Students of the Week

**Student of the Week**

**Mrs Corke’s class**
Week 4 – Isabella B – helping others and mature attitude.
Week 5 – Jack K – completing all tasks and helping others.

**Mrs Faulkner’s class**
Week 4 – Maddy K – great FISH ambassador.
Week 5 – Hamlet P – great attitude and dedicated work ethic.

**Mr Faulkner’s class**
Week 4 –
Week 5 – Jacinta McM – leadership and cooperation.

**Reading Awards**

- **100 nights** – Jasmine P, Patrick B, Airlie B, Samantha N
- **125 nights** – Emily T, Fletcher G, Jeremy D.
- **150 nights** – Julia C, Will C, Halle B, Isabella B, Eli B.

**Upcoming Dates for your Diary**

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Wellington Eisteddfod

Congratulations to all of the very talented students who travelled to perform at the Wellington Eisteddfod last week. Amid all of the madness of last minute show preparation the children ducked off to Wellington for the day to participate in no more than 5 sections of the Eisteddfod. The adjudicator certainly acknowledged the preparation and skills of our children in his comments and marks and reaffirmed all of the positive developmental and social aspects of music in children’s education that we have embraced for many years.

I’m very proud to announce that Bedgerabong was successful in placing first in the Primary Percussion, Small Schools Percussion, K-6 Schools Ensemble, Open Unlimited Instrumental Ensemble and a very close second to Yeoval Central School in the Primary Recorder section. I’m even prouder to announce that Bedgerabong was awarded the “Best School Instrumental Group” prize for all of the highly skilled items that they performed. I would like to dearly thank Mrs Hammond for all of her time and commitment to preparing our students for exciting events such as this.

Dads in School Day

Wow- we’ve had a wonderful response to our planned Dads in School Day to be held next Monday at school commencing at 11am. It’s going to be wonderful to have a chance for our kids to share some fun and activities with their dads and show them around their favourite parts of our school. If you haven’t returned your RSVP for this fun activity you can still contact us up until Friday to ensure we plan and cater for you. We will end with a performance of some of the award winning eisteddfod items from last week before sharing a sausage sizzle lunch.

Schoolwork on Display

Wow- if you had a chance to look through the hall last Saturday you would have seen the wonderful display of schoolwork prepared by the kids and beautifully presented by Mrs Horan, Mrs Faulkner and Mrs Corke. Along with many great entries Bedgerabong students were successful in receiving all 3 of the places in the McKellar Prize for the most outstanding schoolwork entries. Congratulations to Jacinta Mc, Sophie W and Clementine S. Thanks also to Mrs Hoswell who assisted and arranged for the children to enter the decorated cakes and biscuits, along with the amazing volunteers that helped. We should also mention the successful entries from our garden and kitchen that are outlined in the tootie fruity section of this newsletter.
**Broken Bay excursion - reminder to complete the online medical and consent forms**

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/](http://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 - 0437261 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

**Kids Teaching Kids Conference - Neville PS**

We left for Neville at about 7:30am arrived there at about 9:15am. We got our shirts and then had a bit of a play with the other kids. Then it was time to watch some presentations. The first one was by the Neville school students and it was about potatoes. Then there was a group from Blayney (stage 2) whose lesson was on water conservation. After that we had a wonderful recess that was made and provided by the Neville kids. We had a play and then went back to the presentations. The third one of the day was presented by Blayney (stage 1). It was about bees and how they are important to us. Finally it was our turn to show our goods about the water cycle. We started off by playing a song on our marimbas, the song was called The Ocean. Each of us showed the kids we were teaching, something interesting about water. We split up the children into groups and did some activities with them including matching games and using iPads. After we had finished ours we had some really nice lunch. Later on we were split up into groups again. I went and learnt how to plant trees while other people learnt about the effects of pollution on the environment. Then we learnt about soil and how to tell how old it is. During this same time Sean and Hamy learnt how to weave a traditional Aboriginal basket. We had to head after this session or we would not have gotten home in time. We said goodbye to everyone and left. We got back to Bedgerabong at 4.30pm. Check out Facebook for more pics and movies.

Reported by Clementine S.
**News from K-2**

During Maths lessons Kindergarten and Year One have been working on their skills to group objects and share items. Year Two have been learning their two, five and ten time tables. This week we will focus on three dimensional shapes. We will be discussing the properties of the shapes and we will have some fun making 3D shapes.

Our modelled reading and writing lessons are focusing on ‘frogs’. We have learnt words such as; amphibian, incubate, vertebrate and invertebrate. Our room has also been filled with some wonderful ‘froggy’ art. Please feel welcome to drop in and have a look!

Great work everyone.

Mrs Corke

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**News from ‘The Middle’**

Well what a busy and exciting few weeks we have had. I have been impressed by the efforts of the children who have worked hard to achieve their outstanding recent successes. Our new HOOTT (times tables) program has seen those determined and willing to put in the practice, achieve outstanding results. Well done to all those students. Meanwhile in class we have been reading the book ‘How To Eat Fried Worms’. Recently the children were given the task of writing their own worm recipes. Some might say a ‘yucky’ task but the children took charge, making the worm the hero of the dish. Some of delectable treats included - worm curry, worm bolognese and worm jelly...mmm sounds yummy. We also conducted a class ballot asking - What are the 3 top things we hate to eat? The results are in and personally I am a bit surprised by them. Number one by a long way was assorted manure, followed by pumpkin then maggots and blue cheese... And I thought everyone loved pumpkin! Two of our students also volunteered to be in the hot seat - where they took on the personas of two of the book characters and were asked some probing questions. Thank you to Billy (aka - Paddy) and Alan (aka - Harriet).

