From the Principal

Welcome back to term 4. All classes have settled back into the school routine very quickly. This term will be very busy with our preschool to school transition and orientation. Kindergarten orientation starts Thursday 5th November. We are now accepting enrolments for both Kindergarten and preschool 2016 so if you have a child ready for Kindergarten or preschool next year please see our office staff for the relevant enrolment forms.

Our year 6 students have started their transition to high school program today with visits to Chifley College Bidwill Campus scheduled over the coming weeks.

Swim school starts next Monday 19th October and will continue for 2 weeks. Notes have been given to students attending with information about what they need to bring.

Many of our year 5 & 6 students will be heading to Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation camp on 21 October for 2 nights. This will be an exciting time for these students and we look forward to hearing all about it on their return.

With the warmer weather coming please remember to send a bottle of water to school with your children and also ensure that they bring a hat to wear on the playground during break times.

Toni Thomas

Bidwill Festival

Bidwill Festival was held on the first Saturday of the holidays was an outstanding success and all the staff and students who took part should be congratulated particularly Ms Roberts and Mrs Lewis both of whom played a significant role in the planning and organising to ensure success. A wonderful time was had by all during the day. Staff had the opportunity to make some excellent connections and share examples of the wonderful work our teachers and students do each day with the wider Bidwill community.

I would particularly like to thank the Bidwill Drummers, Pacific Islander Dance Group and the Young and Deadly dancers for putting on outstanding performances showcasing all the wonderful talent we have at Bidwill Public School.

Our school stand was exceptional and the balloons and decoration only added to the festivities of the day and we look forward to building upon this in the future.
**Matilda**
We have the opportunity to go to Matilda the Musical next year for a discounted price of $50. This is open to all students in Year 1- Year 5. If you would like your child to attend please pay the $20 deposit by Friday 16th October.

![Matilda the Musical Image]

**Year 5/6 Camp**
Camp is next week on Wednesday 21st October and we are going to Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre. We need all medical notes and permission notes returned by Friday 16th October. All money needs to be paid by Tuesday 20th October and if this is a problem please contact Mrs Cox to make arrangements. It is going to be a wonderful experience for all students and many memories will be created. There are a few spots still left if you would like your child to attend.

**Upcoming Dates Year 6**
- Year 6 transition to high school at Bidwill High School on Wednesdays 14th, 28th October and 18th November from 9am - 11am
- Year 6 Fun Day - Wednesday 25th November
- High School Orientation for Chifley College Bidwill is Tuesday 1st December
- Manly Beach Day- Wednesday 2nd December - Notes will come home in Week 4
- Year 6 Farewell is at Rooty Hill RSL 6pm Tuesday 8th December
- Year 6 Graduation - School Hall Tuesday 15th December

**Breakfast Club**
The Breakfast Club team, together with the students and the wider Bidwill community would like to thank Jason and Dream Centre Australia for sponsoring the Bidwill Breakfast Club Program.

Jason and his organisation are meeting the needs required to run our Breakfast Club by providing and delivering to us bread, spread, butter and poppers. We are very much looking forward to working with Jason in the future.

We cannot thank Tara Lama, owner of Bakers Delight Plumpton, enough for his years of generosity in allowing us to collect the leftover bread and rolls each week, - a simple thank you hardly seems adequate.

Rooty Hill RSL was our major sponsor this year and without them and Clubs NSW, programs such as the Breakfast Club would not be able to operate.

Lastly but not least, Mrs M (Sharon Mulholland) has been cooking toast for the students at Bidwill for approximately 15 years...outstanding Mrs M! Thank you very much.

A thank you to our “mystery” teacher who often provide loaves of bread and jars of jam and honey because she would like to help out.

**Kids in hot cars**
*Never leave children alone in a car*

After rescuing 20 per cent more children from locked cars last summer than the previous year NRMA Motoring & Services is again urging parents to not leave children locked in cars. NRMA Motoring & Services in conjunction with ‘Kidsafe’ has developed the ‘Hot Cars’ brochure to warn of the dangers of leaving children locked in cars.

On a typical Australian summer day, the temperature inside a parked car can be 30°C - 40°C hotter than outside the car.

