**Fair start to the term**

**Student of the Week**

**Mrs Corke’s class**
Week 10 – Jack K – positive attitude in small group work.
Week 1 – Riley P – great effort in writing activities.

**Mrs Faulkner’s class**
Week 10 – Sari E – always chooses a positive attitude
Week 1 – Hailey G – great effort in all areas.

**Mr Faulkner’s class**
Week 10 – Sean D – maturing attitude and positive approach to work.
Week 1 – Sophie W – commitment to number facts

**Reading Awards**
- 75 nights – Chloe K, Jay-T G, Hailey G
- 100 nights – Harry A, Sophie W.
- 125 nights – Sam S, Samantha N, Eli B
- 150 nights – Ryan P, Emily T, Sean D, Jeremy D

**Upcoming Dates for your Diary**
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Spring Fair
Wow! What a great way to start a new term and what a great day was had at our P&C’s Spring Fair last Saturday. The weather was fantastic and the commitment and support for our P&C was amazing. We had pony rides, teacher dunking, donuts and slushy stall, a super BBQ, facepainting, plant stall, animal farm, jumping castle, amazing cakes and slice along with plenty of other stalls and attractions. I must make mention of our newest attraction – The Haunted House, put together over many hours by the Isbesters and Westleys on Friday evening. It was sensational and I think the kids that helped out scaring people had just as much if not more fun than the people going through. Well done Margot and everyone who made the effort to attend and support the P&C to support our students. – Mr Faulkner

More P&C News
Thanks once again to a small and dedicated group of our P&C who gave up their time to raise funds for our school kids at the Poppers in the Pines event at Burcher early in the holidays. It ended up another great day with plenty of people taking the chance to sample the donuts and drinks. We are lucky to have Margo and her team to lead the charge in ensuring our P&C are able to supply the school and teachers with the best resources for our students- your children. Mr Faulkner

Get Hooked Fishing Workshop
A reminder to all year 3-6 students that the Get Hooked Fishing Workshop permission notes are required to be returned to school before the end of this week. There is no cost for this event, all we ask for is the assistance of one or two families to transport 5-6 kids to and from town.

Following are the requirements as described by the organisers.
1. Uniform – school or sports uniform is strongly recommended.
2. Closed toe shoes – All students MUST wear closed toe shoes.
3. Weather protection – sun hat and sun screen is compulsory (A wide brimmed hat is provided). The fishing workshop will go ahead in light rain and wind.
4. Snacks and lunch – no peanut products
5. Drinking water.

Everything else will be provided.
**Term 4 Movie Night**
A quick reminder of this Friday night’s movie event. The kids are in the process of selecting the movie, that we will announce on our Facebook page. Screening time is 7.30pm. Feel free to bring a comfy chair, blanket, tarp for the wet ground and some nibbles. Any more poor weather will probably leave the ground too wet for a night out and a message will be posted on our Facebook page and website.
Mr Faulkner

**Marimba Workshop**
I’m hearing some encouraging things from some kids about the success of the marimba workshop. Hopefully most of you have had a chance to finish off your project. The next step now would be to start to work on learning some songs – not just the kids. I would love a chance for all of us to learn a song or two together to play at presentation night. Let me know if you’re interested and arrange something for you. Please feel free to contact me if you have had any issues finishing off your marimba.
Mr Faulkner

**Selective High School - Year 7 placement in 2016**
Applications for Selective High School placement for year 7 in 2016 are open from October 14 and November 17, 2014. Parents must apply online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement). All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12 March 2015. Primary schools are required to keep track of proposed applicants so an intention to apply form will accompany this newsletter for each current year 5 student. If you do not receive one and are interested please contact me at school. – Mr Faulkner

**Broken Bay camp**
It’s getting closer now. Just over 3 weeks until our Broken Bay camp. November 10-14 (Week 6 of term 4). It may be worth going over the arrangements with your child, particularly if this is their first time away, just to ensure they feel comfortable and to ensure that they are packed and fully prepared. We have to assume that everyone has done the online medical forms. If you haven’t done it or arranged for us to do it at school please contact me as a matter of urgency. Please feel free to direct any questions to either Mrs Faulkner – if she ever returns from Hawaii – or myself. – Mr Faulkner

**Country Music Campout**
Last Friday Mr & Mrs Hoswell invited an interested group of students to visit the showgrounds to perform at the Bedgerabong Country Music Campout. We took 18 kids with us to play the marimbas and they were a HIT! The audience were very welcoming and supportive of the kids. I’m very proud of the efforts of the children who all stepped up and volunteered their own time to prepare for this event.
Welcome back everyone!

Thank you to all of the children and families who attended our Wetland speeches at the end of term 3.

This term we have started a Literacy unit focusing on the ‘Gruffalo’. There are some amazing pieces of art in our classroom.

Everyone enjoyed dancing with Mrs Hammond last week and preparing for the Christmas concert.

