Parents worry about kids’ boredom, so they schedule their lives to keep them busy. But – empty hours teach children to create their own happiness.

From the book...The Overscheduled Child

Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

It was heartwarming to attend Biddeston’s ANZAC Dawn Service on Monday. I would like to acknowledge the effort of those who organised and assisted in running this important event. Thank you to School Captains, Molly and Harrison for their part in the proceedings. Once again, we were fortunate to have past student, Harry skillfully play the trumpet and thank you to Mrs Cooke for her music on the keyboard. Thank you to Mr Young for his role as MC and Mr Jon Kelly for speaking on behalf of the RSL.

Biddeston SS students were very successful last Friday at the Rossvale cross country, with many very impressive results. Congratulations to Yana and Danielle, who both achieved 1st place. Almost all our other competitors achieved 2nd place, 3rd place or in the first five to cross the finish line. What an excellent effort by all! Congratulations to Ruby, Fletcher, Dustin, Danielle and Eva who have been selected to compete at the Bunya cross country on Friday 6th May at Dalby. We wish each student every success. Well done to all runners who represented our school.

Curriculum NAPLAN testing Students in Years 3 and 5 will take part in NAPLAN testing from 10 to 12 May and have been preparing for this in class. NAPLAN testing provides schools with an opportunity to identify any areas where students may need assistance and covers the learning areas of reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy. If you have any queries regarding NAPLAN testing, please contact me. NAPLAN test results will be released later this year. Visit www.nap.edu.au for more information.

Curriculum tip: There are many everyday things you can do to encourage numeracy learning by your child. These include: talking about occasions when you are using mathematics in daily jobs and real-life situations — talking about different ways to solve a problem, and using everyday tools like tape measures or kitchen scales and discussing the units of measure.

Parent teacher interviews will be held next week, Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th May. A timetable, (blue form) has been sent home with students. My apologies for the confusion around this last week with the form not sent home, and thank you for your understanding. Parent teacher interviews are an excellent opportunity to catch up with your child’s teacher to discuss their achievement and progress and to ask any questions or concerns you may have. If you are unable to attend at the time allocated to you, please contact the school for an alternate time.

Mayoral Morning Tea School Captains Molly and Harry, and I attended the annual Mayoral Morning Tea today. This is always a lovely morning for Primary School Captains across the Toowoomba Region to meet and listen to their peers speak on leadership.

Administrators’ Day Friday 6th May is Administrator’s Day and is the perfect time to acknowledge the work and expertise that our lovely Mrs Valmai Nielsen contributes to our school community.

Options Our Options program this term would encourage even adults to want to come back to school for the day. On Friday afternoons this term, the Year 2-6 students will participate in one of the following activities: juggling, sewing, craft projects, robotics or cake icing. Thank you to Mrs Beazley, Mrs Donovan, Mr and Mrs Strasser for sharing their expertise.

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible This week’s focus has been ‘doing the right thing (even if no-one is watching)’. I have certainly noticed many students this week taking heed of this message. It has been noted that the gates are sometimes left open after students and parents have walked through. If you notice the gate is open, please close it to ensure our younger children, particularly pre-prep children are safe and are unable to leave the school grounds. As we know, it can only take a moment for a little one to wander off. Thank you for your vigilance with this.

Sporting Schools The after school netball session will finish on Thursday 5th May. Information will be sent out soon as to the next sporting activities that will be available after school, in the near future.

P&C Thank you to those who assisted with catering at the clearing sale last weekend. It was very successful with $500 profit to the P&C. We have another couple of events coming up soon. We will keep you posted on dates and when we will need your assistance. The next P&C meeting will be next Wednesday 4th May at 6:30pm in the library.

Professional Development We have two staff members attending professional development on assessing students in reading, next Thursday. This is in line with our priority of supporting early literacy. I will be attending the Principal’s Cluster meeting next Thursday morning at Pittsworth.
Thank you to Mr Young and staff for capably stepping up in my absence. Thank you also to the school community for the well wishes I received. I am humbled by your kind thoughts.

Have a lovely long weekend.

Kind Regards, Sharon

P & C Association

The monthly meeting will be held on
WEDNESDAY 4th MAY 2016 at 6:00pm

AGENDA: Adopting the Constitution

P&C Contacts:
President: Max Strasser 0423 281 897
Vice President: Oksana Sims 0459 791 989
Secretary: Melinda Clarke 0402 783 626
Treasurer: Sarah Watson 0427 134 657

General:

Uniforms
For any uniform orders, please text Belinda Strasser to arrange suitable time for fitting and pick up. Belinda will be at school Friday mornings.

Belinda Strasser 0421 774 599

Fundraising
Mother's Day raffle valued at $100, tickets will be coming home next week. Thanks Leann Z

Tuckshop
Thank you to all for your support of Tuckshop. Please note the following:
- Salad Boxes will be available in two sizes:
  - Small @ $3 each
  - Large @ $5 each
- Please remind children to put their orders into the box BEFORE school. We may not be able to fill late orders.
- NO hot food is available at second break.

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