Busy beavers at Bedgerabong

Students of the Week

**Mrs Corke’s class**
Week 2 – Airlie B – ‘hardworking attitude’.
Week 3 – Cooper N – choosing a great attitude.

**Mrs Faulkner’s class**
Week 2 – Emily T – being there for others.
Week 3 – Jasmine P – great attitude.

**Mr Faulkner’s class**
Week 2 – Chloe K – choosing her attitude. Lunchtime music practice
Week 3 – Harry A – attentive and focused.

Reading Awards
50 nights – Jay-T G, Clinton G.
75 nights – Harry A, Cooper N, Harriet S.
100 nights – Sam S
125 nights – Campbell R, Jack J, Eli B, Kate S, Lizzy S.

**Upcoming Dates for your Diary**

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**Athletics Results**

Last Friday the Bedgerabong team attended the Lachlan PSSA athletics carnival in Parkes. All rugged in their best snow gear the kids huddled up ready for a big day. I must say that yet again I was very proud of the attitude and behaviour of our kids as they competed and cheered each other on. As a result of this carnival we can announce that the Bedgerabong Small schools relay team, comprising Harry A, Harrison C, Campbell R and Laura P has been selected to compete at the Western Trials in Dubbo. Campbell was also selected as a part of the combined small schools junior boys relay and for his second place in the junior boys discuss. We wish them all luck in Dubbo on August 29. Mr Faulkner

**Cakes and biscuit decorating**

Next week Mrs Hoswell and her band of merry decorators will be visiting us at school to prepare for the show. For her visit year 5 & 6 students will need to look at selecting a cake design and obtain a sponge cake and board (to display the finished product). A frozen sponge does the job best of all. Mrs Hoswell will provide icing and a selection of decoration bits. Anything else that the boys and girls might need to make their cake special will have to be brought in from home. Year 5 & 6 cake decorating will be on Friday 15th August. Biscuits/muffins will be decorated by the students in K-4 on Wednesday 13th August, therefore Tootie Fruity will be on Tuesday for next week. Mr Faulkner

**Tootie Fruity**

An important announcement to everyone that **TOOTIE FRUITY for NEXT WEEK will be on TUESDAY NOT WEDNESDAY.**

**Wellington Eisteddfod**

Next week our year 2-6 students will be travelling to the Wellington Eisteddfod to perform. We are travelling on Loaders latest 52 seater coach with toilet and video facilities. We will be leaving from Bedgerabong School at 6.50am. Our school buses will be running as usual, kindy and year 1 families may just want to liaise with the bus drivers. Students are required to wear our regular eisteddfod uniform- green trousers for girls, grey trousers for boys along with yellow sports shirts and black shoes. Please pack recess, lunch and a water bottle. Students MAY bring a small amount of money for a special treat at McDonald’s on the way home. Yes- iPads can be brought on the trip, along with any travel illness medication. We expect that we will be back at Bedgerabong at approximately 3.30pm. Check our facebook page for updates to times and performances on that Thursday afternoon. Mr Faulkner

**Tree removal**

You may have seen the large fencing around several trees in our school. Unfortunately as a result of a tragedy earlier this year where a student was killed by a falling branch, all NSW schools have had to undertake an audit of trees within the school grounds and unsafe trees are to be removed. This initiative, initiated and arranged by the state government will mean that several of our more prominent features in our school grounds will be either trimmed or removed. It is a sad situation but obviously the safety and welfare of our students is our priority. Mr Faulkner
**Marimba Workshop**

Earlier this year I was asked if we could conduct another marimba building workshop and I’m happy to say yes. I would like to propose a workshop to build marimbas on Saturday 13th September. A shop bought marimba would cost upwards of $800. The workshop would cost $220, just under the cost of materials, and allow each participant to take home a marimba. I will do all of the initial preparation and on the day we can assemble the frames and tune the keys. In order to go ahead I would need definite numbers with a $50 deposit by 15th August 2014. Feel free to contact me at the school for any enquiries. Mr Faulkner

**Broken Bay excursion**

Thank you to those people that have paid their deposit (due 27 June), still awaiting a couple, if you are one of these people please forward it ASAP. For those that have not paid the whole amount then the excursion must be paid in full by the end of this term. In preparation for your child’s stay at Broken Bay Sport & Recreation Centre you will need to pass on information relating to medical, dietary and other special needs for your child. You can do this by visiting www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/schoolcampmedicalform/ and filling in the online Medical and Consent form. (this link will be available through your email, it will be attached to the body of the email.) Parents/Guardians need to complete this form on behalf of their child. When filling in this information, it is vital that you include the following details to complete the online form: Booking Number - 04372611, Booking Start Date - 10/11/2014 and Booking Venue - Broken Bay Sport & Recreation Centre.

