Students of the Week

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**Mrs Corke’s class**
Week 6 – Eli B – L3 completing writing tasks independently.
Week 7 – Will C – great effort in Mathematics.

**Mrs Faulkner’s class**
Week 6 – Campbell R – fantastic effort learning his times tables.
Week 7 – Sam S – great effort and application in all areas.

**Mr Faulkner’s class**
Week 6 – Charlie P – effort and dedication.
Week 7 – Grace H – hard working in all areas.

**Reading Awards**
- **75 nights** – Maddy K, Sophie Westley
- **100 nights** – Cooper N, Grace H, Zac N
- **125 nights** – Ryan P, Laura P, Russell W
- **150 nights** – Harrison C, Campbell R, Clementine S, Daniel S, Riley P, Fletcher G, Kate S

**Upcoming Dates for your Diary**
- 10 Sept T20 cricket
- 15 Sept P&C Meeting
- 20 Sept Poppers in the Pines - Burcher
- 11 Oct Bedgerabong P&C SPRING FAIR
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- 17 Oct Movie Night
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- 28 Oct B’bong Alive
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“Grow In Wisdom”
**Times tables mastery.**

We've taken a new approach to try to encourage our students to take time to learn their times tables.

Why is it so important for students to learn their multiplication tables? Students need to know their multiplication tables REALLY, REALLY well before they leave primary school. Not knowing your multiplication tables has a major impact on being able to complete long multiplication, long division and fractions in primary school. By high school not knowing your tables by memory, impacts on your ability to complete algebra, fractions and all manipulations and computations. Relying on a calculator for tables simply slows you down - and as the mathematics becomes more complicated, this has a serious effect on the number of questions you are able to answer in the same time as your classmates. There is a huge correlation between knowing your multiplication tables and enjoying/ not enjoying Mathematics. So we now have a Times Tables Mastery program, where students elect to master a particular times tables in their own time and progress through the ranks of Apprentice, Professor, Wizard and then Master of Times Tables.

Here are the results so far.

**Yr 6**

Harry A - x10, x11.        Rochelle I - x2, x10, x11
Jacinta McM - x2, x5, x10, x11.        Charlie P - x10, x11.

**Yr 5**

Sean D - x10            Daryl G - x10.
Grace H - x10, x11.          Chloe K - x2, x10
Laura P - x10, x11.          Daniel S - x3, x11
Clementine S - x2, x5, x10, x11

**Sophie W** - x2, x3, x4, x5, x6, x7, x8, x9, x10, x11, x12 **MASTER!**

**Yr 4**

Austen B - x2, x3, x4, x5, x9, x10, x11 **WIZARD**
Julia C - x2, x3, x4, x5, x10, x11        Harrison C - x10, x11
Sari E - x10                          Jay TG - x10
Jack J - x2, x5, x10, x11              Hamiet P - x2, x3, x4, x5, x10, x11
Jasmine P - x10

**Campbell R** - x2, x3, x4, x5, x9, x10, x11, x12 **WIZARD**
Emily T - x10, x11

**Yr 3**

Patrick B - x2, x5, x10        Clint G - nil
Hailey G - x10, x11          Dani K - x10
Maddy K - x10, x11           Zac N - x10
Ryan P - x10, x11              Kate S - x10, x11
James T - x10                  Sam S - x10, x11

**Start of term 4.**

Please be aware that the October long weekend, last weekend of the next holidays, will mean that school for term 4 will resume for everyone - students and staff on Tuesday 7th October.
**Dads Day**

A male role model is vital for a child’s wellbeing, learning and development. Fathers or father figures significantly influence a child’s social, cognitive, emotional and physical wellbeing from infancy through adolescence and into adulthood. We had a great day with our dads at school, the kids absolutely loved it. Thanks for making the time Dads, Grandads, Uncles and Brothers.

“Last week we had a special day where all the dads came to school. We did lots of activities with our dads. Some of the activities were learning about the FISH Philosophy, doing hand prints, making frames, playing games and writing a story. We also played some music for the dads. We played ‘Swing those blues away’ and ‘Tango de la mere’. The dads really liked it. After that we said thank you to the dads and to the Centacare helpers - Michael and John for making it an awesome day. Then after all the fun we had a barbeque. I had two sausage sandwiches. They were yummy”.


“During the dads day I wrote a story about what I like to do with dad and the FISHY things that dad does with me. We had to paint dads hands and my hands. Then we put both our hands on a canvas. I also drew a picture of me and dad fishing in the boat. The last thing we did was play a ball game where you had to roll a ball over the other team’s line to get a point. It was a fun day.”

–Sam S, yr 3.