Remember everyone needs a glue stick and rubber at school. These items can be purchased at the office. Mrs Corke

Science at Bedgerabong PS

This term K-2 are exploring forces in our unit “Push, pull”. Year 3-4 are continuing an investigation into plants in “Plants in action”. Year 5-6 are discovering “The wonderful world of micro-organisms”. Mrs K

News from the “Top”

The big class got straight back into action after the holidays. We’re focussed right now on cursive handwriting (getting the correct slope and joins) as well as working towards achieving or maintaining our times tables proficiency. A reminder to current year 5 students that are interested in taking on a leadership position next year that speeches and voting will take place on Friday 31st October. As mentioned in the last news we will be voting on 2 captains and 2 vice captains - not necessarily boys and girls, we are able to elect two boy or two girl captains depending on the children’s votes.
News from the “Middle”
From the way the kids started the term with such excitement and enthusiasm it was obvious that they all had a wonderful break. It didn’t take much encouragement to get some wonderful writing from them based on their holiday experiences. Mrs Faulkner from Hawaii

Library
Term 4 is a very exciting one for the library. We have moved into the new library annexe and it looks very enticing. Loads of new books line the walls and are waiting to be read by children from kinder to Yr 6. There is something for everyone. For those dedicated library users there will be a special treat at the end of term - the chance to learn a magic trick! But it’s only for those who borrow every week. See you on Thursday with your library bag! Mrs Kenny

Welcome
We would like to welcome Mrs Rogerson who has joined us to work with Mrs Corke in the Infants class up until the end of the term. We hope she enjoys her time with us here at Bedgerabong.

Parenting Information
How to encourage your child to take care of their possessions
Here are some strategies to help:
1. Encourage children to pack away and tidy up one lot of items or toys before getting out the next.
2. Before they receive new toys or items encourage them to cull the old ones.
3. Avoid replacing items and clothes they don't care for.
4. If they are careless with other people’s items or toys then remove the right to use them (explaining why to young children) and let them contribute in some age-appropriate way to restitution.
5. Provide pocket money from a young age, and encourage them to buy some items they want from their pocket-money. This will teach them about scarcity and help them place some value on personal items.
6. Have less not more items to encourage them to value what they have. Mrs Corke
**UNSW Mathematics**

Earlier in the year our students participated in the UNSW Mathematics competition. Each year students from Bedgerabong join in with thousands of other students from over 20 countries to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for schools. I am very proud to announce that this year in Mathematics Bedgerabong students received both Distinctions and Credits as well as many participations. Congratulations to Clementine S and Sophie W who both received Distinctions and to Emily T and Campbell R who both received Credits. Distinctions place those participants in the top 10% of students sitting the exam and Credit places them in the top 20%. Well done to those students and everyone who participated.

**Tootie Fruity**

Off to a good start this term – this term we will follow a pasta theme. Last week we had sausages and noodles, this week Spaghetti and meatballs. It seemed that the meatballs were a hit, even with the hidden vegies and cous cous.

**Spaghetti and meatballs**

**Meatballs**

500g mince, 1 pkt French onion soup, 1 potato, 1 carrot, 1 onion, 2 eggs, 1 cup cous cous, salt and pepper.

Grate the carrot and potato, finely chop the onion and add all to the mince, along with the rest of the ingredients and mix all ingredients together. Form into small meatballs, cook in frypan until browned, approx. 5 minutes turning once. Add a bottle of pasta sauce and continue cooking for another 10 minutes. Meanwhile cook spaghetti according to packet. Serve meat and sauce on top of spaghetti.

**Chocolate Truffles**

1 can condensed milk, 1 pkt morning coffee biscuits, 1 cup coconut, 1/3 cup cocoa.

Crush biscuits add all ingredients together, form into balls and coat in chocolate sprinkles or coconut. Refrigerate until firm.

**Bedgerabong Community Notice Board**

**Bedgerabong Hall**

AGM – to be held 23 October 2014, 7.30pm at the Hall. All welcome.

**Forbes Amateur Swimming Club**

Registrations for membership of Forbes Amateur Swimming Club are now open. Please join us for our Welcome evening on Thu 23 Oct, at Forbes Pool from 6pm to 7pm. Free sausage sizzle.

For further information please see http://forbes.swimming.org.au/ or email swimforbes@westserv.net.au
**FREAKY FACTS**

Watermelons are ground square in Japan so they take up less space and are easier to stack.
Natural gas has no smell, the smell is added for safety reasons.
Research shows plants grow better when they are stroked.
Pollen never deteriorates. It is one of the few natural substances that lasts indefinitely.

**Giggle Spot**

Q: Why is England the wettest country? A: Because the queen has reigned there for years!
Q: Why do fish live in salt water? A: Because pepper makes them sneeze!
Q: Why did the man with one hand cross the road? A: To get to the second hand shop.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“All things you can imagine is real.” ~ Pablo Picasso

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Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

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Mr Faulkner
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