BPOINT
- BPay is NO LONGER an option for the payment of school accounts.
- BPOINT is available with Mastercard, Visa Debit or Credit Cards but NOT Keycards.
- One invoice, one amount. Parents will need to enter the CRN (Customer Reference Number) for each invoice.
- Parents or other customers can make payments on school invoices from home and office or from smartphones.

Why BPOINT? It is the SAFEST method for payment of accounts. It is our school’s aim to eliminate cash payments except for amounts less than $10.

WHAT’S COMING!!

Oct. 27-28 ORIENTATION for 2017 Prep Students
Oct 28 WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY
Nov 02 Softball Carnival at Southbrook
Nov 03 Grandparents Day 2pm
Nov 04 Rescheduled Quinalow Soccer/Netball Carnival
Nov 04 Tuckshop Day
Nov 09 P&C Meeting @ 3:30pm

CHECKLIST
- RECYCLE ALUMINIUM CANS and support the Biddeston School Playgroup. Collection bags at the school AND the Biddeston Store.
- Recycle your newspapers at Biddeston – any day! PLEASE ensure that ONLY newspaper, magazines & junk mail are deposited in the bins – definitely NO plastic of any nature, cardboard or shredded paper or ANY FOREIGN MATTER.
- NO soiled baby nappies to be placed in ANY bins at the school.

CONGRATULATIONS
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Abi C. Nick H and Brendan Z
For excellence in spelling!
WELL DONE to each of you!
**PRINCIPAL’S PEN**

Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

A big congratulations to Mrs Mason for achieving the significant milestone of 20 years teaching at Biddeston SS. Mrs Mason’s care and commitment to the education of numerous students over this time is to be commended. Thank you for those parents and visitors able to join us in sharing a high tea at school this afternoon to celebrate this milestone. We welcome our 2017 Preps and their families to Biddeston SS this week, with Prep Orientation being held today and tomorrow 9am - 11am. Today we have had a general information session for parents and on Friday we will be holding a session on reading for parents. We are very fortunate to access the expertise of Mrs Clarke for this session. Each child will be given a sample bag of books and some handy hints on reading.

We warmly welcome Mrs Bright to Biddeston SS for the remainder of Term 4 in Mrs Orton’s place in the Year 2/3/4 classroom. Mrs Bright is a graduate teacher and is very keen to start her teaching career at Biddeston SS. We hope her time with us is rewarding.

The news on the students attending Tallebudgera Camp this week, is that they are having a great time! We have certainly missed them from school this week and look forward to their tired and happy faces on Friday afternoon.

Curriculum The students are preparing for assessment over the next couple of weeks, so please ensure absences are kept to a minimum. It is difficult for students to be assessed on work they have missed or to miss assessment completely. This is then reflected in report cards. We have now completed the QSR process with the school improvement agenda for the next four years to be oral language and problem solving. Policy documents have been reviewed and updated in line with school community feedback.

Everyday learning tip: talk about movies you have seen — discuss why a filmmaker may have created a movie in a certain way, the purpose of the film, the intended audience and what points of view or values are conveyed. Talk about language choices and why characters are represented in certain ways.

World Teachers Day is a chance to acknowledge and celebrate the great work our teachers do. I am very proud of our exceptional teachers at Biddeston SS with their commitment to, and care of our students. Thank you to Mrs Mason, Mrs Orton, Mr Young, Frau Samuels (LOTE), Mrs Wheeldon (music), Mr Morris (PE), Mrs Thomas (Special education teacher), Mrs Lange (Support teacher: Literacy and Numeracy), Mrs Clarke (reading support).

Softball Carnival The annual softball carnival is being held at Southbrook Central State School next Wednesday 2nd November. All students are expected to attend. The different age groups will be playing modified softball, including diamond ball, t-ball and softball. The students will be travelling by bus, leaving at 9:00am and returning by 3pm. A blue permission form and tuckshop menu were sent home this week. Please return these promptly.

Quinalow Soccer and Netball Carnival This carnival was postponed from last term due to inclement weather and will now run on Friday 4th November. Please find a permission form with this newsletter. The tuckshop menu will be distributed to participating students. Please note there are slight changes to the menu. No orders required. There is a short morning tea and lunch break but students can buy their food during byes.

Grandparents Day We will be celebrating Grandparents Day next Thursday 3rd November from 2pm. Grandparents are invited to come to school to visit their grandchild’s classroom, participate in activities and watch a musical performance performed by the students. Please extend a warm invitation to the grandparents in your family.