All Medical and Consent forms MUST be submitted online by the end of term. If you are having trouble please contact the school for help. Mrs Faulkner

**Musica Viva**

The recent visit from the Musica Viva group the ‘Chambermaids’ was a treat for our school. The group focused on chamber music. The theme ‘Turn the world around’ was the title of one of the key songs that we had learnt. It was exciting to see the oboe, flute, clarinet, bassoon and French horn playing real pieces. It was great to see the volunteers keen to attempt new instruments, dances and conducting. The effort and persistence to develop an understanding of the music was worthwhile. Great effort everyone! Mrs Corke

**Parenting Ideas**

**Boys are wired differently to girls.** They think differently and about different things than girls. They mature more slowly, particularly when it comes to language development, social skills and their fine motor skills.

Boys need specific parenting. Here are some examples:

- They like limits and boundaries. They help them learn. They also like to push against them so you had better have a backbone if you are raising boys.
- Boys also respond to think language. If you want to know how a boy feels, just ask him how he thinks... and he’ll probably tell you how he feels.
- Boys generally are more impulsive than girls so strategies that help boys think and reflect on their behaviour are really beneficial.
- Boys embarrass easily and they generally respond better when they are praised in private, rather than publicly.

When you understand the differences between genders your discipline, confidence-building and communication strategies have greater impact, particularly when parenting boys.
**News from K-2**

The Bedgerabong Show is just around the corner and all of the children are very excited about all of their art entries and of course going to the show! A huge thank you to each student and their parents who sourced recycled material and produced such individual pieces of artwork for the recycled section. A huge thank you to all of the parent and community helpers who have been giving us a hand to get things ready for the show. We really appreciate it!

Many children have been enjoying delicious fruit and vegetable snacks during fruit break. Remember to cut up the fruit so that it is quick and easy to eat. All children are required to have a glue stick and rubber. These items are available from the office for a small price.

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**News from ‘the middle’**

Last week in class we spent some time during maths to tackle some sticky problems. It was great to see the children working collaboratively together to solve maths challenges requiring multi step processing to figure out the answers. It was also interesting to see the different methods used by the kids to try and solve the problems.

You might like to try this one. It is an extension of 7 and 10 Frog which we had a go at...

In the game ‘16 Frog’, there are 10 lily pads numbered 1 to 10. A frog must land on 4 different lily pads. It must start on number 1. The numbers on the lily pads must add up to 16. The lily pad numbers must always get bigger. Find all the ways of winning ‘16 Frog’. There are 7 ways. Can you find them all?
News from ‘The Top’

WOW! What an incredibly busy start to term 3 for the stage 3 kids. So far this term we’ve had a visit from Musica Viva, kids going to the NRL footy match in Bathurst, compete at the Lachlan PSSA athletics in Parkes, not to mention the preparation for our show and the Wellington Eisteddfod. Luckily, for the kids, Mr Faulkner knows how important schoolwork is and we’ve also been fitting in regular reading, spelling, writing and maths lessons. Keep an eye out for our new Number Fact initiative to help kids MASTER the times tables.

Library News / Ms Kenny

Library is on again this Thursday!! Remember to bring your library bag and grab some great reads from our bursting shelves, jam packed with new books. Library Puppy will be there eagerly waiting for people to read to him. He will be wearing his brand new collar and sitting on his very own loom band mat, both made by the very talented Charlie D P. A big thanks to you Charlie! I will also be looking for new words to add to our wall and will get very excited if you have some! Thank you again to all the library helpers - your enthusiasm is wonderful.

Measurement

Discovering and measuring ... what does 1 kg feel like? How does 1kg feel compared to 1g? Mass is maths is all about real world knowledge. And it’s fun too!
Tootie Fruity – Reminder tootie fruity will be Tuesday next week.

