Make every day a great day

Student of the Week
Mrs Corke’s class
Week 2 – Halle B – consistent application in all areas.
Week 3 – Eli B – fantastic effort in class.

Mrs Faulkner’s class
Week 2 – Clinton G – improved handwriting and a more independent worker.
Week 3 – Julia C – conscientious and hard worker.

Mr Faulkner’s class
Week 2 – Sean D – outstanding bookwork.
Week 3 – Daryl G – mature attitude and work ethic.

Reading Awards
25 nights – Clinton G, Jay-TG, James T
50 nights – Ryan P, Patrick B, Rochelle I, Grace H.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary
23 May  Lachlan x-country
27 May  Bbong Alive
4 June  Cowra Eisteddfod
5 June  Disco
9 June  Queen’s birthday
11 June  Western X-country
12 June  Working Bee
14 June  Working bee
26 June  Life Education
27 June  Last day term 2
Cross Country Runners
Recently we held our school cross-country selection trials. We were able to select 3 runners in boys and girls 8/9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, and 12yrs. We had some very excited children front up to run the 2km & 3km courses and at the end of the day had some very weary young legs. Congratulations to the following students who will represent our school at the Lachlan PSSA Cross Country this coming Friday at the Forbes Racecourse. Each runner will need to have a name tag to be able to participate, don’t forget to see Mrs Horan who has prepared them for you. Our successful runners are- Julia C, Harriet P, Jasmine P, Chloe K, Clementine S, Laura P, Will C, Patrick B, Ryan P, Sam S, Austen B, Campbell R, Daryl G, Daniel S and Harry A. Best of luck to all of our runners on Friday.

NAPLAN
Last week our year 3 and 5 students sat the NAPLAN. It was a long and draining week, but I’m sure the kids did their best. The results will be available sometime in late term 3. Just a reminder that the NAPLAN is not simply a test of student knowledge and skills but a diagnostic tool to enable schools to see strengths and areas for improvement and to plan accordingly.

Small Schools Soccer team
As mentioned last newsletter, our school has nominated to participate in the NSW PSSA Small Schools Knockout. For our school this means playing in the soccer competition. This is a great event as small schools get to play against other small schools of a similar size. I don’t possess any skills or knowledge in coaching soccer and don’t feel that it would be fair to the kids for me to coach as I couldn’t give them the best opportunity. Please, if anyone is willing to even lend me a hand with some advice I would be very appreciative. We have until late June to play our first match against Tullamore. If you are able to help please give me a call at school.

Sports Crazy Kids
We obviously have some very keen sportspeople in our school. Apart from the recent cross country we have had a group of kids play in the combined small schools soccer team that was unsuccessful in the first round of the PSSA knockout against Forbes Nth. Forbes just had too many older and more skillful players but our kids did their very best right until the end. Well done to Chloe K, Jasmine P, Jacinta McM, Clementine S, Campbell R and Harrison C on a big effort. Having finished with the soccer we also have four year 4 boys who are representing the school at the Russell Richardson Cup this Thursday in Condobolin. This is a modified rugby league competition, the boys will be playing with the Forbes Primary school team as we did not have enough to make a team on our own. They will play up to 4 games that day and we wish Jack J, Campbell R, Harrison C and Austen B all the best. I would also like to thank Mrs Heather Davidson of Forbes Primary School for offering this opportunity to our students.

School Disco
Our small schools disco has been planned for Thursday 5th June from 6.30 – 8pm. Please ensure your child has had dinner prior to the disco. We don’t provide a meal. Mums and dads that don’t want to travel back and forward are welcome to make themselves at home in our school kitchen to wait until 8pm. See flyer attached.
P&C Working Bee
We are organising a couple of working bees next month; Thursday 12th June 10-3pm and Saturday 14th June 10-2pm, to get the enclosed trampoline area completed between the infants classroom and cola, so it can be used for the circus arts program, as well as some other jobs in the gardens.

