Fast start to
Term 2

**Student of the Week**

**Mrs Corke’s class**
- Week 10 - Fletcher G - great attitude and effort in all areas
- Week 1 - Samantha N - enthusiastic gardener

**Mrs Faulkner’s class**
- Week 10 - Sari E - great attitude and lovely girl
- Week 1 - Patrick B - consistent application

**Mr Faulkner’s class**
- Week 10 - Clementine S - creative inspirations and sense of humour
- Week 1 - Laura P - consistent application

**Reading Awards**
- 25 nights - Hailey G, Zac N, Cooper NNikolic, Jack K.
- 50 nights - Emily T, Sean D, Laura P, Fletcher G, Jeremey D, Sam S

**Upcoming Dates for your Diary**
- 9 May - Bbong x-country
- 13-15 May - NAPLAN Yrs 3&5
- 23 May - Lachlan x-country
- 4 June - Cowra Eisteddfod
- 9 June - Queen’s birthday
- 11 June - Western X-country
- 26 June - Life Education
- 27 June - Last day term 2
Lest We Forget
I would like to thank and congratulate all of those people, (mums, dads, grandmas, grandpas and students) who were able to join us commemorating ANZAC Day at the march during the holidays. It was wonderful to have our school represented in our local community event.

Small Schools Sports Carnival
Well, we finally had a fairly decent day for our sports day last Friday, especially compared to the arctic weather that moved in the next day. Anyway we all fronted up to Forbes Primary School to catch up all of our small school friends from Eugowra, Quandialla, Bogan Gate, Caragabal and Corinella. The day started with the March Past and everyone received a resounding response for their hard work and timing. From there the kids went on to participate in their events and spend some time catching up and making new friends. At the end of the day we had a presentation and we were delighted to see Samantha N, Chloe K, Jacinta McM and Harry A be named Age Group Champions. Congratulations to those students on their awards and also to all of the other boys and girls who conducted themselves at such a high standard. Apart from a fun day we use this carnival to select representatives to attend the Lachlan PSSA athletics carnival to be held in August. I’m very proud to announce that the following students have been selected to represent Bedgerabong and the Forbes Small Schools in Parkes- Zac N, Ryan P, Campbell R, Jasmine P, Harrison C, Chloe K, Laura P, Clementine S, Rochelle I, Jacinta McM, Harry A. Best of luck to those students and a HUGE thanks to all of the mums and dads who assisted on the day.
**Special Guest**

Last Monday we had the pleasure of hosting a visit from a former student and world-renowned scientist. Professor Bruce McKellar made the time to visit and talk to the boys and girls about his time as a student at the school, his work and special awards. Bruce has recently been presented with the Companion of the Order of Australia for his “eminent service to science, particularly the study of theoretical physics, as an academic, educator and researcher, through seminal contributions to scientific development organisations, and as an author and mentor.”

A very reserved and quite shy man, Bruce spoke quietly to the children about his primary and high school years and some of the work that he has done and what our school was like for him when he was here.

Amongst other things, we discovered that Bruce doesn’t like public speaking, that he was very good at mathematics in primary school, that his dad (Mr Harold McKellar) was very supportive of his love of reading and study, that the medal he was presented with for his Australia Day award was REAL gold and that when he was in high school he had a badly broken arm from attempting the vaulting horse. Bruce shared some of his most memorable discoveries with us and was very happy to share his time with the Bedgerabong kids.

Professor McKellar is an internationally recognised theoretical particle physicist who is famous for the “He-McKellar-Wilkens” phase, a seminal quantum physics theory. His work has applications in photography, atmospherics physics and geophysics, and implications for pure mathematics. His many other achievements include being an instrumental member of the first Australian Research Council, Foreign Secretary of the Australian Academy of Science and contributed to the United Nations Conference on sustainable development. Later this year, he is set to become the first Australian and first southern hemisphere president of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP).
**Small Schools Soccer**
Each year our school nominates to participate in the NSW PSSA Small Schools knockout, that caters specifically for small schools. This year we have entered again and are asking for some parental support to train and coach the children. My soccer skills are just as poor as my soccer coaching skills and knowledge of the rules. The team will consist of the best year 3-6 students that elect to train/participate. Our first game is due to be played against Tullamore before 28th June. Any assistance would be appreciated to allow the kids the best chance to do their best. If you have some time and are interested please don’t hesitate in contacting me at school to volunteer.

**Bedgerabong X-country**
Don’t forget our school x-country to be held at school this Friday. This is a selection trial for the Lachlan PSSA X-country that will be held at Forbes on 23rd May. Any students who seriously nominate to trial at our school event should be prepared to train for the Lachlan event. 8/9yrs and 10 yrs run 2000m. 11yrs and 12/13yrs run 3000m.

**Student clothing**
With the cold weather upon us many students are wearing jackets and jumpers to school and taking them off when they get warm. Please ensure that your child’s name is on all items of clothing otherwise we can not identify the owners of lost property. We already have a huge pile of un-named jumpers.

**School Uniform**
Please be aware that we do have, and implement a school uniform policy. It helps us to encourage the children to have pride in themselves, their school and community. If you are unaware of the correct school uniform, please feel free to call us at school and we can help you out.
K/1/2 News
Welcome back K/1/2 to term two! Our class got straight back into learning in our very short first week back. During L3 group time (Language, Literacy and Learning) the Kindergarten children have been developing speaking and listening skills by participating in puppet shows. They were encouraged to take turns and be part of the audience. Great work!

Mrs Kenny has been teaching K/1/2 Measurement every Tuesday. This week the class learnt about ‘Area’. Kindergarten used objects such as counters and cubes to find out the size of an area. Year 1 and 2 used geo-shapes to cover the area of their desk.

