I would like to extend a warm welcome to our school families – to those of you who are continuing the educational journey and those who are embarking on the journey with Biddeston State School for the very first time. We trust that your association with the school will be a satisfying and rewarding experience, both for you and your children.

Each school year, students undertake new learning experiences that provide them with opportunities to grow both academically and socially. Our major goal as educators is to ensure that all students achieve to their full potential as they acquire new learning outcomes throughout their primary schooling. In order to fulfill these aims, we require a strong commitment from parents and trust that we will work together as a team to make this journey a most satisfying and happy one for you and your children.

As the year progresses, please do not hesitate to contact the school at any time to seek further information, to discuss any problem, or to offer assistance. The staff and I look forward to working with you. Together we can make a difference to the educational outcomes for your children.

Sharon Wilson
Teaching Principal
Biddeston State School
School Vision

At Biddeston State School
we aim to achieve the best educational outcomes for every student
in our school through quality curriculum, teaching and learning.

School Profile

Statement of Purpose

Our purpose is to provide the best possible conditions and opportunities for the educational development of the students of Biddeston State School.

Values and Beliefs

At Biddeston State School we are committed to ensuring that:
• all of our actions promote the best interests of students
• all of our actions are the very best quality we can achieve
• for all of our actions we are prepared to accept personal accountability.

We believe in:
• fostering a sense of school pride
• providing positive and supportive role models
• fostering independence, responsibility, excellence, tolerance, willingness to participate, self-confidence and self-esteem in students
• creating stimulating and supportive learning environments
• implementing the Australian curriculum
• continuing to develop our teaching skills and practices
• keeping informed of current educational trends and issues
• defining expectations and consequences for students
• co-operation and team work
• teaching high moral and social values ..... truthfulness, honesty, fairness, respect
• common courtesies.

School Environment

Biddeston State School serves the rural community and township of Biddeston. Biddeston is located 14 kilometres from Oakey and 29 kilometres from Toowoomba. Being a small school, composite classes exist.
The 2016 classes: Prep/Year 1, Years 2/3/4 and Years 5/6.

Biddeston State School has a warm, friendly environment, characterized by caring school staff, happy children and supportive parents. The school prides itself in developing a very safe and supportive environment. The school acknowledges excellence through its Medallion Policy, as well as Special Parades each term where children’s work is presented to the community. At these functions, special awards are presented to students.

Facilities

The school has excellent facilities set in well-maintained grounds surrounded by mature and developing trees. A diligent cleaning and grounds care staff ensures that a high standard of hygiene is maintained.
On our site we have four general teaching classrooms with students having access to the following specialist facilities:
• Two landscaped outdoor learning areas
• A well-resourced, modern library
• Networked mini labs of computers located in each classroom
• Several undercover areas
• Oval with cricket pitch, soccer goals, netball court
• One tennis court
• Two adventure playgrounds
• Large covered outdoor learning area
• Canteen
• Bicycle track
Community Involvement

Parents are an integral part of the school. They are willing and supportive of the collaborative processes in the school and offer much assistance in classroom support, school programs and fundraising. The P & C Association works effectively and efficiently to raise funds to support the school budget and assists the school in achieving its goals and maintaining standards. Parents are proud of their school and feel it is a friendly, positive and supportive environment for their children to learn.

The Biddeston Team

Teaching Principal: Mrs Sharon Wilson

Teaching Staff:
Prep/Year 1 Mrs Trish Mason
Years 2/3/4 Mrs Sharon Wilson / Mrs Pam Orton
Years 5/6 Mr Craig Young

Teacher Aides:
Prep/Year 1 class support Mrs Janice Cowie / Ms Carmen Ribot
Years 5/6 class support / Playgroup / Library Mrs Karolyn Shaw
Years 3/4 class support Ms Carmen Ribot/Ms Amanda Mills

Administrative Officer: Mrs Valmai Nielsen

Support Staff:
Support Teacher (Literacy and Numeracy) Mrs Liz Lange (Mondays)
PE Specialist Mr Tony Morris (Thursdays)
Music Specialist Mrs Beth Wheeldon (Thursdays)
LOTE Specialist Ms Beverley Samuel (each Wednesday)

Cleaner: Ms Blossom Ross

Groundscare Persons: Mr Noel Gotz & Mrs Lyn Gotz

Each member of the Biddeston Team is dedicated to achieving the goals of the school as outlined in the Annual Operational Plan. We pride ourselves in being a professional, friendly, cohesive and communicative team who strive to understand and cater the needs of each of our students.

Day Organisation

8:30am Students begin to arrive
8:35am School bus
8:45am First bell rings – Parade, followed by Smart Moves
9:00am Beginning of class, Morning session – literacy
10:00am Snack break
11:00am First break and eating time
11:15am Students’ playtime
11:40am Cease-play bell, toilet/wash hands, line up for class, Middle session – numeracy
1:15pm Second break and eating time
1:30pm Students’ playtime
1:40pm Cease-play bell, toilet/wash hands, line up for class, Afternoon session
3:00pm School day concludes
3:15pm Bell, line up for calling of departure roll