National Young Leaders Day
On Monday March 23 our student leaders will be attending the National Young Leaders Day at the Entertainment Centre. Mrs Lewis will take the school captains and vice captains to this annual event for a day of inspiration. It is an early start with the group meeting at school at 7am.

Easter Hat Parade
Can you believe it's almost Easter! We are holding our annual Easter Hat Parade on Thursday April 2. This year our Easter Hat parade will not have individual winners, rather a special visitor with a basket of chocolate eggs will ensure all students have an Easter treat. The Easter Hat parade will commence at 9:30am in the COLA. The Easter raffle baskets look delicious, make sure you have bought some tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the Easter Hat parade.

Election Day BBQ
The staff are cooking up a storm this Election Day to raise funds for our students resources! We will be selling sausage sandwiches, cold drinks and chocolate eggs to the voters on Saturday March 28. Bring your change and grab a bite to eat while you wait to vote. There will also be a chance to buy a few extra tickets for the Easter raffle.

Robotics in the Classroom
Just recently we purchased a new robotics set for students to participate in learning robotics. They are a great learning tool and students are really enjoying their robotics lessons. It's fabulous to be able to buy interactive new tools for our students learning. The more funds we raise the more options we can provide for our students.

Learning til 3pm
Our students are involved in learning until the bell goes at 3pm. It becomes tricky for our younger students to remain focused on their learning when we have siblings playing in the buildings and parents chatting near classroom doors. We welcome parents and families to collect their children inside our school grounds however we ask that you wait outside of both Bidwill and Bunya buildings until 3pm. We have a beautiful new garden with picnic chairs to sit at and the shaded COLA area also. At the end of the schools day staff will support students in meeting their parents and siblings for the trip home. We appreciate your consideration.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE - YOUR CHILD’S INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE PLAN/UPDATE

So that we can effectively manage your child’s needs/conditions, it is necessary that we have a current and accurate medical plan. These plans may be for asthma, allergies etc. If you are unsure of what to provide, please see Mrs Starling at the office.

Thankyou
**Dates to Remember 2015**

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**Preschool Reminders**

Preschool will be celebrating Harmony Day by having an afternoon tea. The afternoon tea will commence at 1.45pm. Could you please bring a plate of food to share.

We look forward to seeing everyone and enjoying a lovely Harmony Day.

The last day of term 1 for preschool students will be Thursday 2nd April. On this day we will be closing early at 11.30am.

Thank you Raheela

**Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club is open every day from 8.30am – 8.50am for children whether they are toddlers, pre-schoolers or primary students.

We would not be able to operate Breakfast Club without the ongoing support of our local clubs; this year again Rooty Hill RSL and Bakers Delight at Plumpton who donate their leftover bread on Mondays.

We encourage the children to come in and sit down. The teacher on duty will bring the tray of toast to them, or they can take some toast and go. On occasions we are also able to offer Milo.

This term we welcome to the Breakfast Club a former student of Bidwill Public – Bill. He has been helping with the toast and entertaining the students with his skills at card tricks… it has been a great success and the students really enjoy trying to guess how he does some of his tricks.

Welcome back to Mrs M, who has been with us for many years cooking toast. You are a Bidwill treasure!!!

Lesley King & Karin Hanshaw

**Crazy Hair Day!**

Crazy Hair Day is next Thursday 26th March. Notes with more details will be handed out in the coming days.

Get your colours and hair accessories ready!

Mrs Roberts

**Best Class Award**

Week 6 - 2P
Week 7 - 4F

**Thank you**

A big thank you to Scenic World Blue Mountains and Panthers Kelly’s Brasserie for their wonderful donation of Vouchers for our upcoming Mothers Day Raffle.

Don't forget! Book Club orders are due: 20th March
Year 6 school shirt
These shirts are a wonderful way for students to remember their last year at Bidwill Public School and students can use them as their school shirt for the remainder of the year. Deposits for the shirts must be paid this Friday 20th March. The balance will need to be paid in full before the shirt is sent home.