News from ‘The Middle’
Last term we went on a magical literary journey with Matilda. The children loved the story and enjoyed discussing and responding to the book in different ways. One activity saw the children choosing a setting and writing a sensory poem about it. There were some great responses - here are just a few.

PS - The chokey was a box the headmistress put naughty children in!

THE CHOKEY
I see dark all around me.
I hear spiders creeping.
I taste sweat.
I smell the sweat of past kids
that have been in here.
I feel nails and broken glass poking me. By Emily

MISS HONEY’S COTTAGE
I see loving and caring attention in Miss Honey’s cottage.
I hear laughing and the sweet voices of small children.
I taste the warmth of hot tea.
I smell Miss Honey’s lovely cookies.
I feel safe and cared for with her. By Sari

THE CHOKEY
I see nails in the door and bits of glass in the walls.
I hear the drips of my tears falling to the ground.
I taste the air of fear in the Chokey.
I smell the sweat pour off me from standing for so long.
I feel so sad and sore - being poked by glass and nails. By Emily

WORMWOOD MOTORS
I see stolen car parts.
I hear a car going very fast.
I taste rotten air flowing by.
I smell petrol fumes from cars.
I feel rusty old parts that have been stolen. By Harrison
1. **Next Meeting:** next Monday 12th May, at 2.30pm, in the school kitchen.

   Everyone is very welcome!!

2. **Hot Food**

   Hot food will **commence next Monday**, 12th May. The same food will be on offer as has been in previous years (ie, little pies, big pies and sausage rolls).

   We ask that students bring their orders in on Fridays, with money in a paper bag, with their name and order clearly listed, so the orders are ready to go on Monday morning. Katy Brown has generously donated her time on a Monday morning and will be putting these pies etc in the oven.

   Pricing;   Small Pies: $2.00, Sausage Rolls: $3.00, Large Pies: $4.00

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**Tootie Fruity**

This term has been off to a good start. Last week the children cooked individual beef and potato pies, they seemed to be a hit with some children enjoying many, many pies. This week we made chicken, bacon and corn pies - the children made a large pie and shared it.

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**Beef and Potato pie**

2 sheets (25 x 25cm) frozen shortcrust pastry, just thawed, 2 teaspoons olive oil, 1 brown onion, finely chopped, 400g beef mince, 1 x 420g can vegetable soup, 2 tablespoons brown onion gravy mix, 125ml (1/2 cup) water, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 5 medium potatoes, peeled, chopped, 80ml (1/3 cup) milk, 20g butter.

**Method**

Preheat oven to 180°C. Brush eight 125ml (1/2-cup) capacity pie tins with oil. Use a 12cm round pastry cutter to cut 4 discs from each pastry sheet. Line the prepared tins with pastry. Place in the fridge for 15 minutes to rest.

Meanwhile, heat the oil in a medium frying pan over medium heat. Cook the onion, stirring occasionally, for 3 minutes or until soft. Add the mince and cook, stirring with a wooden spoon to break up any lumps, for 4 minutes or until the mince changes colour. Stir in soup, gravy mix, water and Worcestershire sauce. Cook for 5 minutes or until it thickens slightly. Set aside to cool slightly.

Place potato in a large saucepan. Cover with cold water. Bring to the boil over medium-high heat. Cook for 20 minutes or until tender. Drain. Return to pan. Add the milk and butter. Mash until smooth.

Divide the mince mixture among the pastry cases. Top with the mash. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until browned.

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**Chicken, corn and bacon pie**

1 tablespoon olive oil, 6 (about 600g) chicken thigh fillets, cut into 3cm pieces, 20g butter, 2 bacon rashers, coarsely chopped, 1 leek, white part only, thickly sliced, 1 celery stick, finely chopped, 1/4 cup (40g) plain flour, 1 1/2 cups (375ml) chicken stock, 420g can creamed com, 1/2 cup (70g) frozen corn kernels, 1 sheet (25cm) ready-rolled puff pastry, 1 egg, lightly whisked.

**Method**

Preheat oven to 220°C. Heat the oil in a large frying pan over high heat. Add half the chicken and cook, turning occasionally, for 5 minutes or until brown all over. Transfer to a bowl. Repeat with remaining chicken.

Add butter to the pan over medium-high heat. Add bacon, leek and celery and cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until leek softens. Add flour and cook, stirring, for 1 minute or until flour becomes slightly grainy. Add stock and chicken and cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until mixture boils and thickens. Remove from heat. Add creamed corn and com and stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside for 10 minutes to cool slightly.

Spoon the chicken mixture into a 23cm (base measurement) pie dish. Top with the pastry sheet and use a small, sharp knife to trim edges. Lightly brush with egg. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until pastry is puffed and golden and filling is heated through.
FREAKY FACTS
Velcro was invented by a person who studied the burrs that clung to his dog’s coat after a walk.
White light is a mixture of all the colour in the spectrum.
The sound of a whip cracking is actually a mini sonic boom that occurs when the tip of the whip breaks the sound barrier.
More than one thousand new insects are discovered every year.

Giggle Spot
Q: Where do bees go to the bathroom?  A: At the BP station!
Q: Why did the computer go to the doctor?  A: Because it had a virus!
Q: Why are frogs so happy?  A: They eat whatever bugs them

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“Everything you can imagine is real.” ~Pablo Picasso

Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

2 May  Dani K  3 May  Riley P
12 May  Emily T  19 May  Jack J

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Mr Faulkner
7 May 2014

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  7-10-14 - 19-12-14