Swimming lessons This term students will be travelling by bus to the pool in Oakey for swimming lessons. Swimming lessons commence in Week 6, Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, Monday 14th, and Tuesday 15th November, with the swimming carnival on Monday 21st November. All students must wear a swimming sun shirt to participate. There will be two 45 minute lessons run each day we attend, with a 30 minute break between. Swimming instructors will work with the students. Please find a permission form with this newsletter. The students who attended Art Camp last week came back enthused with the skills and techniques they had learned. They are asked to bring their artwork pieces to school on Monday for an art exhibition in the library for next week. Thank you to Mrs Wheeldon for this opportunity, along with Brookstead SS for hosting and Mrs and Mrs Strasser for assisting.

Tuckshop Acknowledgement Day This is celebrated on Friday 4th November and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mrs Kruger, Mrs Ziebell and Mrs Skinner and their many helpers for making this year’s tuckshop so successful. We have had many tasty and varied lunches this year and we are grateful for the enthusiasm and work that has gone into this service.

CGEN 2017 Students are invited to participate in CGEN for 2017 as part of the Pittsworth Cluster of schools. Participating students would be required to attend weekly rehearsals at the Pittsworth State School music room: Tuesdays, 7.30am – 8.30am. If you are interested, please call in to see Mrs Nielsen or me for more information. We participate as a school every two years, so we will be involved again in 2018.

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible This week we have been talking about how we welcome new people to the school, with our pre-prep visitors to the school in mind.

P&C On Friday 28th, Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October, the P&C have been asked to cater at the Heritage Rally weekend to be held at the Oakley Showgrounds. We will be selling pies, sausage rolls, hot chips and cold drinks. This will be a significant fundraiser for the P&C, with us keeping 80% of the profits. Estimated numbers for the weekend are 2 000-5 000 visitors. An updated roster is being sent out with the newsletter. Thank you to those families who are giving their time to assist with this important fundraiser.

A Halloween Disco will be run on Friday November 4th at
P & C Association

The monthly meeting will be held on
WEDNESDAY 9th NOVEMBER at 3:30pm

AGENDA:

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:

Fundraising:

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

Tuckshop

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Thanks for all the help so far this term.

Heidi Kruger & Jeanette Ziebell

WANTED for Playgroup
SOCKS, SOCKS, SOCKS!!!
Odd socks, Pairs of socks, Coloured Socks
BUT
Clean socks, PLEASE!

At Biddeston State School
every Tuesday from 9-11am
We have a young family keen to settle in the Biddeston area and looking to rent a house from mid-December 2016/January 2017. If you can help, please phone 0408 993 205.

Kind Regards,

Sharon

INVOICES

Invoices for various items have been issued in recent times.
Your earliest attention is sincerely appreciated.
Have your paid:
- Transport $25 per student;
- Tallebudgera Camp deposit $100;
- Tallebudgera Camp balance $245;
- Brainways $50.

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**NEW HOPE GROUP**

**Day of ACTION**

Save Our Jobs, Save Our Community!

Join us at Speakers Corner, Parliament House and let your voice be heard as we rally to support New Acland Mine Stage Three Expansion.

Date: Tuesday 1 November
Time: 10am for a 10:30am start, until 1:30pm
Where: Speakers Corner, Parliament House, Brisbane

Transport: Buses will be available to transport employees and their friends and family to the event. Buses will leave and drop off at three locations.
- New Acland Mine: 6:30am
- Oakey Railway Station: 7:00am
- Clifford Gardens, Toowoomba: 7:30am

Please register your intent to travel on the bus by sending an email to Community@newhopegroup.com.au — if you are travelling with family members or friends please provide exact numbers.

Lunch will be provided.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Under Age Rage this Saturday Night

Time 6.00 to 9.00pm
Theme HALLOWEEN
Cost $10.00 includes Drink & Sausage Sizzle
Lock in, music, jumping castles, fun activities
Great Place to just hang out with friends
Supervisors with Blue Cards
It’s all happening this Saturday night
At The Oakey Indoor Sports Centre
35-37 York Street Oakey
Phone 46911691 for more info

KATE HUFFAM
Qualified Justice of Peace
By appointment ONLY
Phone 0402 303 164

Every day counts.
I wag my tail every day, but it’s not cool to wag school.

*** TALLEBUDGERA BUS ***
Returns Friday 4pm