From the Principal

Last week was a fabulous week for our school. Bidwill Public School students performed at Mount Druitt Westfield and Rooty Hill RSL, as well as during our Education week assembly. The confidence our students displayed while performing was a great reflection of the hard work they put into preparing for the day. Congratulations to our Drummers, Choir, Pacific Islander dance group and our Year 4 Hip Hop dance group, we are very proud of you.

Our P-2 athletics carnival was held on Thursday, with beautiful weather helping to make the day fabulous. The students displayed great sportsmanship. Thank you to the many parents and family members who came along to share the day with us.

This Friday is the first Friday of the month when we would normally have our parent cuppa and catch up. Unfortunately I am not at school this Friday. We will have to reschedule to Friday August 14 at 9am in the Bidwill (Community) room. I look forward to catching up with you then.

Yesterday Mrs Cox took two teams to compete in the Royce Simmons cup. Our teams both played exceptionally well. Congratulations to our players. With no reserves the teams played all matches and maintained the great effort bringing the successful results we have. We made it through to the grand finals. The next game is Tuesday September 8th.

Book week is coming and with book week comes our Big Bidwill Book Bonanza. We hope you can join us on Wednesday August 26th for this event. Students are encourage to dress up and join the parade. More details to follow in this newsletter.

Have a great week,

Toni Thomas
Bunya Awards
Congratulation for being Safe, Respectful Learners

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Dates to Remember 2015

**August**

- Tues 11th - School Spelling Bee
- Wed 12th - Chase Your Dreams (year 6)
- Fri 14th - Parent catch up, Bidwill room 9am
- Wed 19th - Chase Your Dreams (year 6)
- Thurs 20th - UWS visit (year 6)

**Week 7 Book Week**

Theme: Books light up our world

- Mon 24th - District Athletics
- Tues 25th - Stage 2 Zoosnooz
- Wed 26th - Book week parade
- Thurs 27th - Sport and Family Photos
- Fri 28th - Multicultural Day

**September**

- Wed 2nd - Chase Your Dreams (year 6)
- Wed 8th - Regional Spelling Bee
- Wed 9th - Chase Your Dreams (year 6)
- Tues 15th - OneSight Vision Testing
- Wed 16th - Chase Your Dreams (year 6)
- Thurs 17th - Surf Talk (year 6)

**Spelling Bee 2015**

Our Annual Spelling Bee Competition is this coming Tuesday 11th August (week 5). We have 24 Stage 2 and 3 excellent spellers who have been working hard to learn new words and practice their skills at home and at school. The competition will be held in the Lower staffroom at 9:20am for Years 3 & 4 and 11:40 for Years 5 & 6. We hope to see parents and families there supporting their students.

Our super spellers are:

- Ella 3/4Y
- Lachlan 3/4Y
- Judith 3/4Y
- Andrew 3/4Y
- Eva 3/4Y
- Beau 3/4Y
- Douglas 5M
- Lillian 5M
- Amy 5M
- Dezmond 5M
- Machilah 5M
- Journey 5M
- Phoenix 4B
- Courtney 4B
- Hannah 4F
- Alfonso 4F
- Jahsel 4B
- Selena 4B
- Fili 6P
- Aj 6H
- Tyleeka 6H
- Connor 6P
- Kirsty-Lee 6C
- Brooke 6P

Thank you Mrs Carstens
**Stage 3 Camp**

Camp cut off is Thursday 6th so please ensure you have sent the note and deposit into the front office otherwise all students after Thursday will go on a waiting list. Camp is in Term 4 week 3 Wednesday 21st October to Friday 23rd October. The total cost is $300 which needs to be paid in full by Friday 16th October.

**Library News**

Our library is getting a new computer system for borrowing books. Unfortunately no books are able to be borrowed for 2 weeks until the system is fully up and running. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**Thumbs Up Award**

Jackson 3/4Y
Judith 3/4Y

For both taking pride in our school and cleaning up other peoples rubbish in Bidwill Block.

**Royce Simmons Shield**

I’m very proud of all boys that played in Royce Simmons today and thank you to all parents who came and supported us today. All boys made Bidwill very proud. The A team played 5 games and only lost one and they were the winners of today's Royce Simmons Shield. The B team played 3 games and only lost in the final and they were runners up. I’m extremely proud of all of them and thank the parents so much for their support!

Jacqui Cox

**A Team Winners**

![A Team Winners](image)

**B Team Runner-ups**

![B Team Runner-ups](image)

**Year 6 Shirts**

Final Orders for Year 6 shirts close at 3pm Thursday 6th so please make sure your orders and deposits of $28.00 are paid to the front office.

**Westfield Performance**

*The Pacific Islands Dance group, Choir, 4B Hip Hop Group and the Bidwill Beats Drummers*

On Tuesday 28th July, Bidwill Public School students performed for Education Week at Mt Druitt Westfield. The Pacific Islands Dance group, Choir, 4B Hip Hop group and the Bidwill Beats Drummers all put on a stunning display for our parents and the local community. They did us proud and showcased the wonderful diversity our school has in creative Arts. Well done students and thanks to our dedicated teachers for all their hard work.

Mrs Lewis

**Pacific Islander Dance Group**

The Bidwill Pacific Islander Dance Group performed at the Mt Druitt - Minchinbury Public Education Concert on Friday 31st August at Rooty Hill RSL. They performed beautifully and represented our school with pride. Thank you to all students, staff and parents involved.

