BPOINT
- BPay is NO TO BE USED 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.

I Did Nothing Today
Author Unknown
When children come home at the end of the day,
The question they’re asked as they run out to play
Is “Tell me what did you do today?”
And the answer they give makes you sigh with dismay.
“Nothing, I did nothing today!”

Perhaps “Nothing” means that I read a book
...with a teacher I got to know.
Maybe I painted a picture of trees,
Or stirred a soup I knew that flew.
Maybe I wrote in my journal myself,
Or found a great book on the library shelf.
Maybe I helped a friend today,
Or went to my favorite area stains.
May be today was the very first time
That my scissors followed a very straight line.
Maybe I sang a song right to the end,
Or worked with a special brand friend.
When you’re three, four, or five your feet has wings.
And “Nothing” can mean so many things.

CONGRATULATIONS

2017 Student Leaders

Student Leaders
Zarcody Sims    Marissa Skinner

Leslie House Captains
Charlotte Cooke    Dustin Lorenz

Campbell House Captains
Danielle Watson    Fletcher Voll

School Captains:
Eva Keutmann    Cianna Battaglia

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.

WHAT’S COMING!!
Feb 13      Bus Conveyance Meetings 7pm & 7:30pm
Feb 16      Mayoral Morning Tea
PRINCIPAL'S PEN
Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

What a pleasure it was to listen to the confident and eloquent speeches delivered by our Year 6 students this morning. Congratulations to all students on being a student leader. Congratulations to our School Captains for 2017, Eva and Cianna. Congratulations to our House Captains, Campbell House – Fletcher and Danielle, Leslie House – Dustin and Charlotte. Congratulations to School Leaders – Zarcody and Marissa. The first engagement on the calendar for our newly elected School Captains will be the Mayoral Morning Tea held in Toowoomba on the 16th February.

We are looking forward to seeing parents at the Parent Information sessions this afternoon, giving you an opportunity to find out how our classrooms run, the routines in place and to ask questions.

Curriculum Teachers have commenced sending weekly reports home, informing parents of student achievement in the classroom. Please take time to read and sign these and send them back to school each week. Our core priorities for 2017 are problem solving in Mathematics and oral language as a foundation for spelling and reading.

Everyday learning tip: When you read aloud, your child... Listens to the sounds in words and notices how some are the same and some are different. Builds their vocabulary with new words.

Playgroup will continue to meet on Thursday mornings from 9am to 11am. Mrs Shaw is the playgroup facilitator and we have membership with Playgroup Queensland. We look forward to welcoming children and parents each week. Please bring some healthy morning tea. There is no cost to parents for playgroup.

Science Challenge Day Friday, 24th February will see selected students attend a Science Challenge Day to be held at Mount Tyson State School from 9:30am to 2:30pm. This is for selected students in Years 3-6. Permission forms will be sent home soon.

Cross Country has been scheduled for the end of term, which requires the students to start practising their running. Students will train for this event by running around the oval after each assembly. The Biddeston cross country will be held on Tuesday 21st March at 9am. This year due to time constraints, there will be no Rossvalle cross country. Students will be selected to compete at Bunya cross country trials from the time they achieve at the Biddeston race.

P&C Meeting Thank you to those who attended the recent P&C meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th March 3:30pm in the library. Thank you to Mrs Strasser for supervising children with a movie, and the popcorn kindly donated by the tuckshop ladies. Fun was had by all!

Tuckshop is held each Thursday and gives everyone the chance to have a sleep in for a couple of extra minutes, with no lunches to be made! We have a fresh new menu and some exciting new ideas in the pipeline.

Garden Party It is getting very close, with the Garden Party only six weeks away. If you have not booked your tickets, please do so as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. This event is once again shaping up to be an exciting highlight of this year’s calendar.

Facilities A hand washing basin has been installed under Block A near the Year 2/3 classroom. This is to ensure there are hand-washing facilities in close proximity to classrooms. The P-3 playground is to have new rubber edging and softfall installed from the 17th February.

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible The students have been given the challenge of learning the School Creed off by heart.

Before and after school procedures Parents are reminded to check in with the supervising teacher when collecting your child/ren in the afternoon, to be checked off the departure roll. If picking up or dropping off your child/ren at alternate times due to appointments or illness, please call into the office to sign them in or out. This is a safety procedure so we know who is in attendance at all times.

Attendance If your child is ill and will not be attending school or you are running late, please be prompt in letting the school know with a phone call, SMS message or email. Due to legislation, absent students with no explanation will lead to parents contacted, asking of their child’s whereabouts. We are in the process of implementing an electronic system for parent contact and you will be kept up to date with how this will be rolled out.

Keeping In Contact If you need to contact the school, the best email address with which to reach Mrs Nielsen and me, is admin@biddestoss.eq.edu.au. My email address is swilisz@eq.edu.au. The school mobile number is: 0409 896 233.

Keeping up to date Our school website has lots of information, forms and the weekly newsletters. The website is also linked to the QSchools app which can be downloaded to phones/iPhones and iPads/tablets. The QSchools app provides an easy way to access vital school information, including latest news, events and newsletters. For more information, visit: http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/qschools-app.html.

Please put your name forward if you wish to volunteer at school in some capacity. We already have a number of volunteers in classrooms for reading, and there is always something to be done to help. If you have an interest in gardening, we would love to see you!

Kind Regards,

Sharon

BUS CONVEYANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
These meetings will be held on Monday 13th February (that’s next week!)
7:00pm Biddeston bus meeting
7:30pm Lawrie bus meeting

These meetings will be held in the school library.
AGENDA:

P&C Contacts:

President: Max Strasser  0423 281 897  
Vice President: Ian Speed  0402 227 206  
Secretary: Kate Cooke  0438 307 044  
Treasurer: Mel Patch  0448 494 639  

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

- A new menu for Term 1 is attached to today's newsletter.

- As of next week, take-away meals will be available on Thursday to 3:30pm at the latest. Next week it will be family-size Cheesy Ham Quiche with or without a family salad. Smaller sizes will be available on request. Price will be sent out in a text message.

- There is also a form for request for helpers. Please, please complete this form and return to the P&C mailbox as soon as possible. There is a way in which EVERY family of the school can help with Tuckshop. We need your help.

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Heidi Kruger & Jeanette Ziebell

At Biddeston State School every THURSDAY from 9-11am
Learning about learning German...

Primary pupils are very receptive to learning a new language. They are willing and able to mimic pronunciation without the inhibitions and self-consciousness of making mistakes. They enjoy playing with the language and pick it up very quickly. Their sensitive ears help them pick up on and duplicate tricky sounds that adults may stumble over.

Children gain a great sense of accomplishment from learning to say something in a foreign language - it is like learning to crack a code! Learning a language nurtures pupils' self-esteem and self-confidence and develops strong interpersonal skills.

Studying a language improves children's understanding of English. Through studying a foreign language, grammatical concepts and rules in English become clearer. Children use what they learn in one language to reinforce what they have learned in another language.

Beverley Samuel  German teacher

with our Ladies' Garden Party for 2017 in full swing, we are getting very excited!

A few quick reminders:
   - Dress Code – ‘Floral’
   - Tickets $50
   - Auctions / Multi-draw Raffle
   - Lucky Door Prize
   - 3-course meals
   - Biddeston Hall

Please see Danielle for tickets. Looking forward to seeing you there........

Happy ‘Floral’ Shopping,
Garden Party Committee.