Students of the Week

Mrs Corke’s class
Week 8 - Harriet S - being helpful to others.
Week 9 - Will M - trying very hard in Maths.

Mr Faulkner’s class
Week 8 - Laura P - great attitude, working hard.
Week 9 - Emily T - great attitude in swimming.

Home Reading

125 nights - Harriet S, Harry A, Will M, Sam S
150 nights - Will C
175 nights - Colby B
200 nights - Julia C, Kate S, Jeremy D

School Spec
What a great experience was had by the kids who were fortunate to be selected to perform as part of the NSW Small Schools Marimba Ensemble, at the NSW Schools Spectacular in Sydney recently. Bedgerabong had 9 successful musicians selected to experience the delights of the city mixed in with the excitement of being part of the largest variety show in the world. Mabel, Brooke, Lylanne, Henry, Harry, Jacinta, Clem, Austen and Campbell not only did our school proud with their exemplary manners and behaviour, but led the group with their well refined skills, which were a direct result of all of the extra time the kids put into rehearsals. Thanks to Mrs Faulkner for all of her hard work and time dedicated to ensuring the kids made the most of their experience and also thanks to the cavalcade of drivers who escorted the kids to and from Sydney, namely Mrs Brockmann, Mrs Rubie, Mrs Brown, Mrs Eamey, and to George McManus who was called in as a last resort... thanks for being so understanding George.
**Kindergarten orientation**
On Thursday 28th November the little class had a fantastic day with the new kindergarten group for 2014. We had our own mini Olympics. We made olympic torches, olympic flags and did some beautiful paintings. We also went outside for an opening ceremony. We participated in egg and spoon races, sack races, relays and running races. We look forward to welcoming everyone next year!

Year 2 also enjoyed a special treat by stepping up to the big class for the day!

**Swimming**
Over the last two weeks we have been involved in the swim safe program. This program allows students to learn survival skills in the water and basic swimming skills. It has been great to see the huge improvement in swimming skills and technique. All of the students have displayed a positive attitude and have listened to the explicit instructions of the teachers. Well done everyone!

**Presentation Night**
As mentioned previously all students are required to wear full summer uniform, excluding the hat. That is, girls wear school dress, black school shoes and white socks. Boys wear green shirt, grey shorts, grey socks and black school shoes. The presentation is set to start at 7pm. Students should be at the hall at 6.45pm. The students will have a block of seats set aside for them upon arrival.

Families are asked to provide a plate for supper (details further on in this news), and of course we will be having a visit by a jolly old friend later in the night (nudge nudge, wink wink) so any little surprises can be delivered to the bag under the tree at the back of the hall upon arrival. Feel free to phone the school office if you are unsure about this.

The hamper is coming along nicely as well. Please remember to send in the items that your child picked. Today there is raffle tickets being sent home, please feel free to sell to friends and family. There will also be tickets available on the night to purchase. The prize is well worthwhile. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5.
2013 wrap up
As the school year draws to a close I wanted to take the opportunity to give my thanks to each and every person that has assisted us in providing support and opportunities for the children of Bedgerabong School. These kids are our focus and the reason for coming to work each day and without the support of those people who volunteer their time, we wouldn’t be able to provide such a rich variety of experiences for them. It’s been a delight to have so many volunteers regularly visit the school and it’s been an absolute pleasure to see and be a part of the growth and development of our kids. Our school community is terrific and the P&C are a huge driving force in that relationship. Nothing is ever too much for them to do to support the kids and you only have to look around the school to see that our P&C don’t let us go without anything. It’s been a wonderful 12 months and with continued support and determination we will continue to provide a wealth of wonderful experiences for the kids of our school for the next 12 months. - Paul Faulkner

School for students concludes on Wednesday 18th December 2013. It is expected that all students will attend until their last day of school. School for years 1-6 will resume on Wednesday 29th January 2014. Kindi to commence Thursday 30th January 2014. Be aware that our small schools swimming carnival will be held at the Forbes pool on Thursday 6th February 2014.

iPads
All payments for iPads were due last month. Invoices had been sent home at that time. If you still have an outstanding balance please forward it to the school ASAP. Year 6 iPads to be restored for clean installations at home next Monday. All other iPads will be backed up and have any additional data (photographs & movies removed). A complete restore will then occur. This will involve transferring all of the photos and videos being synced with a computer then being removed. All of those videos and photos will be made available for anyone interested until Friday 20th December. A USB thumb drive will be required to transfer those files to for your child to keep. As school for students concludes Wednesday you may consider phoning the school to arrange a time on Thursday or Friday to retrieve the files.

Meeting with Troy Grant - member of state parliament
A meeting with Troy Grant, Tuesday 17th December at 10am, venue TBA. On the agenda will be the fate of small schools.

Book Fair
Our annual book fair will be wrapped up on Friday. Please make sure you have come down and had a look before that. There were many great books on offer this year.

Parcel Pick Up
If anyone is heading to Orange before the end of the school year with a truck, ute or trailer could you please contact the school first as we have 2 heavy parcels to pick up in Orange

Claim the Date
Bedgerabong Harvest Festival - 22nd February 2014

Garden Roster
Reminder from last week that this is our garden roster. Please check the chooks and garden beds. Take the eggs and produce that is ripe. If you have a concern do not hesitate to ring Marilyn on 68571012. Thank you

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FREAKY FACTS
The first number plates were introduced in 1893. When awake cats spend up to 30 percent of their time grooming. Lightning is five times hotter than the surface of the sun.

Giggle Spot
If a cow laughed, would milk come out of her nose? Do Lipton Tea employees take 'coffee breaks?'
I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks, so I wondered what do Chinese mothers use, Toothpicks?
If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a race car is not called a racist?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“A room without books is like a body without a soul.” — Cicero.

Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

25 Nov Isabella B  29 Nov Henry E
13 Dec Harrison C  28 Dec Daryl G

Upcoming Dates for your Diary
17 Dec 2013 Presentation Night
18 Dec 2013 Last Day - students 2014
28 Jan 2014 Staff return
29 Jan 2014 1-6 students return
30 Jan 2014 Kindi students commence
6 Feb 2014 Small schools swimming carnival (Thursday)

2013 school term dates
Term 3 15-7-13 – 20-9-13

2014 school term dates
Term 1 28-1-14 – 11-4-14
Term 2 28-4-14 – 27-6-14
Term 3 14-7-14 – 19-9-14
Term 4 8-10-13 – 20-12-13

Mr Faulkner
11 December 2013