# Biddabah School Newsletter



Thursday, May 8, 2014

13/14



**PSSA Rugby League Knockout** On Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May the Senior Boys Rugby League team travelled to Bower Oval at Glendale to compete in the PSSA Knockout Small Gala Day. Biddabah had a great first game beating Rathmines 24 -8. In the second game against Edgeworth they were beaten in extra time with the scores tied at 12 all at full time. I would like to congratulate the team on such a great effort. I would also like to thank Richard Swain and the many parents who assisted with transport on the day. **Mr Alex Knight (***teacher***)** Photos Courtesy of Mrs Caroline Connolly.





#### Dear Parents,

Biddabah's captains and prefects remembered our ANZACs at the Speers Point Dawn Service on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April. At dawn with everybody at the Boolaroo/Speers Point cenotaph the heavens opened and the rain bucketed down. The service was transferred to the RSL club. Many thanks go to Mr Keith Harris and the parents for their supervision and support on the day. Amid showers, the students laid a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of the school.

#### Room Changes at Biddabah

Parents will recall that I had hoped to put 1D (our additional class in 2014) into a new demountable. Unfortunately we had to use the OOSH demountable (I won't go into the arguments).

This meant OOSH had to move out.

Through negotiation with the DEC, YMCA and the P&C we have agreed on the following:

- 1D will move out of the library to what was the OOSH demountable.
- OOSH will move into the P&Cs Uniform Shop.
- The Uniform Shop will move into what was the Planning Room.

I have included a map of the school with this newsletter to give you an update of the School Plan.

Last Sunday the P&C moved into the Planning Room and that is now up and running.

By this Friday the OOSH will have moved into the old Uniform Shop. Mr Roffey is giving the new OOSH room a clean-up and patch-up. Thanks to the P&C for providing a donation of \$200 to help with OOSH room maintenance.

Unlike the demountable we can decide to make some permanent changes and/or updates to the OOSH room.

The demountable is to be re-carpeted and the carpet layer will be in to lay the carpet by Thursday next week at the latest. We already have some of the furniture for the new classroom and I am chasing up the rest.

For class 1D all I can say is, it won't be long now.

If we do go to 19 classes in 2015 we won't have the same problems.





With ANZAC Day falling in the Autumn Vacation we conducted our ANZAC commemoration service on Monday this week.



Many thanks to Mr Harris and the school leaders who organised and conducted the service. Continuing thanks to the catafalque party who have been with us on ANZAC and remembrance day for many years now.

Their presence always makes the service more tangible for our students.

#### NAPLAN: Next Week

Once again it is time for students in Years 3&5 to participate in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Testing will take place next week on Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May. There will be the usual catch-up day on Friday. Every year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are assessed using national tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results help determine if students are reaching important educational outcomes. A NAPLAN information leaflet has been included at the end of this newsletter.

Parents should be aware that a student's assessment is a more complicated procedure than a one-off test. As useful as NAPLAN is for teachers, it is only part of a teacher's assessment of a student's ongoing progress through the year. Parents are provided with two semester reports supported by formal and informal interviews with teachers to review a full year's progress.



#### Walk Safely to School on Friday 23rd May



If you see trespassers in the school out of school hours we would appreciate a call to school security.



Green Plover Award

congratulations

Layna Cook

Will receive a certificate at the next Friday school



#### **VISITORS CARPARK**

PLEASE DO NOT PARK

in our

#### DISABLED CARPARK SPACE

This space is reserved for DROP OFF ONLY





Thursday 8th May

Stop Press information: Kelly Andriessen and Jo Chock (organisers of the Mother's Day Stall) reported a record profit of over \$3 000.

See next week's newsletter for photos and information from today's Mother's Day Stall.

Can I take this opportunity to wish all our mothers a Happy Mother's Day for Sunday.





#### An Investigation

Are you the mother of the boy who has been discarding his lunch in the boys' toilet each day?

So far Mr Roffey has found six rolls wrapped in gladwrap hidden behind the cistern in the boys' toilet.

