Busy Beavers @ Bedgerabong

Student of the Week
Mrs Corke’s class
Week 6 – Riley P – trying very hard during writing.
Week 7 – Russell W – improved attitude in all areas.

Mrs Faulkner’s class
Week 6 – Jay-TG – great effort in handwriting.
Week 7 – Dani K – working consistency.

Mr Faulkner’s class
Week 6 – Sophie W – great number facts skills.
Week 7 – Chloe K – super positive attitude.

Reading Awards
25 nights – Dani K
50 nights – Chloe K, Maddy K, Sari E.
75 nights – Ryan P, Sam S.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary
24 June   Bbong Alive
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1 Aug     Lachlan PSSA Athletics
Successful Working Bee.
Sincere thanks and congratulations to Margot Rubie and her small band of dedicated workers led by Murray Brown and Jeff George along with Dave Stewart, Tom Brown, Geoff Peters, Cheryl George, Katie Brown, Glen Rubie, Sally Sweetland, Ben Sweetland, Tara Bird, Gus Bird, Binky, Daniel Stewart and Mr & Mrs Horan. Their efforts in preparing our new circus arts area took well over 3 days of their time and will be a wonderful resource for all of our students. Of course their time is invaluable, so I would like to acknowledge the enormous contributions they have made in donating their time to our school and your children. It’s great to have such a positive and hardworking P&C.

Talent Quest
Hi everyone. As you may be aware our school takes time every year to celebrate the talents of our wonderful students. It fits in well with part of our school FISH! Philosophy to “Be There” for our students, your children. This is a great chance for mums and dads, friends and relatives to spend some time with the children at school acknowledging and celebrating the variety of skills and talents our wonderful children possess. The children will even spend time preparing the lavish meal that will be provided for you after the Talent Quest with the skills they have developed with Mrs Horan in the kitchen during Tootie Fruity. Why not take just a short part of your day to spend some time with us celebrating all that is great about our school? This year our Talent Quest is being supported and co-ordinated by Mrs Corke who is ensuring every student is involved, why not take some time and ask your child what it is they will be performing for you. Looking forward to a tremendous event on Friday June 27, starting time is 11.30am with lunch provided afterwards. Parents please check the lists of acts at the end of the newsletter.
**Lachlan PSSA Athletics**

This is a very important reminder to all students and parents of students who were successful in being nominated to participate in the Lachlan PSSA Athletics carnival at North Parkes Oval. The date for this carnival is Friday 1st August 2014. This is the 3rd Friday after the school holidays. It is essential that children take some time to prepare for this event to allow them every chance to do their best. You may choose to support your child with some training at home during the break, especially those in track events that haven’t run much since our small schools carnival. Fitness certainly helps the children obtain an edge over their fellow competitors. We are able to support students competing in field events if required, just ask Mr Faulkner at school and he can arrange for you to access discus, shot put etc. Relay runners will be given a chance to train for the “circular” relay after school next week and the first two weeks after the holidays.

**Technology News**

Recently you would have read about our focus on Mathletics, especially using our iPads. We have paid for every student in the school, Kinder to yr 6 to have a Mathletics account. This account can be accessed at home as well as school on your child’s iPad or a computer as long as you have access to the internet. This is for all students even Kindergarten. Contact your child’s class teacher if you have any questions about Mathletics. It is a great resource for all children and better yet it is FREE OF CHARGE for your child while enrolled at Bedgerabong School.

**SKOOLBO** - If you don’t have access to internet or wi-fi at home we have just subscribed to a NEW APP that is just a good if not better than Mathletics. All students from Kindi to year 6 can access it. All students from year 3-6 currently have it installed on their iPad. You do not need to have wi-fi or internet access for this. Any work done by your child will be uploaded to the Skoolbo server for the teachers to track student progress and identify strengths and weaknesses as soon as they get to school or obtain wi-fi. I love this app as it is not only engaging but covers all basic numeracy and literacy skills AND allows teachers to access data that can tell us what your child needs to focus on and what they do really well. Be sure to speak to your class teacher about this one.