Mrs Marques and Mr Vave Vaoga
P–2 Athletics Carnival

Last Thursday P–2 held their Athletics Carnival. After postponing the carnival late in Term 2 due to rain, we were lucky enough to have beautiful weather. As the sun shone brightly, students participated in many different events including running races, obstacle courses and egg and spoon relays. Everyone tried their hardest and had a fantastic time.

We held two special races – a Teachers race and Parents race. Miss T won the Teachers Race and Tiana’s Grandmother (KY) won the Parent Race. Well Done!

Thank you to all of the families who came to support and cheer on their children. 😊

—I liked the jump things on the obstacle course—
Andrew J Preschool Possums

—I liked the running races because it was so fun. I came 2nd, 3rd and last. Jo, Josh, Riley and Midac were faster than me. Levi Leo 2P

—The tunnel in the obstacle course was the coolest—
Paul Manu KY

Athletics Carnival 48-15

The athletics carnival was on Thursday, my favourite activity was the tunnels. I liked when you had to skip and then go through the tunnels then go over the hula hoops and then balance on the line and then skip again and keep going until the teacher yells stop. My group liked it because the tunnel kept falling around and we had to climb through them.

By Chloe Smith
"The crawly tunnel with Miss Tiff was my favourite."

Ariana Esekielu KY

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On Thursday we had our Athletics Carnival and my favourite part was the time when we played Rob the Nest. We had to throw as many bean bags as we could and put them in our nest which was a boat. The running race was fun too. We took our drinks with us in a yellow box. It wasn't actually an Athletics Carnival, it was just like a sport day.

By: Kate Wells

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A huge thank you to all of the staff and student helpers who helped to make the Athletics Carnival such a success. - Mrs Roberts
Stage 2 - Hyde Park Barracks

Judith, Emmaline, Ella, Cecilia, Eva, Makayla, Tiana, Chloe & Norman 3/4Y

On Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} July, Stage 2 students and teachers went to Sydney to discover about early Australian history. We began in Sydney Botanical Gardens to have our lunch. After we ate we walked to the Hyde Park Barracks and met our guides who showed us around.

We pretended we were convicts and dressed up in the convicts clothes. We had to build a fire place using bricks. We had to lay the bricks in a particular way based on a plan.

Upstairs we saw the rooms the convicts slept in. We laid in a hammock like a convict. They were very comfortable. We could hear sounds as if the room was filled with convicts.

We learned that only male convicts were at Hyde Park Barracks. The female convicts were sent to Parramatta. They had to work from morning to night and had every Sunday off. On Sunday they were expected to spend hours at the church nearby.
Highlights from
Sydney
4B Hip Hop

Students in 4B have been learning a Hip Hop dance routine during Song Room sessions. They have worked cooperatively, enjoyed learning new moves and have gained in confidence when performing in front of others. They showed excellent timing and rhythm and their performances were superb in front of appreciative crowds at the Mount Druitt shopping Centre and the School's Education Week assembly.
Bidull PS is celebrating Multicultural day

Friday 28th Aug 9:30am
BIG BIDWILL BOOK BONANZA
26th Aug
Who lives at the Zoo?
28.7.15

Today at our writing centre Miss Raheela and Hallie were engaging in a conversation about animals seen at the zoo. Hallie gave Miss Raheela a huge list of animals. Miss Raheela tried to remember all the animals but ....... she just could not.
Hallie had a great suggestion “I write them” she said. She chose 4 animals and wrote on a piece a paper – great idea Hallie!

Hallie it was wonderful to see you recognise the importance and purpose of writing. Your writing attempts were fabulous and it is great to see you using literacy in your play.

PP2: Responsiveness to children
PP3: Learning through play

What Next? Introduce zoo words to writing centre.

Learning Outcomes:
4.1 - Children develop dispositions for learning such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity
5.4 - Children begin to understand how symbols and pattern systems work
Today we continued our interest in making signs to tell people important information. Miss Louise found us some traffic signs to use as inspiration. Tavita told Miss Louise we needed to make another sign to say “Do not go in the park because they are building a new one and it’s dangerous.” Sophia made a sign too to warn people “to stay on one side” Holly looked at some of the signs with Miss Louise and asked what each sign meant. She then drew her own sign “This says stay left!” pointing to the image of the arrow that she had created. Tavita looked at the picture of the car skidding. “This sign means stay off the grass for cars” pointing to his image on the paper. “I can’t draw a car” Miss Louise and Tavita both used the image on the sign to help draw a car. Part of the way through drawing Tavita decided “it’s a skateboard now. The people on the skateboards aren’t allowed on the grass cause it’s too slippery.”

Learning Outcome 4.3 - Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another
Learning Outcome 5.1 - Children interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes
Learning Outcome 5.2 - Children engage with a range of texts and gain meaning from these texts
Learning Outcome 5.3 - Children express ideas and make meaning using a range of media
PPS Responsiveness to Children PPS Learning Environments

In this experience I watched as you extended your learning about signs and how they keep us safe. You were very concerned that people should not enter our fenced area and were eager to make sure that they knew why. You were curious about visual images and responded with questions and interest to the addition of signs onto the table. You were able to make meaning from these and use them as inspiration to create your own signs. Next I think we may work on other ways of making signs using symbols and words.
TRANSITION TO SCHOOL GROUP

Children starting school in 2016, along with their parents, are invited to come along to our get-ready-for-school group.

Day: Thursdays
Time: 9.30-11.00
Place: Bunya Room
Bring: Fruit and water for morning tea
Wear: Comfy play clothes
Starting: Thursday 13th August

Get set:

Parents and children together

Thursdays
9.30-11.00am

Bunya Room

Starts 13-8-15

Join us for some fun and take home something special each week!

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