3 x cheese & bacon

 $3 \times$  plain with vegemite filling (each vegemite roll has the letter 'V' written on the gladwrap.

If you are the mum, have a talk to your son about what he wants for lunch. If you need any help please contact the teacher.

NEXT WEEK: NAPLAN Tues Wed Thu

assembly.

#### Congratulations

#### Winners of Mathletics Certificates

Bronze

Camille Mossman Mikayla Hindmarch Alexander Sabotkovski Reuben Suba Hayden Spargo Oskar Watson Daniel Williams **Bailey** Creer Cooper Freund Emily Gesovski Ethan Cowling Jaimie Spargo Sasha Sabotkovski Liam Richardson Cooper Fitchett Alexandra Cowling

#### Silver

Freya Gearing Taylah Cowling Ezra Palombini Harrison Smithers Cameron White Jacob Fitchett

GYM Y5 Tues



# Library News

Welcome back to a busy time in the Library during Term 2. This term we will be focusing on authors and their intent/purpose in writing. Some of the authors studied will include Jackie French, Mem Fox, Alison Lester Robin Kleine and Cameron Stelzer.

Dr Cameron Stelzer is an author / illustrator who will be visiting our school early next term {www.cameronstelzer.com}

He will spend two days here inspiring students (and teachers) with his talents in writing and drawing There will also be an opportunity to purchase his books. A note will go out soon with details of dates and costing.

If your child has overdue books we ask them to look carefully at home before sending a reminder note. Please encourage them to also bring a library bag for borrowing purposes so books remain protected.

Thank you all. Thelma Keogh and Michelle Freund





Congratulations to the following students for achieving a **Bronze Certificate** in the School Banking Program:

Maddix Lake Eden Hilder Indi Hilder Hugo Collins Charlotte Neilands

Congratulations to the following students for achieving an **Outstanding Certificate** in the School Banking Program:

> Tayla McIntosh Ryan Brown Cameron Price Max Roach Riley McGregor

In their own Write

Today's featured class is 3/4C

I think everyone should cook because you would discover new flavours. By Noah

I think homework is bad because it interferes with life and you can do other stuff. By Luke

I think homework is good because it helps you learn Spelling and Maths. By Emerson

I think everyone should cook because you might live by yourself. By Chenaye

I think T.V. is better because you can watch your favourite program. By Oskar

I think T.V. is better than books because it has funny, amusing and exciting stuff. By Mat.

I think you should learn to cook because you can eat the nice foods you cook and bake. By Olivia

Everyone should learn to cook because if you're not married who is going to do it for you? By Lily

Books are better than T.V. because there are many choices and sometimes you learn more. By Jack

Homework is bad because it wastes time and it is boring. By Emily

Everyone should learn to cook so you won't get hungry. By Blake

Books are good because they can tell you about new words and imagination pictures. By Jack T

Homework is good because it helps you know different words and maths. By Sibhon

I think everyone should learn to cook because when you want to cook something and you can taste new flavours. By Isabella

I think books are better than T.V. because they give you information and they are good for your eyes. By Sam

I think everyone should learn to cook because you want to taste new flavours. By Ella

Everyone should learn to cook because its something to do and you can cook for yourself and it is fun. By Bailey

NEXT WEEK: NAPLAN Tues Wed Thu

GYM Y5 Tues Y6 Wed

I think T.V. is better than books because it has lots of information and a lot of variety. By Ezra

T.V. is better than books because it has lots of channels and you can use game consoles. By Flynn

Everyone should learn to cook because your children need to learn to cook for when they are big. By Joshua

I think everyone should learn to cook because you can discover different foods and cook yourself. By Lara

I think books are better than T.V. because T.V. wastes electricity and then you have to pay! By Charlotte

Everyone should learn to cook because you could end up on Masterchef and make your own food. By Rohan T.V. is easy to turn on and it is easy to watch in the house. By Braydon

Everyone should learn to cook because you can cook your best meal. By Charlie

I think T.V. is better than books because T.V. is easy to find and it is easy to look at because it is right in front of you. By Daniel

# Biddabah School Website News



#### www.biddabah-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Click on the latest **Biddabah School Newsletter** and the **latest DEC and school information**.