I’ve been asked about the iPads in our school. Currently we have all students from year 1-6 with their own iPad. There is a bank of 8/10 iPads for the kindergarten students to share. We maintain the iPads via a configurator that sets up and maintains the settings as well as apps. Your child can add their own apps with your permission and a personal iTunes account HOWEVER if your child has too much content or apps, the school content will not be updated.

Kindergarten students are able to arrange a very short overnight loan of the class iPads with certain strict conditions. Please speak to your class teacher to arrange for this.

**Morning Reading**

Thank you to all of the parent and community helpers who have given up their own time to attend morning reading this term. Morning reading will conclude this week as next week is the last week of term. Morning reading will resume in the second week of term 3. Thank you, Mrs Corke.

**Home Readers**

All home readers are to be returned to school on Wednesday 25th June. This will provide enough time to mark off the books and add next terms books to our reading boxes. Thank you, Mrs Corke.
K/1/2 News

We have been writing facts and information reports about the Emperor Penguin. Did you know? Once the Emperor Penguin egg is hatched the female passes the egg to the male to incubate. She will go to sea to feed on krill, squid and fish. For the next couple of months the male emperor penguin copes with the worst weather conditions on earth. To withstand the conditions the male penguins huddle together.

Q: What do you call a penguin in the desert? A: Lost!
Q: Where do penguins go swimming? A: At the South Pool!

During Maths we have been learning to repeat a pattern with colours, shapes and numbers. We have also been learning about position. We have been dancing the hokey pokey, distinguishing between our left and right hand and working hard to use positional language such as, forwards, backwards, under, through and behind. Great work everyone!

News from ‘The Middle’

This term we have been reading about the adventures of Tashi as he battles, ghosts, finds ancient treasures and foils the plans of the evil Baron. Following is a retelling of Tash & the Royal Tomb, penned by Harriet Peters...

Tashi’s uncle was looking for a well because he had run out of water. While he was looking, he came across some very old treasure. When he arranged for investigators to come, the bad Baron came over to have a look. Once the Baron saw the gold he fell in love with it and wanted to steal it all. When Tashi went to have a look he came across a clay soldier. In a very dull sound the warrior said, “Please, please help me. I have been separated from my wife.” Tashi listened hard. Once he had heard his story, Tashi promised, “I will come back tonight and help you get your wife.”

That night Tashi came back when everyone had gone to help the soldier. Once he’d gotten the wife and the soldier back together, he heard footsteps. Oh no, it was the evil Baron and his friends – they wanted the treasure! Tashi hid away when they moved closer. Suddenly Tashi made a sound. The baddies heard it, grabbed him, threw him in a sack and hid him so nobody could find him.

Tashi was cold and lonely. He heard a faint sound. It was the soldiers voice saying…”Lean back, lean back, lean back.” So Tashi leaned back and then suddenly there he was – in the royal chamber. The treasure was right in front of him. He made lots and lots of noise and some people finally found him. They decided to put all the treasure into a museum. This made the Baron very, very cross because he had wanted the treasure all for himself. Well done Tashi you saved the day again!

Congratulations Kate – Mathlete of the week
**Library**

Term 2 saw the start of our marvellous mobile library. Thanks to the hard work of Mrs Isbester and Mrs Horan we have exciting new books on the shelves that the children have been enthusiastically borrowing and reading. It’s great to see so many excited faces searching the shelves each week and finding that perfect book or two to take home and read. Reading for pleasure is such a great way to develop literacy skills, to unwind and to feed your imagination. Remember to return all books this Thursday and get ready for more borrowing in term 3. (Ms Kenny)

**Parenting - Tackling Confidence building in children**

Self doubt and lack of confidence hold back kids more than any other factor. Real-confidence building is the best skill you can build as a parent. Children with healthy self-esteem and self-confidence, learn more, achieve more, have more friends and are generally happier than those with low self-confidence. But building confidence is complex. It is not just a matter of praising and repeating positive comments. Confident kids learn to take risks; they can separate themselves from failure or lack of success; and they aren’t dependent on the approval of their parents.

