong mixed Biddabah teams.

Biddabah A after a scratchy start powered back to win 2 of their 3 games. Biddabah B started off very well and kept going to win their 1st of 2 games.

As there were 7 teams at the carnival Biddabah was invited to play an extra game against Biddabah! The grudge match was on, mate against mate. The result..... well you will have to wait until Friday's assembly. All students were extremely well behaved.

Thank you to the parent's who provided transport, came to support the children and helped out during the day,

Jamie Welsh - Teacher 5W

LOST PROPERTY



Please keep checking for your lost items.

LATE or EARLY LEAVERS

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

EXCURSIONS & PAYMENTS	DUE DATE
TEXTBOOKS & LEARNING MATERIALS	Payments are now very overdue.
Year 5 Myuna Bay	Permission Note by 31 March 2009.
Torres Strait Island Experience	Thursday, 26 th March 2009
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 2B, Parents Welcome

NEXT WEEK	
Monday	Stewart House bus leaves Speers Point Park, 8.15am
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Mr Osterman from Warners Bay High, Water Challenge for Year 6
Thursday	
Friday	SHOW HOLIDAY

Wk	Commencing	THIS TERM
10	March 30	ATSI Experience (Wed) Connected Classrooms Installation (Wed-Thu) 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, 20 May

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

Apologies to those of you that came to help with the Easter Raffle Tickets last Friday. I was held up at an appointment but will be finishing off the raffle tickets this Friday 20th March at 9am in the canteen area.

A book of raffle tickets will be sent home on Friday with your eldest child. Each book is worth \$5. Tickets are \$1 each, if you sell the whole book you will get a free ticket in the draw. Extra books are available from the school office.

Please keep the donations of Easter eggs, Easter products and Easter baskets coming in. Please leave these Easter donations at the school office.

Those people who have pre-purchased their Entertainment Books will receive them by the 3rd of April along with their sheet of bonus offers. They will be sent home with your eldest child.

Canteen News

Thanks to everyone who has sent in their canteen survey and their canteen roster return slips. If you haven't sent them in as yet could you please do so? There has been a mixed response regarding having cakes, muffins etc made by volunteers, could you please forward your written ideas and thoughts into the office or canteen. Without your ideas and thoughts we are unable to accommodate you.

A huge thanks to all of the canteen committee members. You are all doing a fantastic job - keep up the great work.

I would also like to thank all of the volunteers who give up their precious time to work in the canteen because without you we would not have a canteen at all!!!!!!

Mandy Cordell - Canteen Coordinator

Uniform Shop News

Please note the opening times for the Uniform Shop which is now located in the Canteen building (at other end to Canteen).



CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon	Mar 23	Robyn Russell, Renee Alam, Kelly P(new)
Tue	Mar 24	Chompa R, Kerryn Setzer(WFTD)
Wed	Mar 25	Bianca S, Chompa R
Thu	Mar 26	Smo, Nicola D
Fri	Mar 27	Show Holiday



Recycle

Bring in your unwanted mobile phone, no matter its age or condition and drop it in the box at school.

The school will receive \$5 for every old mobile phone it collects.

Wanted



Does anyone have a strip of 'Artificial Grass' (that carpet stuff) about 2 or more metres long and a metre or so wide that they don't want? Joeys/Kindergarten children would like to have a putting green during outdoor play.

Thank you, Ms Roper.



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

OTHER NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Tues

Kindergarten Parent Note from Kindergarten teachers.

Torrest Strait Island Experience - in school excursion - all students.

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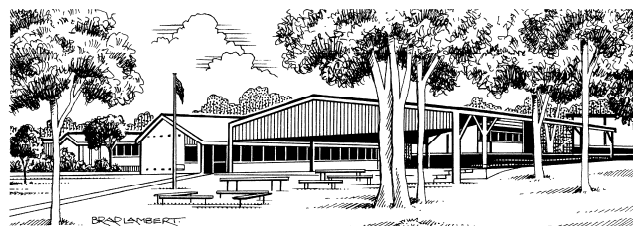
Money for Textbooks and learning materials is now well overdue. If you are experiencing difficulty in paying, please call in at the school office and arrangements can be made to pay them off over several weeks. Thank you.

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Graeme Mason
Principal



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A guide to local businesses that support our school



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

COLLECTIONS for Biddabah

Pauls milk lids



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

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