## This Week in Sport



#### Good for You Bailey

Year 5 student, Bailey Connolly of class 5/6L recently attended his annual Speers Point swimming club presentation. He did amazingly well, winning 15 awards in total including junior boy champion and 11 years champion. What an amazing effort from a very talented swimmer. Well done Bailey! We are very proud of you!



#### Good Luck Cross Country

The following students have qualified for the Hunter Cross Country to be held at Broadmeadow this Friday. Please accept my apology for anybody I have missed out.

James Lole, Jacob Marshall, Sophie Conway, Ezra Palombini, Holly Keeble, Lydia George, Taj Blackman, Sophie Keeble, Abigail Gooch and Lara Gooch

#### LOST PROPERTY



PLEASE CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY BOX REGULARLY

#### ABSENCES, LATE or EARLY LEAVERS

At Biddabah we now use computer roll marking. This means the system will generate a note to you for any unexplained absences.

Late children should be accompanied and signed in by a parent otherwise an explanation request will be sent home.

EXCURSIONS & PAYMENTS	DUE DATE				
Stage 2 Blue Mountains 18 -19 September 2014	Deposit by Fri 23 May Final payment Fri 29 August				
Stage 3 Gymnastics Yr 5 May 13, 20, 27, June 3 Yr 6 May 14, 21, 28, June 4	Full Payment is required by Tuesday 6 May				
Kinder, Yr 1, Yr 2, Reptile Park Friday 16 May	Permission notes and full payment required by 5 May.				
Boys Soccer KO Gala DayNotes and moneySelected studentsby 11 May					
Parents are advised that no payment will be accepted after the due date unless approved by the organising					

#### TOMORROW

teacher.

Friday	Hunter Cross Country (Broadmeadow)

School Assembly, 10.10am Presentation by 1D, Parents Welcome

NEXT WEEK				
Monday	Stage 1 Assembly 12.45pm Stage 2 Assembly 2.00pm			
Tuesday	NAPLAN Testing Years 3&5, Language & Writing			
Wednesday	NAPLAN Testing Years 3&5, Reading			
Thursday	Stage 3 Assembly 10.30am NAPLAN Testing Years 3&5, Numeracy			
Friday	School Assembly, 10.10am Presentation by 2T, Parents Welcome			

Wk	SCHOOL DIARY							
	NAPLAN WEEK							
3	May 12	NAPLAN (Tue-Thu) RAW ART (Wed) Gym Year 5 (Tue) Gym Year 6 (Wed) Assembly 2T (Fri)						
4	May 19	Lifesavers Years K 3 6 (Mon) Computer Competition (Tue) Gym Year 5 (Tue) Gym Year 6 (Wed) P&C (Wed) Assembly 1W (Fri)						
5	May 26	Gym Year 5 (Tue) Gym Year 6 (Wed Interrelate P&C (Wed) Assembly KX/KS (Fri)						
6	June 2	DISCO (Tue) Gym Year 5 (Tue) Gym Year 6 (Wed) Science Competition (Wed) Assembly 3/4C (Fri)						
7	June 9	QUEENS BIRTHDAY (Mon) Assembly 2K (Fri)						
8	June 16	Writing Competition (Mon) Spelling Competition (Tue) P&C (Wed) NAIDOC DAY (Fri) Assembly 3M (Fri)						
9	June 23	Assembly 5/6D (Fri)						



The next meeting of the Biddabah P&C and School Council will be at 7.30pm on

Wednesday, 21 May

#### P&C 7.30pm

#### Uniform Shop

#### The Uniform Shop has moved!!!!

Last Sunday, parent volunteers helped move our uniform shop into its new home – opposite 2Mc Classroom.