That means that on a 30°C day, the temperature inside the car could be as high as 70°C!  
- 75% of the temperature increase occurs within five minutes of closing the car.
- Darker-coloured cars can reach slightly higher temperatures than lighter-coloured cars.
- Large cars can heat up just as fast as small cars.
- The colour of interior trim has little effect on the speed that the temperature can increase inside a car.
- Having the windows down 5cm causes only a slight decrease in temperature with an outside temperature of around 30°C.

Research shows that the inside of a car can reach 78°C in a closed car and 70°C in a car with open windows.

**What are the risks?**
- The temperature and humidity inside the car begin to increase while the airflow decreases.
- As the temperature increases inside the car, the child can begin to develop heat stress and start to dehydrate.
- Young children are more sensitive to heat than older children and adults. This can put them at greater risk of heat stroke and other heat-related illnesses.
- If the child becomes distressed and tries to get out of their restraint, they could be at risk of strangulation on the harness.

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**NSW Government**

**Education & Communities**

**Be SAFE**

**Be RESPECTFUL**

**Be a LEARNER**
### Bunya Awards

Congratulation for being Safe, Respectful Learners

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### Dates to Remember

#### October
- Thursday 15th: Water & Sun Safety Talk
- M 19th - F 30th: Swimming Scheme
- Wednesday 21st: Stage 3 Camp
- Wednesday 28th: Yr 6 Chase your Dreams, Yr 6 High School Transition

#### November
- Wednesday 4th: Yr 6 Chase your Dreams, Halloween Disco
- Thursday 5th: Grandparents Day, Kindy Orientation
- Wednesday 11th: Yr 6 Chase your Dreams, Remembrance Day, Healthy Harold
- Thursday 12th: Kindy Orientation
- Monday 16th: Healthy Harold
- Tuesday 17th: Healthy Harold
- Wednesday 18th: Yr 6 Chase your Dreams, Yr 6 High School Transition, Healthy Harold
- Thursday 19th: Kindy Orientation
- M 23rd - Fri 27th: AMDC Dental Visits
- Monday 23rd: Healthy Harold
- Tuesday 24th: Healthy Harold
- Wednesday 25th: Yr 6 Chase your Dreams, Healthy Harold, Fun Day
- Thursday 26th: Kindy Orientation, Kindergarten Opera House

#### December
- Tuesday 1st: Yr 6 High School Transition
- Wednesday 2nd: Yr 6 Manly Excursion
- Thursday 3rd: Kindy Orientation
- Friday 4th: Celebration Assembly
- Tuesday 8th: Yr 6 Farewell, Books in Homes Assembly
- Thursday 10th: Preschool Graduation
- Friday 11th: Presentation Assembly
- Tuesday 15th: Yr 6 Graduation Assembly
- Wednesday 16th: Bidwill’s Got Talent!

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**Hats**

As part of our school uniform, students are reminded to wear a hat at school. All students are expected to wear a hat during lunch and when participating in sport.

Bidwill Public School caps for sale for $5 or we have a school bucket hat for $2.

You can help by reminding all students to bring a hat to school. This will be very much appreciated.

**Let’s have “lids” on all our kids!**
Last Thursday stage 1 & 2 students enjoyed participating in the hands on maths activities at World of Maths. Students had the opportunity to work in small groups and solve mathematical problems while manipulating objects. All students were engaged and had a lot of fun learning new mathematical skills and problem solving strategies.
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

Re: Whooping Cough - Public Health alert

There has been an increase of whooping cough (Pertussis) notifications in the Western Sydney area since June 2014, particularly in the 2155 postcode area.

In order to prevent further cases of whooping cough Western Sydney Public Health Unit advises the following:

If your child (or any member of your family) has any of the symptoms of whooping cough, such as a dry or persistent cough, which may be especially bad at night, please see your doctor and take this notice with you. A nose and throat swab test can be performed to confirm the diagnosis.

If your child has whooping cough, your doctor will arrange a course of antibiotic treatment. Antibiotics given early in the illness are effective in stopping the cough and in preventing spread to other people. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough please advise the school and keep your child at home until s/he has taken 5 days of antibiotics.

A whooping cough fact sheet is enclosed. More information on whooping cough is available on the NSW Health website at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx or please call Western Sydney Public Health unit on 9840 3603 if you have any queries.