There are three different ways to address confidence building:
- foster positive mindsets in kids and a real sense of optimism
- help your child overcome their fears and anxieties
- developing a lasting sense of independence and self-sufficiency

**Talent Quest: Item Order**

**Outside**
1. Campbell, Harrison, Austen - outside soccer act
2. Daniel and Karen - Science experiment

**Inside**
1. Airlie, Harriet, Isabella - Lion sleeps tonight
2. Rochelle - Mayfly piano
3. Charlie and Grace - What are you doing?
4. Sari “Force” by Keith Urban
5. Jokes - Patrick, Jack, Harry
6. Hailey and Dani - gymnastics *
7. Clem - piano let it go
8. Aaron, Dani, Emily - Superman *
9. Harrison - String trick
10. Jokes - Patrick, Jack, Harry
11. Sophie - Sherlock Holmes, piano
12. Kindergarten group - rock a bye your bear
13. Clem, Daryl, Chloe, Laura, Jack Kemp - Aussie Skit *
14. Emily - one girl nation
15. Sophie and Rochelle - T-Rex
16. Jokes - Patrick, Jack, Harry
17. Julia, Hamlet S, Hamlet P, Kate - “Twins” *
18. Jacinta - “Happy” piano
19. Will C, Will M, Jack K - I am a little Ninja *
20. Jokes - Patrick, Jack, Harry
21. Lizzy - magic trick
22. James - quick drawing
23. Hamlet Peters - Royal March of the lions
24. Maddy, Sam, Ryan, Zac, Clint, Jay - T, Jas -Marimba group - Pudding on the hill
**Tootie Fruity**

**Freeform Spiced lamb and sweet potato pie**

Bread pies

Preheat oven to 220°C

Cut crusts off bread, lay on baking paper and spray with spray and cook and chicken salt. Bake in oven for 20 minutes or until crisp. Press bread into greased muffin tins and bake in oven for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile fry a handful of bacon until crispy.

Mix a tin of creamed com and a handful of bacon together, add ½ cup grated cheese. When bread cases are cooked, add a spoonful of bacon and sour cream to eat case. Crack an egg into each case (alternatively you can beat the eggs and add beaten egg to the case), sprinkle with a little more bacon. Bake for 15 minutes in oven.

Add a good spoonful of creamed com mix to the other bread case and bake for 15 minutes.

**Spinach Rice Pie**

500g frozen spinach, thawed, excess liquid removed, 1/2 cup chopped fresh mint leaves, 3 eggs, 250ml (1 cup) evaporated milk, 1 spring onion (shallot), thinly sliced, 65g (3/4 cup) coarsely grated reduced-fat cheddar, 250 g bacon, Tomato and baby spinach salad, to serve

Rice crust

435ml (13/4 cups) Campbell's Real Stock No Added Salt Chicken, 150g (3/4 cup) brown rice, 1 egg, lightly whisked, 2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted, 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary

Method

To make the rice crust, place the stock and rice in a saucepan over medium heat. Bring to the boil, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to low. Cook, covered, for 25-30 minutes or until stock has been absorbed. Stand for 10 minutes. Preheat oven to 180°C. Grease a 22cm pie dish with oil. Combine rice, egg, sesame seeds and rosemary in a bowl. Season with pepper. Press the mixture into the base and side of the dish. Bake for 15 minutes or until firm. Set aside for 10 minutes to cool slightly.

Cut up bacon and cook. Spread the spinach over the base of the crust. Sprinkle with mint, bacon and season with pepper. Whisk eggs, milk and spring onion in a jug and pour over spinach mixture. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake for 35 minutes or until set. Set aside for 5 minutes to cool slightly. Serve with the tomato and baby spinach salad.

**Easy Biscuits**

Melt 125g butter and 1 cup brown sugar together in microwave until thick. Beat in 1 egg, add 1 ½ cups SR Flour. Make into balls and cook for 10 mins in moderate oven. Variations - add jam for jam drops, peanut butter for peanut biscuits, white choc and macadamas etc.
FREAKY FACTS
An ostrich’s eye is bigger than its brain.
The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.
A dolphin sleeps with one eye open.

Giggle Spot

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower.” - Steve Jobs

Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

22 June  Hailey G
7 July    Jacinta McM
8 July    Jay-T G
6 July    Jasmine P
7 July    Grace H
17 July   Patrick B

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10 Sept  School Photos

Mr Faulkner
18 June 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