A BIG thank you to the following people for giving up their valuable time on a Sunday to help our school: Gary Crossley, Mark Freund, Leanne Fong, Matt Creely, Kim West and Mel Adams. Thanks also to the junior members of the Crossley, Creely and Freund families for coming along to school on the weekend and helping.

Please be patient when visiting our uniform shop as our volunteers tidy and organise our new premises.

One final reminder with winter approaching that the Uniform Shop stocks long grey cargo pants to help keep the boys warm in winter!

#### Mother's Day Stall 2014

Today our annual Mother's Day Stall was held in the hall and was a huge success!

The success of the stall would not have been possible if it were not for the amazing efforts of Kellie Andriessen and Jo Chock and all of our volunteers who came in this morning to help.

Thank you Ladies!

For the latest P&C News email pandc@biddabah.com.au



#### Entertainment Books - now due

Thank you to all of the families that have already made payment for their Entertainment Books/ Digital Memberships or returned their books so promptly.

Books are now due to be returned to school so if you have an Entertainment Book at home that you are not wishing to purchase, can you please send it to school with your child as soon as possible or drop it directly to the office so that your child's name can be marked off our list.

Digital Memberships do not require the Book so if you have already purchased a membership in digital format, please return your book to school.

If you would still like to purchase a Book/Membership, payment can be made online at:

<u>www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3482w9</u> or direct to the school office.

The Entertainment Book would make an excellent last minute Mother's Day gift...

Thank you for supporting Biddabah Public School P & C in our fundraising efforts.



#### Fete Opdate - Saturday 25th October 2014

Attached to this week's newsletter are our Sponsorship packages available for this year's fete.

If you or someone you know is interested in supporting the 2014 Fete, please pass on our packages and/or contact a member of our fete committee for further details.

The overall success of the fete relies heavily upon the generosity of our local businesses and we are always extremely grateful for any support we get.

Rides have been secured for the fete and over the next couple of weeks; we will send out details of the armbands, which entitle your children to unlimited rides for the duration of the fete. This year, we will be giving our families the opportunity to pay for armbands in installments over a period of 3 payments, to help budget throughout the year. Stay tuned for more details.



#### NEXT WEEK'S UNIFORM SHOP



TUESDAY MORNING 8.30 - 9.00am Kim West

WEDNESDAY MORNING 8.30 - 9.00am Jenny Preston

WEDNESDAY PM 2.30-3.00pm Michelle Hain

THURSDAY 2.30-3.00pm Nicole Stone



CANTE	CANTEEN ROSTER - Term 2 Week 3						
Mon	May 12	Louis James, Ellen Williams					
Tue	May 13	Nicole Sinclair, Mel Aurisch (9- 12),Michele Crossley (12-3)					
Wed	May 14	HELP NEEDED ×2					
Thu	May 15	Louis James (9-12) HELP NEEDED x1-2					
Fri	May 16	Louis James, Michele Crossley, Kristen Waddingham, Kerrie Keenan, Jo Chock					

CANTEEN ROSTER - Term 2 Week 4						
Mon	Mon May 19 Louis James, Michele Crossley					
Tue	May 20	HELP NEEDED ×2				
Wed	May 21	Nicole Sinclair, Judy Maddison, Jess Majurovski				
Thu	May 22	Louis James (9-12), Annie Palmer, HELP NEEDED ×1				
Fri	May 23	Louis James, Alessandra Nolan, Cheryl Brown, Tiz Perazzolo, Mel Aurisch (9-12) HELP NEEDED ×1				

#### Have we got your correct details?

This allows us to send messages, newsletters and critical information to all parents very quickly. We may need to inform you about a cancelled carnival; the late arrival of a bus; there may be a whole school emergency requiring you to collect children etc.

Have you changed your email address or Mobile Number?



Friday 9 May Please no orders after this date



#### Dogs in the School Grounds

The New South Wales Companion Animals Act was introduced in September 1998 and is about the welfare of animals, their owners and the broader community.