Mrs Faulkner
News from Ms Kenny

Year 3/4 have been continuing their study of mass by working in cooperative teams to solve open ended questions. It’s wonderful to see each student making crucial, self directed discoveries. Brilliant work!!

K-2 are learning how to measure time. Kinder and Yr1 made a chain to help them remember the days of the week. Yr2 made a chain to help them learn the months of the year - and some people even added in the days in each month for an extra challenge!

News from ‘The Top’

Well it seems that our new times tables program is having an effect on some of the big class, and in fact I’m very happy to tell you that Sophie W was the first student in the school to receive a “Wizard” award for successfully mastering 6 different times tables. Hopefully this will spur on the kids to work harder to master theirs. Remember, by year 5 & 6 we expect that students should be able to readily recall all of their times tables. A focus on current affairs has also gained some interest with many of the stage 3 children able to answer all the weekly quiz questions. Keep an eye out for this each week as it is a great conversation starter between kids and parents and a way of keeping abreast of current affairs. Mr Faulkner

Parenting Ideas

Well-behaved kids

Effective parents use a broad range of strategies to promote appropriate behaviours and change behaviour when it’s less than perfect. They also use strategies that are in line with modern teaching and child care methods … so smacking is out, but consequences, behaviour rehearsal and other forms of teaching kids to behave well are in.

Keep the following five principles in mind as you teach your kids to behave well:

1. Avoid the first impulse when kids misbehave. Most children’s misbehaviour has a pay-off, so it’s important to change yourself, if you are going to change your children’s misbehaviour.
2. The more time you spend teaching kids to behave well the less time you’ll spend responding to poor behaviour.
3. Kids want good A-grade attention from parents. If they don’t get it they will settle for B-grade every time. Make sure you spend 1-on-1 time with kids each day, and get better at catching them doing the right thing.
4. When you get tired you revert to your lowest level of parenting technique, so if that means yelling to get cooperation then that’s what you’ll do. The key is to practise better techniques when you aren’t stressed, so that when you do get tired your responses will be better.
5. Effective parents have a big repertoire of strategies to use when kids misbehave, rather than rely on one or two techniques to improve behaviour. Build your repertoire of tools and language to promote better behaviour and get cooperation from kids. Mrs Corke
Tootie Fruity

Well I don't think we have topped the Mexican pizza, although the pumpkin soup last week came close, even though the pizza damper (which had my favourites – olives, salami, capsicum and cheese) didn’t rate a mention. The soup was made from some of our award winning pumpkins that we grew in our garden. This year’s Bedgerabong show saw us only enter two vegetables – carrots and pumpkin, as our garden was a little sad, as were many other gardens. We did manage a first with our lovely carrots and a second with our pumpkin.

Our kitchen produce did a lot better though, we gained a first in tomato sauce (Martie Sauce) and jar of jelly (Lilly Pilly jelly) and two firsts in preserved fruit or vegie (beetroot). Our Melon, Lemon and Ginger jelly gained a second in Melon and any other flavour jam.

Pizza Damper

2 cups self-raising flour, 1 tablespoon caster sugar, Pinch of salt, 60g butter, chilled, chopped, 3/4 cup buttermilk, 50g Danish salami, finely chopped, 1/3 cup grated pizza cheese, 1/4 cup finely chopped pitted kalamata olives, 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh flat leaf parsley leaves, ¼ capsicum, chopped finely

Method

Preheat oven to 220°C.

Add flour, sugar and salt to bowl, rub in butter, add salami, cheese, olives and parsley. Add milk and mix to a soft dough. Roll dough into a 20cm round. Place on prepared tray. Cut round into 8 wedges (don’t cut all the way through).

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until hollow when tapped on top. Serve.

Free form Pizza Pie

1 tablespoon olive oil, 1 onion, sliced, 1 garlic clove, crushed, 2 sheets puff pastry, thawed, 1/3 cup (80ml) good-quality tomato pasta sauce, 100g Primo Prosciutto, 100g Primo Salami, 100g Primo Ham, 150g grated mozzarella, ¼ red capsicum, 1 egg, beaten

Method

Preheat the oven to 190°C.

Heat oil in a frypan over medium heat. Add onion and cook for 2 minutes or until soft. Add garlic and cook for a further minute.

Place 1 sheet of pastry on a baking tray lined with non-stick baking paper. Spread the first pastry sheet with pasta sauce. Top with onion mixture, then sliced meats. Scatter with mozzarella and capsicum, and season with salt and pepper. Brush exposed edges of the pastry with a little water, then place the second sheet on top.

Press down to seal edges, pinching them together with your finger and thumb. Brush top of the pastry with beaten egg. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until puffed and golden.

Cut into slices and serve with a green salad, if desired.
**Forbes Rotary Market**
Saturday 30th August - Sir Francis Forbes Park - Camp St. 8am to 1pm. For more information phone 6851 4930.

**Bedgerabong Community Trust**
There will be a community trust meeting on Monday 6th October commencing at 8.00pm (October long weekend Monday). Submission forms can be picked up from school and delivered back before the holidays or given to a Trust member before the meeting. As this is at the end of the school holidays and school will not be back the forms will need to be back before 19th September if delivered to school.

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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
A glass bottle can take as long as 4,000 years to decompose
Nobody can lick their elbow. 95% of the people will try to lick their elbows
Scorpions can survive being frozen solid for as long as 3 weeks.

Giggle Spot

Q: What is the best day to go to the beach? A: Sunday, of course!
Q: What bow can’t be tied? A: A rainbow!
Q: What season is it when you are on a trampoline? A: Spring time.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“If you do what you need, you’re surviving. If you do what you want, you’re living.” - unknown

Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

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16 Aug Harriet S
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