From the Relieving Principal

As always the days at Bidwill have been very busy. Students and teachers are now settled into their classes and are working hard on everyone being good learners. Thankyou to all the parents who attended our Meet the Teacher afternoon last Wednesday. We had a very good turn up and I could tell from all the conversations happening that there was plenty of information being shared between teachers, parents and students. A huge thankyou to all our community members who supported our hard working P&C fundraiser, “Earn and Learn”. The shopping dockets that were collected were cashed in through Modern Teaching Aides for new resources for our students; they included musical instruments, maths equipment, world globes, arts and crafts supplies. At the end of Week 6 the school will be involved in an Education Support Team visit. This team will be interviewing parents, groups of students and teachers in order to get their ideas about the Literacy and Numeracy programs we offer at Bidwill Public School. More details about this is included in the newsletter today for your consideration. As always we appreciate your input and support.

Extremely Important Notice
Anaphylaxis

We currently have a number of students enrolled at our school who suffer from Anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a life threatening allergic reaction to certain foods and other allergens. In the cases we have at our school the triggers are latex, peanuts, cashew, brazil nuts, almonds, eggs, soy, seafood eg. tuna and grass. We are therefore requesting that students assist us in keeping all students safe by not bringing to school food or items containing any of the above. Thank you for your support.

Dates to Remember

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| Friday - 29.02.13 |        | Thursday - 28.02.13 |        | Friday - 29.03.13 |        |
| Fun run/Cross country, whole school | Book Giving Assembly | |

Bidwill Public School is Striving for Equity, Engagement and Excellence - Grow in Understanding
We currently have two day placements available at our Preschool. Please see the office for an application form.

**Breakfast Club News**

Again this year Breakfast Club is up and running. We are very fortunate that the Breakfast Club has such generous sponsors, who without their generosity the program would not be able to operate 5 days a week. We would like to take this opportunity to again publicly thank:-

- Tara Lama—Bakers Delight Plumpton…donate their leftover bread to the program on Mondays nights…Outstanding!
- Rooty Hill RSL for their terrific donation again in 2012

We would also like to thank our parent helpers

Mrs M - Mrs M has been working in the Breakfast Club since it opened in 2001….Outstanding!!!

Jodie (from our P & C) Jodie comes every Monday and any other day that we need her…Fantastic!!!

Please encourage your child to come for breakfast….it has become a meeting place for a social chit chat as well as breakfast for many of our students every morning...all are welcome.

Lesley King & Karin Hanshaw
Breakfast Club Cordinators

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**PSSA**

PSSA starts this Friday 22nd February and $7.00 needs to be paid to the office in an envelope any day of the week in the morning. Ms Pongi is Softball coach and it will be held at Peter Van Hasselt, Willmot. Mrs Blount is Volleyball and Newcombe ball coach and it will be played at Tregear PS and Ms Field is Teeball coach and this is held at Peter Van Hasselt, Shalvey. PSSA will run through to Friday 12th April 2013.

Thanks
Jacqui Cox

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**P&C News**

1st March 2013
Preschool to Year 6

Just a reminder the P&C are having an ice block day on 28th February. Ice blocks are available for 50c 1st lunch and 2nd lunch outside the Breakfast Club.

Uniforms-
Orders are now being taken for Winter tracksuits, please see Tammy if you wish to place an order. 50% deposit is required and sizes start from 4-16.

P&C Meeting-
Next P&C meeting is our AGM on Tuesday 5th March at 9:30am in the Breakfast Club. All membership is $2.00, everyone welcome..

Thank you
Bidwill Public School is a proud NRMA Insurance Western Sydney Wanderers FC Ambassador. The NRMA Insurance Western Sydney Wanderers FC is a growing club with a keen commitment to community. As a participant in the School Ambassador Program, Bidwill Public School was visited by two of the clubs A League stars. Year two students were able to participate in a FREE Wanderers FC Soccer in Schools Clinic Program as well as receive at least 100 soccer balls for participants and students of the school.

Teacher Lidia Alvarado said it was a chance for students to be engaged in a proven skill development program by professional coaches. The clinic focused on developing ball mastery skills and game understanding through guided discovery. Each of the students who participated in the program received a free soccer ball.

Photo: Bidwill Public School Year Two students Leo, Kepoe, Aaliyah and Kei-ara with A League star Goal Keeper Jerrard Tyson.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our school is always interested in improving the way we cater for our students’ education. Sometimes this can be done by changing our organisation, offering new courses or developing further what we are already doing. The Department of Education and Training conducts reviews of schools to help schools improve programs for the benefit of all students.

