Students of the Week

Mrs Corke’s class
Week 6 – Will C – mature attitude
Week 7 – Jeremy D – great effort in Maths.

Mrs Faulkner’s class
Week 6 – Emily T – great attitude all week.
Week 7 – Julia C – excellent work ethic.

Mr Faulkner’s class
Week 6 – Charlie P – Being there for her younger school mates
Week 7 – Grace H – choosing a great attitude.

Reading Awards
125 nights – Will M, Harriet S, Harry A, Cooper N
175 nights – Russell W, Paddy B
200 nights – Daniel S

Upcoming Dates for your Diary
24 Nov Book Fair begins for 2 weeks
1 Dec Swim school begins
12 Dec Bikeathon
16 Dec Presentation Night
17 Dec Last day for students 2014
Year 6 iPads
All of the year 6 iPads will be held over for the weekend so that they can be “unsupervised” and then if paid in full returned to the owners to do as they please. Please be aware that the stock of iPad 2’s that we currently use are all but depleted and have been replaced in most schools on mass by the iPad Air. Given that the age of our current iPad 2’s has them at the end of their life span, we are currently working towards replacing them and offering the newer version to students. The cost through schools is reduced to approximately $400 and will be the best price you are able to secure, especially with the apps we provide. They will be provided to any interested students from the start of term 1 2015 under the same conditions the current ones were. Feel free to let me know if you would be interested in a new or replacement one for your child.

Book Fair
Our annual Book Fair is underway. All of our students would have brought home a wish list to assist in selection of book awards to the value of $15. – Paid for by the P&C. Please feel free to call in or contact Mrs Horan to ensure that a book has been reserved for your child for presentation night. You can also feel free to purchase any other books for yourself or as presents for Christmas.

Special Parent Item
Earlier this term we had a marimba building workshop at school and at the time it was suggested that it might be a good idea to have all of the mums and dads building them to get together and learn a song that could be played at Presentation Night. Well after twisting Cheryl George’s arm there is now a chance for any mums or dads who are interested to work towards playing one or two songs on December 16. The songs are Clouds and Boris the Bassman. Cheryl has a copy of the “cheat sheets” and a video for anyone that may wish to have a hit, I do believe that a first rehearsal is on the cards for lunchtime this Thursday. It is very acceptable for your kids to join in as well if you or they would like. I’m sure Cheryl wouldn’t mind if you gave her a call to get some details.

Presentation Night
As usual we have an open invitation to attend our annual presentation night on Tuesday 16th December 2014. The night will commence at 7pm with official presentations and then the kids will share their wonderful talents with you before the “Big Guy” may make an appearance on the fire engine. Each student should have already taken home their nominated items for our hamper, and for presentation night supper. The hamper items can be sent to school anytime in the next two weeks. The hamper tickets will be available soon and can also be purchased presentation night. It’s a great source of fundraising for your kids so please try to get behind it. Of course the supper items can come on the night.

All students are expected to wear their full summer school uniform to presentation night – excluding the hats.

Tootie Fruity
Today in Tootie Fruity we made pizza scrolls and had a picnic. The bookfair is set up in the kitchen so the kids had limited space to cook and even less space to eat. They had pizza scrolls for lunch and Chelsea scones for dessert all in a picnic atmosphere under the COLA.

The following two weeks tootie fruity will be had at the pool. We will make all the ingredients for Tacos and Wraps and transport them to the pool for the kids to construct themselves and eat fresh. This year the kids will construct Gingerbread Houses for auctioning at Presentation Night. This will be done on the Tuesday of presentation.
News from “The Little Class”
We had a fabulous surprise on Monday morning - thanks to some little elves. Our class now has a little bench outside our classroom. It is a wonderful addition to our library extension and has made a huge difference to the entrance to our classroom. We look forward to the hooks being added for the bags. In the meantime we will enjoy taking a little rest on the bench! Thank you to the ‘Horan’ family of elves who made this all possible!

Our class has been busy preparing for the concert. We have made our own Christmas tree for presentation night and we will be entering this into the Forbes Rotary Ipomoea Christmas tree festival. The exhibition of trees is really worth viewing.
Mrs Corke.

News from ‘the middle’
In class we looked at a narrative called ‘The Princess and Oink.’ The Princess was swept off her feet by the thoughtful, kind and hardworking Oink - so much so that she married him. But once married Oink changed!
The children were asked to rewrite the ending to the story. This is what Sari came up with...

"But I’ll be good Princess, I promise.”
However the next day he was still messy.
“Oink! What is that on the bed?”
“I don’t know my love, it’s all right, I will put it in the bin.”
“All right but this is your last chance,” said the Princess.

On Saturday Oink got some more firewood. When Princess got home the fire was going.
“Who did this?”
“I did it,” said Oink.
“Wow that’s great. What do you want for dinner, mud pie?”