Section 14 of the Act

particularly states that dogs are PROHIBITED in SCHOOL GROUNDS (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled). Any visitor to the school is not able to bring their dog into the school grounds but may remain with their leashed dog on the footpath outside the school gates. The exceptions are Assistance dogs that are specifically trained to assist those who are sight or hearing impaired. I thank you for your anticipated co-operation in this matter.





The Biddabah P&C pay a subscription to the NSW Ambulance on behalf of all students enrolled at Biddabah School.

If a child is injured or becomes sick at school requiring attention or ambulance transport the cost will be covered by the P&C subscription.

#### WHAT YOU DO

If you receive an account from the NSW Ambulance related to a call from school, bring the account in to the office and we will take care of it.

Parents please note, there is no school or P&C insurance for accidents to students. You will either need to claim through Medicare or take out your own private insurance policy.

#### OTHER NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Tues School excursion to Warners Bay HS 3M, 3/4C, 4M, 4/5W, 5/6D, 5/6H, 5/6L

#### SCHOOL HALL BOOKINGS



Bookings for Biddabah's Communal Hall can be made with the principal. 4954 6058

#### ADVERTISING COSTS

Roadside Sign in Medcalf Street Your business can advertise on our roadside sign. Advertisers are offered one of the eight places for an annual fee of \$500. If you are interested in taking up this offer, please contact the principal: Mr. Graeme Mason.

Newsletter Advertising Costs (incl. GST)

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¼ Page	\$25 30 (week) \$330 (year)
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Distribute Your Pamphlets	\$25.00 (week)
SPECIAL OFFER $\frac{1}{4}$ Page Advertisement	1 Year \$330.00

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**Subscriptions** can be mailed each week for \$12/term or \$25/year. Contact Christine or Michelle for details.

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Graeme Mason Principal



GYM Y5 Tues Y6 Wed



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Develop confidence in reading, writing and maths. Get help with homework and assignments.

In my home ph. Cathy Blunt 4946 1993

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#### Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2014

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government's Privacy Policy can be found here: <u>http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy</u>. Information about the NSW Government's privacy policies can be found here: <u>http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/</u>

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:

http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability

If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.

If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will call the number you provide and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

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If you **do not** want your child to be counted in the data collection, please complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014.

#### Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability – 2014

I/we \_\_\_\_\_\_ Name of parent/carer

do not wish my child \_\_\_\_\_

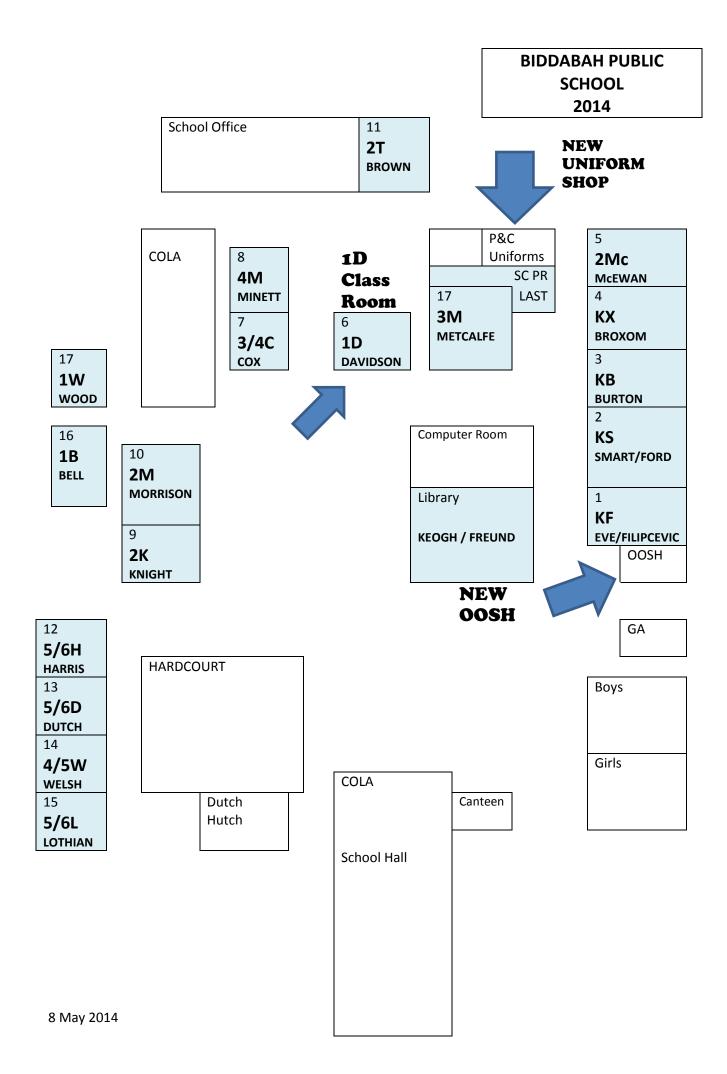
Name of child

\_\_\_\_\_to be counted

for the purposes of the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

Parent/Carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

date: \_\_\_\_\_







**Biddabah Public School** P&C is holding our school fete on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2014** and is the major fundraiser for our school. Since our last fete in 2012, our school population has grown in number but not in government support and we are appealing to the generosity of our local community and businesses to support our children by supporting our fete.

This year we are hoping to raise money to help fund our literacy and technology programs. The purchasing of iPads as well as additional computers for our classes and interactive televisions throughout our school are a priority as are sufficient literacy readers to ensure each and every student has the ability to read each and every day.

Biddabah Public School has over 430 students and our fete attracts over 2000 visitors on the day who enjoy a variety of attractions ranging from student-led stalls to market stalls to rides and entertainment by both students and the community. Our fete offers local businesses the opportunity to become well known to the families within our school at the same time as supporting the families who already support the businesses in the area.

In 2014, we have a choice of sponsorship packages available, which offer a range of advertising incentives and acknowledgements as a thank you for the wonderful and generous support we receive. Please see over for details of our sponsorship packages, which present a unique opportunity to promote your company in the local community.

In addition to sponsorship, we are also seeking support by way of donations to be used as prizes in our raffles or silent auctions.

**ALL** support will be greatly appreciated and recognised as every single cent we raise goes directly to the students of this great school so we can ensure they are given every opportunity to succeed in this fast-paced, ever-changing world.



#### Biddabah Public School Fete 2014 - Sponsorship/Donation Packages

Package Sponsorships *Or in-kind sponsorship	Diamond (1 only) \$2,000	Platinum (Limited) \$1,000	Gold \$500*	Silver \$300*	Bronze \$100/Donations
Inclusion on Roadside Fete Banner signage on Medcalf Street	×1,000	<i></i>	<i></i>		
Business Logo and details on printed Fete Flyer	~				
Poster to promote your business & our fete for display on your premises	~	~	V		
Advertising at a prominent position within the school grounds	~	~			
Promotion on our 'Fete Facebook Page with a link to your webpage/Facebook page	~	~	V	~	~
Ability to advertise on fete day (must have own banner)	~	~			
Opportunity to have stall and/or distribute own flyers on fete day (must have own flyers)	Stall & Flyers	Stall & Flyers	Flyers		
Name Sponsorship of Stall/Ride	Stall & Ride of choice	Ride	Stall		
Recognition as a sponsor via Loud Speaker Updates on Fete Day	Hourly	Hourly	Hourly	Twice during fete	
Mention of support in newsletter		Weekly	Monthly	Bi-monthly	Bi-monthly
Newsletter Advertising immediately through to the end of year	~				
Newsletter Advertising - 4 weeks prior to fete & 5 weeks after fete		~			
Newsletter Advertising - 2 weeks prior to fete & 3 weeks after fete			V		
Newsletter Advertising - 1 weeks prior to fete & 2 weeks after fete				~	
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