Some of the jobs will include: levelling of the area behind the old blue brick wall (Jeff George to organise), removal of any shrubs or stumps in area (Jeff George to organise), construction of frame for wire fence to enclose the area - including door (similar to the current tennis court fence), erecting the fence, installing some form of border/boundary to save soft-fall from escaping, assembling of 2 springless trampolines. (Murray Brown is planning this project and organising the ordering of materials).

Other jobs in the school yard will include; welding 4 sets of sign posts for veggie garden, construction of secure storage rack for unicycles in COLA (Jeff George to organise), explore possibility of lighting: the back of the COLA with laserlite etc (Glen Rubie to organise), large branch removal, general weeding and trimming of native garden in front of office.

Food and drinks will be provided on both days.

We’d love you all to come along, and help get these projects completed, so our kids can benefit from the programs that are planned in these areas for the rest of the year.

For more information and to let us know if you’re able to help, contact Murray Brown on 68571165, or Margot Rubie on 68572118.

Life Education
Life Education will be visiting Bedgerabong School on Thursday 26th June. Attached to the newsletter is the permission note and merchandise flyer. Please return ASAP.

Broken Bay Excursion
It was wonderful to see so children signing up for the Broken Bay Camp. A new warmer date has been secured. The new dates are Monday 10th - Friday 14th November. We are now asking for a non refundable $50 deposit per child to be paid by Friday 27th June (Last day of this term). If you wish to pay the full amount of $220 per child you are also most welcome to do so. This cost has been substantially subsidised by the school. We recommend to make regular payments between now and the end of term 3 when the final payment will be due. If you have any questions regarding the excursion please contact Mr or Mrs Faulkner at school.
The warmer weather has encouraged our eager gardeners to start planting our winter crop for our vege garden. The seeds have been placed in a mini hot house. This will allow the plants to sprout and then be transplanted to the main garden beds. It is really amazing to see how the hot house works and the seedlings are growing so quickly!

During Maths year two have been focusing on times tables. Year one and two have also been building paddocks for their animals and have worked out how to share the animals equally between the paddocks made.

During Art we have taken a look at Pablo Picasso – his life and his body of work. Did you know his full name contained 23 words? Also that he co-founded the art movement known as cubism in 1909? Finally were you aware that Picasso was a very productive artist producing over 15,000 paintings, 660 sculptures and countless drawings and prints. We had a good go at making our own Picasso portraits. We think they look ‘perfectly peachy’! What do you think? Here are just a few samples...

(left to right – Jay-T, Campbell, Ryan, Jasmine, Austen, James, Hailey, Dani & Kate)
News from the top…
The stage 3 children have been studying the novel Storm Boy, by Colin Theile, telling the story of a hermit, Hideaway Tom and his son Storm Boy who live in the Coorong at one with nature and the surrounding flora and fauna. It’s quite an emotional story with lots of rich vivid language. The kids appear to enjoy it and we’ve lots of interesting activities planned to further investigate the story.

iPads in the classroom. We have recently discovered a way to ensure the children can readily share their work with each other and of course, their teacher. It involves using a Gmail app. It has a few limitations but works well at school. The kids can still use the Gmail account set up for them within the mail app that comes with their iPads to send and share more than just camera roll images, if they have access to wi-fi at home. We’ve also set up facetime and messaging for the kids, BUT remember the rules about not using that after 8pm at night or before 7am in the morning.

Tootie Fruity
Thai chicken curry pie
1 tablespoon Alfa One rice bran oil, 750g chicken thigh fillets, trimmed, chopped, 1 brown onion, halved, sliced, 2 tablespoons Thai Panang curry paste, 2 tablespoons plain flour, 270ml can coconut milk, 1/2 cup chicken stock, 1/2 cup frozen peas, 125g fresh baby corn, sliced diagonally, 1 tablespoon lime juice, 1 tablespoon brown sugar, 2 teaspoons fish sauce, 1 sheet frozen puff pastry, partially thawed, 1 egg, lightly beaten
Method
Preheat oven to 200°C/180°C fan-forced. Heat oil in a deep frying pan over medium-high heat. Add chicken. Cook, stirring, for 5 to 7 minutes or until browned. Transfer to a bowl. Add onion to pan. Cook, stirring, for 3 to 4 minutes or until onion has softened. Add curry paste. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute or until fragrant. Add flour. Stir to combine. Bring to the boil. Remove from heat. Stir in chicken, peas, corn, lime juice, sugar and fish sauce. Spoon chicken mixture between four 1 cup-capacity baking dishes or ramekins. Cut pastry into 4 squares. Top dishes with pastry, pressing edges to seal. Brush with egg. Using a small, sharp knife, make a slit in the top of each pie. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until pastry is golden and puffed. Serve.