Thank you for your attention.
Tuesday 6th October
Making letters with sticks

Today during our morning outdoor play we started making a camp fire with the sticks. Ebony discovered that she could also form letters with the sticks.

“Look x like in planet X”
Miss Tiffany wondered if there were any other letters we could make with the sticks.

Ebony began to form a number of different letters using the sticks.

She formed the letters H, I and R.

Outcomes:
1.2 - Children develop their emerging autonomy, inter-dependence, resilience and sense of agency.
2.4 - Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment.
3.1 - Children become strong in their social and emotional wellbeing.
5.2 - Children engage with a range of texts and gain meaning from these texts.
5.3 - Children express ideas and make meaning using a range of media.

Pedagogical practice:
PPBS: learning through play.
What to do next?

Continue to use the outdoor environment as a natural resource to extend on this interest in forming letters. Bring natural materials inside to extend and further develop Ebony’s understanding around letter formation.
Meeting our Fire-Fighters!

Monday 12th October 2015

Over the last couple of weeks the interest in the Kookaburras room has been “People Who Help Us In Our Community”. The most popular response was “fireman”.

Today we were very lucky to be able to join the kindergarten children for their visit from the Rural Fire Fighters. We remembered the very important numbers of ‘000’ to call when we need help. We each had a turn at holding the fire hose and spraying the grass. Then we explored the fire truck. The fire fighters were both males and females and were very happy to help us learn about staying safe around fires.

Learning Outcomes 2.1 - Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation. 3.2 - Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing. 4.3 - Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another.

I really enjoyed watching your excitement as the fire-fighters demonstrated their equipment. You were able to recognise the important number we dial in case of an emergency being ‘000’. You bravely took part in the demonstrations and explored how the fire-fighters use the hoses.
Play, Learn and Grow Together!

Playgroup is starting up at Aboriginal Catholic Services

Starts: Monday 12 October 2015
Time: 9:30 to 10:30
Venue: 252-254 Luxford Rd, Emerton NSW

This is in partnership with HIPPY Emerton, ACS Emerton and Holy family, Parish.
Children 0 to 5 years
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

If you are interested please call Linda McDonald
029628 0084

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The Mount Druitt Reconciliation Group
welcome the whole community to
the Yarning Circle & Fire Pit
Friday 9th October, 5-9pm
at Holy Family Centre, Emert Pde/Luxford Rd Emerton 2770

Come and join Uncle Wes Manne and others to share
stories around the fire, eat and talk. Families with
children are welcome. BBQ provided. Please bring a plate
or story to share.

RSVP to Debbie on: 0417 420 620 or email: pheonixgal@live.com.au
or Lyn: 0421 788 770 or email: lynlew@optusnet.com.au

Aunty Edna Watson, Uncle Wes Manne and Allen Watson
Photo by Amanda James, 2013

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Doll, Bear, Craft Show

Saturday 24th to Sunday 25th October 2015
9:30am - 4pm
Adults $6 • Concession $4 • Children $2

FEATURING:
- Unique Handmade Products
- Reborn Dolls
- Dolls and Accessories
- Wooden Toys and Furniture
- Dolls Houses and Supplies
- Teddy Bear and Making Supplies
- Aromatherapy - Jewellery - Craft

For more information call 4731 3000
or visit www.dollbearcraftshow.com.au

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SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

Upcoming Event

Astronomy Night - Special Event:
Dr Lee Spitter - A Night in the Life of an Astronomer

Ever wanted to know what its like to be a professional astronomer?
Through a visual journey, you will travel with our guest astronomer Dr
Lee Spitter on an observing trip to the remote 6.5-metre Baade
Magellan Telescope. In the still Children night, you will collect
astronomical data to hunt for galaxies billions of light years away from
Earth. Learn about the trials and tribulations of a professional
astronomer.
The evening will also include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the
dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the
observatory’s telescopes.
Cost: $10 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 Family (2 adults & 2
children: children under 3 free)

Bookings are essential:
Book and pay online: westernsydney.edu.au/observatory, What’s On
Tel: (02) 4736 0135 Email: penrithobservatory@westernsydney.edu.au
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