Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

I hope all Mums and Grandmas enjoyed a lovely Mother’s Day last Sunday. The students certainly enjoyed ‘shopping’ for your goodies at the Mother’s Day stall on Friday morning. Thank you to the mums who organised and wrapped the gifts, and served the students. What a great opportunity for the students to practise using money. 

Congratulations to our cross country runners who last week competed at the Bunya cross country in Dalby. All finished in the top 20, with Danielle and Eva achieving 3rd and 4th place respectively. The two girls will travel to Toowoomba for the Darling Downs cross country trials on Tuesday 24th May. We wish each of them a great race!

With NAPLAN testing over for another year, the Year 3 and 5 students should be proud of their perseverance and performance this week. It can be a daunting event, but all students worked well and should be commended for taking this in their stride.

Curriculum As a staff we have been focusing on the importance, quality and method of providing feedback to students. The importance of feedback cannot be underrated. The aim of feedback is to close the gap between where the students are at and where we want them to be. Feedback is for improvement, is not personal and can be verbal or written. ‘Feedback is one of the most powerful influences on achievement.’ (John Hattie) 

Curriculum tip: There are many everyday things you can do to encourage numeracy learning by your child. These include: observing and using timetables, calendars and clocks for different purposes like study periods, holiday planning and catching public transport.

School Review Our school is scheduled for a school review on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th May. The Department of Education and Training introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews are conducted by the department’s School Improvement Unit. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools have a review at least every four years. Key findings from the review are made available to parents and the community on the school’s website. As part of the review, the review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students. Feedback can be provided to the review team by phone or in person. All feedback remains confidential. If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the school office or email the review team at SIUMB@dete.qld.gov.au.

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible This week’s focus has been ‘take care of the little things’. So that sharp pencil, or neat bookwork or brushed hair might not seem to be a big thing, but all the little things we pay attention to contribute to our overall sense of pride, wellbeing and achievement.

Super 7s Soccer Carnival (Years 2-6) This is being held at Pittsworth rugby league grounds, this Friday 13th May from 9:45am to 2:15pm, with the kick-off at 10am. Students will be travelling to and from the venue by bus. All students need hats, water and food as there is NO canteen running. A reminder please - NO footy boots, all students to wear joggers. Shin pads are advisable. Biddeston has some for those students without their own. Thank you for returning permission forms. Thank you for returning permission forms. Thank you for returning permission forms. Thank you for returning permission forms. Thank you for returning permission forms.

Spirit of the Anzac Centenary Experience The Year 3-6 students will be attending a school excursion at USQ on Wednesday 18th May at 11am to visit the Spirit of the Anzac Centenary Experience. The session will run for one hour only and the students will travel to and from the venue by bus. Those students not attending will be supervised at school.

Sporting Schools Athletics has started and is shaping up to be very popular! This will run every Tuesday from 3-4pm.

Professional Development The teaching staff will be engaging in professional development on problem solving through a series of webinars run by the Regional Curriculum team. This is in line with our school core priority of problem solving in mathematics.

Centenary Committee The P&C are keen to form a committee for the planning and organisation of the Centenary. A meeting will be held at school later this term, in June. Please let your neighbours in the community know.

First Aid Course We will be running a first aid course at school on Saturday 21st May. Please let me know if you would like to attend first aid training or would like more information. The course will be run by Life Guard Health and Safety. Completion of pre-course study plus 5.5 hours practical training is $95 per person.

Have you seen our displays at school? Take a walk around next time you visit to enjoy the photography and displays of students, their achievements and the history of the school.

Enjoy your weekend.

Kind Regards, Sharon
P & C ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting will be held on
WEDNESDAY 1st JUNE 2016 at 6:00pm

AGENDA: Adopting the Constitution

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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

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NATURAL HEAD LICE TREATMENT

- 100ml Olive Oil
- 1 cap Lavender Oil
- 1 cap Tea Tree Oil
- 1 cap Eucalyptus Oil
  - Mix together and apply liberally through the hair. Leave on hair for 1 hour. Comb through hair with a fine tooth comb and then rinse hair. Shampoo normally.
- EVERYDAY
  - 100ml water
  - 5ml Lavender Oil
  - 5ml Tea Tree Oil
  - 5ml Eucalyptus Oil
  - Combine ingredients in a spray bottle and spray in hair daily before school.

At Biddeston State School
every Tuesday from 9-11am

We wish to acknowledge the sponsorship of the following businesses. Please consider their business.