Both Princess and Oink were happy again. On Sunday Oink made breakfast, it was pancakes and mud sauce. From then on Oink did all his jobs and was clean. Both the Princess and Oink lived cleanly ever after.
**School Swimming Scheme**

**Swimming Scheme Arrangements**

The School Swimming Scheme has been running for over 40 years now and has some very strict guidelines. We only employ highly qualified swimming instructors and in fact often the school-teachers have been trained. We always have at least 1 trained pool-deck supervisor and of course there are the pool employed safety staff. We have arranged for small group sizes to allow us to give your children the best opportunities to learn to swim. Please be assured we put student welfare and safety first and foremost.

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING IS LABELLED AND SUNSCREEN IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CHILD.**

As in the past we will allow well-behaved students a chance to use the pool canteen-in a limited and sensible fashion. This will only be for those that have earned it and are able to manage their own money. I would suggest for any infants students to save up their money until Friday and if they work hard Mrs Corke **may** take the labelled envelope of a small amount of money with the student to the canteen.

**Swimming Transport Arrangements**

Thank you so much to all of those people who offered to assist with transport to and from swimming and to those who were able to let me know if they intended to pick their children up from the pool. There have been some changes to the arrangements for afternoon pickups so please consult the attachment at the bottom of this page of the newsletter and send it back to me by Friday so I can then inform those volunteers of the requirements. There will be a reward for those who are able to do this. I’ve tried to include info we already received. At this stage this is what I have planned for the 2 extra cars that we will need for next week.

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL CHILDREN BE ALLOWED TO BE PICKED UP FROM THE POOL IN THE AFTERNOON WITHOUT AT LEAST ONE DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE.**

Monday 11.30 - departure from school- Katy Brown.
Tuesday 11.30am - departure from school - Kiersten Willding 2.25pm from the pool
Wednesday 11.30 - departure from school - Katy Brown
Thursday 11.30 -departure from school - Nadine Moxey
Friday 11.30 - departure from school- Karen Stewart and Tara Bird

~ IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ AND FILL IN AND RETURN ~

In order to better facilitate transport arrangements for the two weeks of swim school we would appreciate that you let us know now if you will be picking up your child from the pool any time through the swim school. This will alleviate people waiting around and then finding out that they need not have waited to bring children back to school. Please fill in the table and return to school if you are picking up your child from the pool. Thanks

I will be picking my children up on these days from the pool (please insert names into boxes and return before the end of the week). We then have a copy in writing for referral.

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Parent Name _________________________________________
Parenting Ideas with Michael Grose

1. Establish homework time and stick to it each day.
2. Put the onus back on your children to take responsibility for their work.
3. Homework is as much a time management issue as anything else. Have a set time limit, which they should stick to. Give them an egg-timer or use a clock and get them to work hard for small chunks of time. Reward with a game or have some fun together.
4. Help children decide the best time to do homework and then encourage them to stick to those times.
5. Establish a good working environment for students. Make sure they have a quiet, well-lit, well-ventilated area away from distractions.
6. Use the motivating factors of technology. The Internet and other forms of electronic learning are quick, convenient and give access to huge amounts of information.
7. Encourage children to get organised. Help them think ahead to plan their homework around extra-curricular activities. A weekly planner or diary will help older students get organised.
8. If you are helping with a particular task, keep your explanation simple and practical. If you become frustrated or upset and the atmosphere becomes tense – stop helping.
9. Be realistic – don’t expect to solve all homework difficulties. When in doubt send a note to your child’s teacher letting him or her know the problem. The teacher will appreciate this good communication.
10. Communicate any concerns. If you have concerns about how much or the difficulty of homework your child is set, contact the teacher and arrange a time to discuss your worries.

Bedgerabong Community Notice Board

Church Services 2014
Bedgerabong Uniting Service- 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. All denominations very welcome.
  Harvest Festival – 21st February 2015
  Day of Prayer – First Friday in March 10.30 am

Bedgerabong Harvest Festival
Saturday 21st February 2015. 8pm Bedgerabong Hall.
Combined Thanksgiving Service followed by Auction. Fruit, vegetables, jams, cakes, handicrafts and interesting articles. Ladies a plate for supper. All denominations very welcome.

World Day of Prayer
Bedgerabong Union Church
Friday 6th March 2015 at 10.30am. Morning tea to follow at the church. Ladies a plate please.

If anyone is willing to help run this day please contact either Mrs Dorothy Noakes 68571132 or Jan Brown 68571151
FREAKY FACTS
Strongman John Evans holds the world record for the heaviest weight balanced only on his head. He balanced 101 bricks that weighed 188kg. Ninety nine percent of all extinct species are birds. True berries include the grape, tomato and eggplant, but not the raspberry or blackberry.

Giggle Spot
Q: What do you get when you cross a cow and a duck?  A. Milk and quackers!
Q: What did the leopard say after eating his owner?  A: Man, that hit the "spot."
Q: What do you call a sleeping bull?  A: A bulldozer!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“God made rainy days so gardeners could get the housework done.” ~Author Unknown

Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

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