Easter Raffle!
Bidwill Public School is running an Easter Raffle. All students have taken tickets home to sell and more are available in the office. Tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for $1. Please make sure names and phone numbers are written on the tickets and send the correct money when they are returned to the school office. We have 6 amazing baskets full of chocolates to be won and it will be drawn on the 2nd April 2015 after the Easter Hat Parade. Good luck!

Bidwill Public School App!
Don’t forget to download our new school app! It is completely free to download, just search 'Bidwill Public School' in your app store. The app is available in the “App Store” for iPhone and iPad users or in the “Play Store” for Android users. We can't wait to have some families download the app and give us feedback. We hope you enjoy it and find it useful!

Year 6 Fundraiser
A big thank you to everyone who has ordered cookie dough for our year 6 fundraiser. We have made a total profit of $555, thank you for your support.

ZOOSNOOZ
Stage 2 ZoosnooZ excursion is now full. We are still accepting permission notes which will hold your place on a waiting list. Thank you for all your support.

NSW State Election 2015
The NSW State Election will be on Saturday 28th March. Voting booths will be set up in our school hall. Bidwill Public School will be running a sausage sizzle on the day.
Egg in a hole

Ingredients
Slice of bread: 1
Egg: 1
Butter: 1 teaspoon
Cookie cutter

Method:
1. Heat a pan
2. Use a cookie cutter to cut a hole in the centre of the slice of bread.
3. Spread butter on one side of the bread and put it in the pan.
4. Crack an egg and put it in the hole inside the bread.
5. Let it cook on medium heat for 1 minute.
6. Carefully flip the bread and cook for another minute.
7. Your egg in the hole is ready to be eaten

Enjoy!
Monday 16th March
Multicultural group

Today we had Samaira’s mum come in and paint some beautiful henna on everyone’s hand. She painted some beautiful designs for the children to experience a traditional custom in their family culture.

We learned that henna is made from a plant. You need to dry out the leaves, crush them and then it goes through various steps before it is turned into a paste. We also discovered that henna was used to cool people down in the desert and to heal people in ancient times.

Thank you again for spending your time completing these beautiful designs.

Outcome:
1.4: Children learn to interact in relation with others with care, empathy and respect.
2.1: Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary to active community participation.

Pedagogical practice:
PPS: cultural competence

Where to next?
Continue programmed activities during our multicultural week and encourage parents to share some of their traditions with the children.
16.3.15

A Ride On The Bus

Lucas, Sale, Hozaan and Jeremiah were very creative outside today with the outdoor chairs.

When Miss Raheela asked them what they had made Lucas explained “it’s a bus”.
Hozaan added “it’s taking us to the pool”.
Sale pointed to Lucas and told Miss Raheela “he is the driver”.
Jeremiah sat and said “this is my seat”.

Learning Outcomes

1.2 - Children develop their emerging autonomy, inter-dependence, resilience and sense of agency.
2.3 - Children become aware of fairness
4.1 - Children develop dispositions for learning such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity.
5.1 - Children interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes
PP2 - Responsiveness to children
PP8 - Learning through play

What Next?
Continue transport activities in class as well as introduce the wheels on the bus song. Wh?

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Learning Story From Preschool Possums

Possum Cafe

10-03-15

Learning Outcome 4.3 - Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another.

The children were excited to see the possums and were eager to learn more about them. They asked many questions and were fascinated by the animals. They learned about the different types of possums and their habitats. They practiced their fine motor skills by feeding the possums and practicing their writing skills by creating possum-themed art projects.

Learning Outcome 5.2 - Children engage with a range of texts and games relating from their experiences.

The children read books about possums and watched videos to learn more about them. They also created their own stories and poems about possums, which they shared with the class. They practiced their oral language skills by performing a skit about possums for the class.

Learning Outcome 5.3 - Children listen to and understand a range of purposes.

The children were able to listen to and understand the purposes of the various texts and activities related to possums. They were able to identify the different purposes of the texts and activities and were able to respond appropriately to them.

Overall, the children had a great time learning about possums and were excited to learn more. They were able to transfer and adapt what they had learned from one context to another and were engaged in a range of texts and games relating to their experiences.
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.

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