Beef and vegie pasties
1 tablespoon olive oil, 2 garlic cloves, crushed, 500g beef mince, 4 green onions, thinly sliced, 1 large Desiree potato, peeled, cut into 2cm cubes, 1 carrot grated, 1 cup peas, 1 cup corn, 6 sheets frozen ready-rolled shortcrust pastry, partially thawed, 1 egg, beaten, 1 cup tomato chutney, to serve.
Method

We modified our recipe today because we had picked our artichokes and pumpkins so we substituted artichoke for potato and pumpkin for carrot. We also used puff pastry instead of shortcrust because I like it better.
FREAKY FACTS
The loudest burp was 112 decibels (think jet aeroplane).
The largest pearl ever found was the size of a tennis ball.
The longest time standing on one foot is 76 hours and 40 minutes.
The longest nose belonged to Thomas Wedders. It measured 19cm. Thomas worked in a freak show.

Giggle Spot
Q: What stays in the corner and travels all over the world?  A: A stamp.
Q. What do you get when you cross a cow and a duck?  A. Milk and quackers!
Q: What do you call a sleeping bull?  A: A bulldozer!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“Beware the barrenness of a busy life.” - Socrates

Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

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

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Mr Faulkner
21 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

Being fair shows you care – FISH for life
Life Education NSW will be visiting our school 26th June

Here's a brief outline of the range of programs in which the children will be participating:

- **Clued Up** Early Stage 1 (K) - Healthy lifestyle, personal safety, safety with medicines, body knowledge & self-assertion skills
- **Harold's Surprise Tour** Early Stage 1 (K) - Healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety
- **Harold's Mystery Tour** Stage 1 (Yr 1) - Body workings, safe use and storage of medicines, peer pressure and coping strategies, safety, decision making
- **Harold's Heroes** Stage 1 (Yr 2) - Environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs for medicines and safe use and storage.
- **All Systems Go** Stages 1 & 2 (Yrs 2-3) Function of body systems, peer pressure, second hand smoking, safety with medicines.
- **bCyberwise NEW!** Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4) - Explores cybersafety through animation, vox pops of children, relevant scenarios, discussion & problem solving.
- **Mind Your Medicine** Stage 2 (Yr 3) - Safe and unsafe situations, medicines and consequence of misuse, peer influence and friendship, positive communication
- **On the Case NEW!** Stage 3 (Yr 5) - Short and long term effects of smoking, effects of passive smoking, laws, peer influence, and refusal skills.
- **Think Twice** Stage 3 (Yr 6) - Consequences of alcohol use and misuse, stay safe situations and refusal skills, laws controlling purchase and use.
- **It's Your Call IMPROVED** Stage 3 (Yrs 5 & 6) - Definition of illegal drugs, decision making, emotions, peer pressure, risk taking, problem solving, safe and appropriate use of communication technology.

The programs address many of the components and objectives within the NSW PDHEP curriculum.

Teachers of composite classes will choose the program which best suits the needs of their children.

**THE COST IS $1.00 PER CHILD WITH FUNDING FROM BARRICK GOLD & NORTH PARKES MINES.**

I give permission for .........................Class............... to attend the Life Education program and enclose $.............

Signature.............................(Parent/Guardian)

Date........................................

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Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

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**NB Harold Products are subject to availability.**

Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.

☐ I would like to donate ___________ to Life Education NSW. Gifts of $2.00 or over are tax deductible.

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