This term we will focus on pizza, making pizza from all different bases, adding different toppings and making pizza roundas, pizza pie and pizza noodles.
Last week made egg and bacon pizza - some of the kids thought they would be a great idea for breakfast. These pizzas were made on puff pastry.

Today we made Mexican pizzas using purchased pre made pizza bases, mince, taco seasoning, cheese and topped with corn chips and avocado.

**Mexican Pizza**

Basic Mince recipe - makes 8 cups
1 tablespoon olive oil, 1 onion, finely chopped, 1 stick celery, finely chopped, 1 red capsicum, deseeded, finely diced, 1 green capsicum, deseeded, finely diced, 1kg lean beef mince, 400g can chopped Italian tomatoes (school made tomato sauce)

Method - Heat oil in a frying pan over medium-high heat. Add onion, celery, and red and green capsicum. Cook for 3 minutes or until soft. Add mince. Cook, stirring with a wooden spoon to break up mince, for 8 to 10 minutes or until browned. Add tomatoes. Season with salt and pepper. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer for 10 to 15 minutes or until thick. Use immediately or allow to cool completely then freeze for up to 3 months in a container just large enough to hold mince.

3 cups cooked mince (from above), 40g sachet taco seasoning mix, 2 x 30cm purchased pizza bases, 140g tub tomato paste (tomato sauce), 1 cup grated tasty cheese, 1 avocado, peeled, stone removed, chopped, corn chips and light sour cream, to serve.

Method - Preheat oven to 200°C. Line 2 baking trays with baking paper. Heat mince and taco seasoning in a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat for 8 to 10 minutes or until mixture is warmed through. Place pizza bases onto prepared baking trays. Spread tomato paste over bases. Spoon 1 1/2 cups of mince mixture over each pizza. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, swapping pizzas over after 7 minutes, or until pizza bases are crisp and cheese is melted. Mash avocado. Remove pizzas from oven. Top with corn chips, avocado mixture and sour cream. Serve immediately.

**Oatmeal Butterscotch Biscuits** Original recipe makes 4 dozen
3/4 cup butter, softened, 1/2 cup white sugar, 1/2 cup packed brown sugar, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 3 cups rolled oats, 1 2/3 cups butterscotch chips or choc chips

Directions - Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). In a large bowl beat the butter or margarine, white sugar and brown sugar together. Add the eggs and vanilla, beating well. Stir together the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Gradually add the flour mixture to the butter mixture and stir until blended. Stir in the oats and the butterscotch chips. Drop a teaspoonful onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven, until the edges begin to brown.

**School Photos**
The envelopes for school photos have been given out today. Please fill in and return to school as soon as possible.
Any family wishing to have a family photo can get an envelope from school to fill in.
Bedgerabong Community Notice Board

**Bedgerabong Tennis Competition** – if you would like a game now is the time to put your name down for our next competition which will start early September and finish early-mid November. Tennis is played on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, starting at 7.30pm. Single nominations are taken with teams of 4 players being put together by the committee, everyone is welcome. Still like a game but do not wish to commit to a team then put your name down on our reserve list, a great way to meet other members of the community and have some fun at the same time. Names are required by 22 August 2014. For more information please contact Tom Simmonds 0458 572 127 or Louise Simmonds 0404 966 656.

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As a service to the community, we will advertise events that may be of interest. Bedgerabong Public School does not endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility for the management or organisation of these events. Any items of community news can be forwarded to Bedgerabong School and will be included in the fortnightly newsletter distributed community wide.
FREAKY FACTS
The Cambodian alphabet is the largest. It has 74 letters
Sir Isaac Newton invented the cat flap.
The Eiffel Tower always leans away from the sun because the heat makes the metal expand.

Giggle Spot

Q: What is the difference between a school teacher and a train?
A: The teacher says spit your gum out and the train says "chew chew chew".

Q: Why did the birdie go to the hospital?
A: To get a tweetment.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“Many people die at 25 but aren’t buried until 75.” - Benjamin Franklin

Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

14 Aug  Laura P
16 Aug  Harriet S
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2014 school term dates
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Mr Faulkner
6 August 2014