An educational support team visit to our school has been scheduled from the 7th, 8th March and the 11th March.

A team will be visiting us at that time, and parents will be asked to meet with the team to talk about the school in a relaxed atmosphere. Your ideas for improvement will be most welcome.

The focus of the educational support team will be Literacy and Numeracy teaching and learning.

Parents will be randomly selected to talk with the team here at the school, or to have a telephone discussion with a team member. If you are not selected but would like the opportunity to speak with the team, please contact Ms Yard, via the office, here at the school, (9628 2444).

A random sample of students will also be involved in discussions with the team. Parents have the right to exclude their children from the process. If you do not wish your child to participate in discussions with a member of the educational support team, please contact Mrs Gregory, via the office, (9628 2444).

The outcome of the educational support team visit will be a report which we will be able to use for further planning. We look forward to your support and contributions.

Relieving Principal Contact Person for this program Contact Person for Parent Interviews
H. King Mrs Gregory Ms Yard
Junior Indoor Cricket

STARTING THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2013
- Thursdays U/8 & U/10s
- Fridays U/12, U/14s, U/16s
- Times from 4:30, 5:15, 6 and 6:45pm
- 6 a side
- U/8- U/16- Boys and Girls
- $6 per game per child. A free team shirt when registering!
- Individuals and teams welcome!
- Register any weekday in March from 3-6:30pm

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Work Opportunities for Woman (WOW)

**WOW course for woman starting soon**

so call to register your name...

**Where:** Bidwill Uniting Church (MDCM)

26 Bidwill Square, Bidwill

**When:** Feb 11th 2013

**Time:** 10 - 2pm

WOW participants will go on to receive a hair, skincare and clothing workshop, and a luncheon presentation at TAFE...

Contact Maria on 0438407638 or 98352970

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Astronomy Night for Dads & Kids

AUSTRALIA - NOOO! - What is the likelihood of aliens and are we really unique?

The University of Western Sydney Penrith Observatory is running a special astronomy night for Dads & Kids on Saturday, 9 March from 8pm. The evening will not only include a talk by Associate Professor Miroslav Filipovic, Director of the UWS Penrith Observatory, but a 3D astronomy movie and observing of the night sky through the University’s computerised telescopes.

Cost:
$15 adult
$10 child/concession
$40 family.

Bookings are essential:
Book online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On
Enquiries: Phone (02) 4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

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30th annual Charity Shield
St George Illawarra Dragons v South Sydney Rabbitohs

Ticket Offer - 7.30pm kick-off - Friday 22 February

Sydney Olympic Park: Please check timetables for last trips departing Sydney Olympic Park.

Sydney Buses: Will operate on a normal weekday timetable. Route 255 operates between Paramatta and Burwood via Sydney Olympic Park Station. Service to Olympic Park Station.

Public transport: Fans heading to the match by train should travel to Lidcombe Station and change for a connecting bus. The University’s OMC1 service does not operate on this route. Transport is not included in the ticket price.

4. Select EzyTicket as the delivery method and print them with you on the day to gain entry through the gates.

5. Purchase their tickets and complete their details.

4. Select EzyTicket as the delivery method and bring them with you on the day to gain entry through the gates.

2. Enter one of the special passwords listed below:
- Blue Fans: FOOTY
- Rabbitohs fans: GREEN
- Dragons fans: RED
- Public: FOOTY

To take up this offer, students and staff members at your school should:
- 2. Enter one of the special passwords listed below:
- 3. Purchase their tickets and complete their details.
- 4. Select EzyTicket as the delivery method and print them with you on the day to gain entry through the gates.
- 5. Purchase their tickets and complete their details.

To check bus timetables, visit www.131500.com.au.

Parking: Casual parking is available in the precinct. The closest parking station to ANZ Stadium is P1.

Please note: Students must have parental permission to purchase tickets in this offer. Transport is not included in the ticket price.

30th annual Charity Shield match at ANZ Stadium from 7.30pm on Friday 22 February

Match hosts: Rugby League's great rivals the St George Illawarra Dragons and South Sydney Rabbitohs will battle it out in the

30th annual Charity Shield 2013 fixture will be the pre-season highlight before the NRL season swings into action on Thursday 7 March.

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