Students of the Week

Student of the Week
Mrs Corke’s class
Week 4 – Dani K – concentrating in class.
Week 5 – Colby B – working hard and being positive.

Mr Faulkner’s class
Week 4 - Daniel S – always polite and hard working.
Week 5 – Harrison C working well in all areas especially Maths

Home Reading

- **25 nights** – Jay-T G
- **125 nights** – Will C
- **150 nights** – Colby B
- **175 nights** – Kate S, Julia C
- **200 nights** – Clementine S, Lilyanne C, Mabel B

Kindi O
Kindergarten Orientation has been a huge success for the past two weeks. It has been great having so many new faces in our classroom. We have already discussed shapes and made a very interesting shape collage. We particularly enjoyed the Teddy Bear’s picnic. The class made some fabulous teddy faces from rice cakes and also some teddy trains from delicious milky ways. We are looking forward to making kites this week and next week we will focus on summer activities. During class we have continued to work on the HSIE unit ‘Celebrations’. There are so many different cultural celebrations that we have been learning about. Keep up the great work everyone! Remember the weather is getting hotter. Don’t forget to put your lunch boxes in the fridge and bring a bottle of water if required.
Keep your eye out on Facebook and the newsletter for more photos of Kindi O

Mrs Helen Corke

Remembrance Day
**Student Absences**
Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education?
By law you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please send a signed note explaining the absence the next day. If your child arrives at school or needs to leave early, you will need to go to the office to sign your child in or out.

If you are having trouble getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child’s teacher or the principal.

**Bluebell magazine.**
Our annual school magazine the “Bedgerabong Bluebell” is in the final stages of production. So that we are able to cater for everybody’s needs it would be very much appreciated if you could provide us with a prep aid order form so that we can ensure we produce enough magazines. Those people who are able to pre-order their magazine will receive a discount. The cost for prepaid Bluebells will be $5 each, money should be sent to school in an envelope with the amount of bluebells required. In order to receive the discount we would appreciate notification and payment by December 6. If they are bought on Presentation Night they will cost $10 each on or after Presentation night - Tuesday December 17.

**Annual school report**
Each year we go through the process of reviewing the last 12 months and planning for the next 12 months. A big part of this is the input from our school community. This week each school family will receive a series of surveys based on school planning, reading, parent satisfaction and homework. Your input is extremely valuable in assisting us to plan to meet the needs of our school community. Please take the time to look through the surveys, respond appropriately and to return the surveys to school at your earliest convenience. You will notice the Freddo Frog symbol on the top of the surveys indicating that those people who can return the surveys quickly, will be rewarded with a little chocolate surprise.

**Lost in Space**
As part of the Science unit - Space, the children were required to plan and design a space home that would sustain human life. First they had to determine the criteria necessary for survival. Everyone had to map out a plan for their space home. They then had to build their homes on Minecraft. Today we started to take tours through their 3D space homes. It is amazing the depth of design that has been demonstrated. These pictures are just a snapshot of their creations - the intricate detail inside their homes was simply awesome. Well done kids!

**2014 presentation night.**
After the success of our South African themed presentation last year, this year we are attempting to promote a Caribbean theme for our presentation night. At some stage students may be asked to provide or supply bright, colourful clothing to suit the Caribbean theme. Please do not go out and purchase anything expensive for this event, the school will attempt to provide everything the students need however we may be in need of bright coloured, Caribbean style shirts etc. If you are able to help me out please don’t hesitate to contact the school and we can discuss further what may be needed.
School swimming scheme
Each family would have received an information and permission note in regards to our school swimming scheme. As you would be aware the arrangements this year will be very tight because of the large number of students. It would be very much appreciated if each family called return the permission slip and travel information section of the swimming notes to school as soon as possible so that we can finalise the details for school swimming scheme.

Using iPads at home and school
Our students have had a wonderful opportunity to access the most current of information technology through our iPad program at school. Please be aware that as with any new technology students should be closely supervised to ensure that they remain safe from any unsavoury material and that they are also supported in using the technology safely, and appropriately. Our staff closely supervise and scrutinise student use of your child’s school iPad and regularly check students browsing history and iPad content. Each time an iPad was distributed to a student, an agreement was signed by you, the parent. That agreement was to ensure that the iPads were protected and that students would make good use of their iPads and not to breach any of the policies regarding to Internet use at school, even by misusing their iPad at home. Breaches of that agreement could end in the agreement being terminated, the iPad being reclaimed without any financial returns. Our school Internet network is heavily filtered and we are able to closely supervise the students’ access to the Internet when connecting at school to use apps or browse using Safari. Most homes do not have such filters so it would be advisable for mums and dads to set boundaries for the use of iPads and connection to the Internet at home. Close supervision of your child’s usage of the iPad particularly if you allow them access to your wi-fi is highly recommended, as is encouraging children not to sneak off to their rooms to use the iPad, rather use it in the lounge or family area. Unfortunately, the school may require a rethink of students being able to take their iPads home. Please feel free to contact your child’s teacher if you require any advice or support with your child’s school iPad.

Visiting University students
Over the past weeks we have been fortunate to have regular visits from CSU Speech Pathology students Sophie, Bec and Samantha. They have been visiting us and other local schools, implementing the SpICE model - Specialised Integrated Community Engagement. It has been great having them here to help and to share their knowledge. CSU Physiotherapy students will also be visiting Bedgerabong in the near future.

School hats
We have had a number of students forgetting hats of late. As we are a ‘no hat no play’ school, this unfortunately means quite restricted shade play for children without hats. We are unable to supply hats to those children who do not have one - particularly since a recent outbreak of headlice. The remaining weeks of school will get quite hot so please ensure your child has a hat at all times.

Full Day Kindi O
Kindi O has been happening since Week 4, the prospective students come to school in two groups either on Tuesday or Thursday for a half day. In week 8 we have decided to have all the 2014 Kindi students together for a full day. This will occur on Thursday 28th November 2013. On this day the year 3, 2014 students will enjoy a day in the big class – a mini orientation of their own.
**Rotary Ipomoea 3rd Christmas Tree Festival**
Friday 6th and Saturday 7th December at the Forbes Town Hall. Make an entry! Come along and view the beautiful handmade Christmas trees and nativity scenes. Entry is open to all ages – category prizes for most creative Christmas Tree and Nativity Scene entries. A popular vote will also take place throughout the festival. Friday 6th Dec, 6pm (Official Opening) and Saturday 7th Dec, 9am to 5pm. For more info and to register an entry contact Sue-anne 6851 5197(ah), Helen 6851 4930(ah) or Julie 6851 4419.

**Sport and Rec swim and survive**
Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent can forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.
Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.
The intensive nine-day programs give wonderful results, and are great fun as well! Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.
Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW, including Forbes.
Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.
Prices for nine lessons are $65 for school-aged children and $47 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

**Bedgerabong Playgroup**
Bedgerabong Playgroup is again up and going. Playgroup meets fortnightly on Thursday mornings from 10am until midday. Playgroup is held in the kitchen at the school. This is a great opportunity for the kids to become familiar with the school environment and become involved with some activities within the school. So if you are a mother, father or carer who has children under school age, come along and enjoy a morning filled with craft activities, in & outdoor play, entertainment for the kids and some catching up.
Dates for playgroup are – 7th Nov, 21st Nov and 5th Dec. Cost is $3 per family, you will need a hat for outside play, some fruit or a healthy snack for the kids to share for morning tea. For more info contact Anita Cantwell 6896 4281.

**Disclaimer**
As a service to the community, we will advertise events that may be of interest. Bedgerabong Public School does not endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility for the management or organisation of these events. Any items of community news can be forwarded to Bedgerabong School and will be included in the fortnightly newsletter distributed community wide.

*Being fair shows you care – FISH for life*
FREAKY FACTS
The first four countries to have television were England, USA, USSR and Brazil.
Donald Duck’s middle name is Fauntleroy.
Tom Sawyer was the first novel written on a typewriter.
Pinocchio is Italian for ‘pine eyes’.

Giggle Spot
What do you call a camel with no hump? Humphrey.
Why is Cinderella no good at sports? Because her coach is a pumpkin, and she is always running away from the ball!
There are two cows in a paddock. One says to the other "Mooooooool". The other says, "Oh, I was going to say that!"
Why do baby ducks walk softly? Cause they can’t walk hardly.
Where do you find a dog with no legs? Where you left it!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.” ~John Dewey

Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

17 Nov Will M 23 Nov Harriet P
25 Nov Isabella B 29 Nov Henry E

Upcoming Dates for your Diary
7 Nov 2013  Playgroup 10am - 12 noon
14 Nov 2013  Raw Art workshop
21 Nov 2013  Playgroup 10am - 12 noon
26 Nov 2013  Book Fair
27 Nov 2013  Schools Spectacular - Leave
28 Nov 2013  (Thursday) Kindi O Full day all 2014 Kindi students
1 Dec 2013  Return from School Spec
2 Dec 2013  School Swimming Scheme
17 Dec 2013  Presentation Night
18 Dec 2013  Last Day - students

Mrs Faulkner
13 November 2013