**SASS recognition week.**

School Administrative & Support Staff (SASS) are the backbone of all schools, and we are very, very fortunate to have available to us the skills and commitment of Mrs Horan - who daily goes above and beyond her duties for our kids, and Mrs Isbester who dedicates her days to supporting our children in class. Both of these wonderful ladies certainly make a difference every day for our kids and teachers and without their constant commitment and contributions to schools programs and initiatives our school would not be so successful or such a wonderful place to be. Their contributions often go unnoticed as they are so efficient, but this week we all stop to say THANK YOU!
News from K-2
Our Math lesson proved to be delicious! The 3D nets that year 1 and year 2 constructed included vertices (corners) made from mini marshmallows. Learning can be so much fun!

Our class is very excited about the new building. Each student should be congratulated on their positive attitude while they wait for the new building to be finished. It is looking great! Remember to look in your homework book about the Wetland speeches. Everyone will be welcome to attend our class on Thursday 18th September at 2pm to hear your child’s speech. Mrs Corke

News from ‘The Middle’
Our history unit this term has provoked much interest from the children. From learning about Captain Cook’s intriguing yet innovative ship rules to ensure the safety of his crew, to learning about the struggles and hardships encountered by those starting a new life at Sydney Cove - it has been an interesting journey. Last week we started our final project in this unit entitled; 'A colony starts with nothing and evolves - the arrival of the first fleet'. This is by far the most exciting chapter for the children because they have to recreate the very first settlement at Sydney Cove on their iPads using the app Mine Craft. The children must be as authentic as possible in their recreation - including the names of the ships in the harbour, to utilising the exact materials and resources that were available to the settlers. They must even consider the climatic conditions of the time. In fact there is quite a lot to ponder in order to make their colony true to the original. Some of the children have also adopted identities and taken on roles to make their adventure even more realistic. Some classmates have transformed into clog makers, blacksmiths, stonemasons and maids - after all there were over 122 occupations on the first fleet other than convicts! Check out some of these snapshots of the children’s colonies so far. They are still only in their infancy, but are starting to look fantastic! Mrs Faulkner
Library
It’s wonderful to see so many students still coming in to read to Booff the Library Puppy. Yes! Library Puppy has been named! And he is now the proud owner of a 25 night reading award thanks to all the children who come and read to him each week. I am also super impressed with the kids that go that extra mile and write a book review to help their peers select a good read.

Science K-2
Science in K-2 have been investigating sound and discovered that it’s all caused by vibrations!

Science Yr3/4
Bees! Bees! Bees! Year 3/4 have been investigating how bees pollinate flowers. They carefully followed a procedure to create a model "flower" and "bee" then observed the results of the "bee" getting into the "pollen". - Ms Kenny

News from ‘The Top’
We’ve just started reading another Morris Gleitzman book, Misery Guts, and are looking forward to working through that unit of work before commencing an author study looking at all of Morris’ published books.

Congratulations to Sophie on achieving her Mastery of times tables- the first one in the school. Let’s hope the senior students can lead the way for the stage 2 kids. Remember by year 6 students should know all of their times tables. Including a weekly quiz as a homework task has been designed to start to acclimatise the senior students to the requirements of high school. Year 7 students will be expected to complete at least one hour of homework per night. As well as that, the quiz is a great way for kids to generate conversations with mum and dad and to become aware of events in the world around them. It is expected that all year 5 and 6 students will attempt the quiz each week.

Please remember that student iPads are required to be at school daily fully charged so that we can make the most of them during the school day. Some of our iPads look to be reaching the end of their lifespan. We do have a small supply of replacement ones, under the same conditions and price as the current ones. If you are interested contact the school.

Western PSSA Athletics
Last Friday four of our students attended the Western PSSA athletics carnival in Dubbo. Campbell R, who competed in our small schools relay, a combined small schools relay and jnr boys discus, along with Laura P, Harrison C and Harry A competed very well in the Nigel Bagley PP5 relay for small schools making the final in that event. Huge thanks to Maree Hodges who once again gave her time to train the kids in preparation for the event. (Mr Faulkner)
**T20 cricket**
A reminder that the T20 blast cricket is to be held next Wednesday 10th September at Forbes. Thanks to everyone who were able to return the permission slip so promptly and a special thanks to those parents who volunteered to assist in getting the kids to this event. Without the support of you the kids of our school would not have an opportunity to participate in all of the wonderful events that they do. Confirmation of the final transport arrangements will come out for you soon. As the cricket is on during our regular Tootie Fruity time **WE ARE MOVING TOOTIE FRUITY TO TUESDAY FOR NEXTWEEK**.

**Family movie night**
We are planning to hold a family movie night at school on Friday 17th October. Everyone is more than welcome to come and join us for an enjoyable evening. There is some consideration of a sleepover as a reward for well behaved kids, but that will be decided later. Be sure to mark that date in your diary. (Mr Faulkner)

**New room extension**
Work on our extension to the library/infants building commenced last week and has come along in leaps and bounds. Once again it’s only due to the support of our giving P&C members who have volunteered their time to assist with the building that our current infants class and those to come in future years can benefit from this new resource. Work will be finished very soon and we look forward to setting up our new library area. Thanks to these volunteers for giving up their time. Mr Faulkner, