Student of the Week
Mrs Corke’s class
Week 2 - Ethan B - A positive attitude in all areas.
Week 3 - Harrison C - trying really hard and being fishy.
Mr Faulkner’s class
Week 2 - Clementine S - working independently.
Week 3 - Henry E - neat bookwork and having a great attitude.

Home Reading
50 nights – Harriet S, Jasmine P, Sam S, William C

Cowra Eisteddfod
I would like to praise and congratulate our marimba group that travelled to Cowra on Wednesday to participate in the Cowra Eisteddfod. The section we had entered was an instrumental section with no more than 14 players, so we had to call for auditions for the spots and then ask the children to give up their time to rehearse. I am very proud to announce that our kids placed 1st in their section and their timing, rhythm and performance skills were all recognised by the adjudicator.

We had some first time marimba ensemble players in the group including Harriet S who is in Kindergarten, and had to stand on a stool to reach the marimba. I think that this was a great illustration to all of the kids that if you want something and are prepared to work hard and practice, then you certainly can achieve your goals. Thanks also to Sally Sweetland who kept the kids warm and under control throughout the day.

We are now looking forward to preparing our items for the Wellington Eisteddfod.
Leader retires
After almost 40 years as an educator, Western NSW Regional Director, Carole McDiarmid will soon step back from leading the west’s 195 public schools, almost 40,000 students and more than 4000 staff.

Our school has enjoyed a strong working relationship with Mrs McDiarmid during her time as Regional Director.

Mrs McDiarmid has expressed confidence that our school and the others in Western NSW are in a strong position to continue to improve educational outcomes and benefits to students under the guidance of our enthusiastic and dedicated staff and through the combined resources of the public school network.

She said our students are advantaged by the region’s widely-recognised leadership in innovation and technology, our public schools’ strong commitment to social justice through education and our determination to see better outcomes for all students.

Although Mrs McDiarmid will be stepping back as an educational leader, she still plans to stay involved in schools and has already signed on as a ‘reading grandma’ at her grandson’s school.

Mrs McDiarmid is looking forward to the experience on the ‘other side of the desk’ and urges other grandparents or parents and community members with some spare time to seek opportunities to engage with their local public schools, regardless of whether they have children or grandchildren there as students. As well as offering a rewarding experience, involvement can bring immense benefits to the students.

Ultimate Spectacular
Mrs McDiarmid has been a big supporter of events like the NSW Schools Spectacular and the role our Bedgerabong kids have played entertaining crowds with their musical skills. As recognition of this, our school has been asked to perform as a part of the Ultimate Spectacular, a tribute to Mrs McDiarmid’s achievements, to be held in Orange on Thursday June 20. It would be very appropriate if we were able to have a large group of children who are available to participate in this as well as parental support. I will forward more details home as soon as they become available, but again if you are able and interested in helping, please contact me at school.

K-3 Classroom
We have been learning so many new things this term. In HSIE K-2 have been finding about Wet and Dry Environments. During writing sessions the focus has been writing reports about Australian animals. Our class had the privilege of being involved in the Treehouse video conference. It was very interesting learning about the natural habitats of animals and it was a magical experience when the class received a nesting box in the store room! We look forward to placing the nesting box in a safe place in the trees in the playground. We are already preparing for the show with many interesting artwork being developed. The class is also preparing for the Wellington Eisteddfod. Keep up the great work everyone!
**School Photos**

Our school photographs are set down for next Wednesday 29th May. If you have not ordered your photographs online, you will need to ensure that the MSP photograph order envelopes have been returned to school before that day. Students are to wear full winter school uniforms. If your child is a little precious about their hair, they do not have to wear hats that day. Please call us at school if you have any questions.

**Bedgerabong Soccer team**

Some time ago now, I sent a note home to gain interest from kids in playing in a school soccer team in the NSW PSSA Small Schools Knockout. Originally we had hoped to participate in a Gala Day where the team would play in several games in the one day. Unfortunately this has not been possible. Our game against Wyalong PS is set down for Monday 24th June, to be played in Forbes at 10.30am.

I had only received 15 expressions of interest so I do not think we require a trial to select the team, I do however require someone with some background or experience in soccer to assist. If you are available to assist and maybe even conduct a few training sessions in the lead up to the game- I would be very appreciative. Just call me at school.

**Lachlan PSSA - X-country**

All of the students who were selected to compete in tomorrow’s x-country have been given their name tags. These are essential for the children to wear while they participate. Please ensure that your child wears their tag to the event tomorrow.

**Lake Cowal Conservation Centre visit**

Today the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre came to Bedgerabong. Our kids enjoyed finding out about magnets and mini beasts and visiting the star lab.
**Tootie Fruity**

Our recipes can now be found on our website under the calendar and the particular date that we cook the dish, I will endeavor to add all the recipes from previous weeks there also. We are on the lookout for spare jars for our relishes, pickles etc. If you have jars preferably around the 300g size then don’t hesitate to send in to school with your child.

**Baked pasta with feta and pumpkin**

500g pumpkin, peeled, chopped, 3 rashers bacon, rind removed, chopped, 6 garlic cloves, unpeeled, 2 tablespoons oil, 400g rigatoni pasta, 100g feta, crumbled, 1/2 cup parsley leaves, chopped, 1/2 cup (50g) grated mozzarella

**Method**

Preheat oven to 190°C or 170°C fan. Place pumpkin, bacon, garlic and half of oil in a baking pan and toss to coat. Cook for 30-40 minutes, until pumpkin is tender. Squeeze garlic from skin. Meanwhile cook pasta according to packet directions. Drain, reserving 1 cup of cooking liquid. Combine pasta, pumpkin, bacon, garlic flesh, feta, parsley and remaining oil in a 10-cup ovenproof dish. Pour over reserved liquid and top with mozzarella. Bake for 25 minutes, until golden.

**Fruity Anzacs**

275g unsalted butter, 6 Tb golden syrup, 2 cups rolled oats (not instant), 1 cup pumpkin seeds, 1 cup dried cranberries, 2 cups thread coconut, 2 cups plain flour, 1 cup brown sugar, 175g apricots, chopped, 4 Tb boiling water, 2 tsp baking soda

**Method**

Preheat oven to 150°C.

Melt butter and golden syrup in a small saucepan over low heat. Combine all dry ingredients except baking soda in a large bowl. In a small bowl pour boiling water over baking soda, stir well, then add to butter mixture. Combine liquid and dry ingredients and mix well. Press large tablespoons of mixture into balls and place on baking paper-lined trays (leaving room for biscuits to spread) and bake until golden. Cool on baking tray and remove to a cooling rack once they have firmed up. Store in an airtight container. (yeah right, store them.. good luck with that)

Makes about 24-28

**Roasted Pumpkin Soup**

Serves 4

1 pumpkin, 3 tablespoons olive oil, 4 brown onions, diced, 6 garlic cloves, crushed, 250g diced bacon, 10 cups chicken stock, 4 teaspoons nutmeg, 3 tsp curry powder, 1/2 cup cream (for serving), pepper

**Method**

Preheat oven to 180 degrees C. Spray oven tray with oil. Cut pumpkin into equal sizes and remove skin. Place on oiled oven tray. Also spray top of pumpkin with oil. Cook in oven for 40 mins or until soft.

Heat olive oil in large pot on medium-high heat. Add onions and cook until translucent. Add garlic and bacon bits to pot. Cook for 5 mins.

Add chicken stock, cooked pumpkin and nutmeg to pot. Simmer for 10 minutes.

Remove pot from heat and allow to cool until soup is warm.

Scoop soup into blender and blend until smooth.

Reheat soup and serve with a swirl of cream and on top and cracked pepper.

**Herb Damper**

3 cups self-raising flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/3 cup flat-leaf parsley leaves, roughly chopped, 1 bunch chives, finely chopped, 80g butter, cubed, chilled, 1 cup milk, at room temperature

**Method**

Preheat oven to 200°C. Line a large baking tray with baking paper. Sift flour and salt into a bowl. Stir in parsley and chives. Melt butter and milk to melted butter

Make a well in the centre of dry ingredients. Add milk mixture. Mix lightly with a flat-bladed knife until mixture starts to come together (add a little extra milk if necessary). Turn dough onto a lightly floured board. Knead lightly. Place dough onto prepared tray. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until damper is light golden and sounds hollow when tapped on base.
FREAKY FACTS
There are more than 200 lashes on a human eyelid. Each lash is shed every three to five months. A porcupine has about 30,000 quills. Humans have 639 muscles, but caterpillars have more than 4000. Woodpecker scalps, porpoise teeth and giraffe tails have all been used as money.

Giggle Spot

Q: Why didn't the skeleton go to the disco. A: He had no body to go with

Q: Why don't eggs tell jokes? A: They’d crack each other up!

Q: Why didn't the teacher believe the ghost? A: Because she could see right through him.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“Blowing out someone else’s candle doesn’t make yours shine any brighter.” - unknown

Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

19 May Jack J 25 May Ethan B

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

24 May 2013 Lachlan PSSA x-Country
28 May 2013 Bbong Alive
29 May 2013 School Photos
4 June 2013 Small Schools Disco
7 June 2013 Forbes Small School Athletics Carnival
12 June 2013 Western PSSA x-country
14 June 2013 Talent Quest auditions
20 June 2013 Ultimate Spectacular - Orange
21 June 2013 Musica-viva
24 June 2013 Small Schools Soccer match
28 June 2013 Talent Quest

2013 school term dates

Term 1 29-1-13 - 12-4-13
Term 2 01-5-13 - 28-6-13
Term 3 15-7-13 - 20-9-13
Term 4 8-10-13 - 20-12-13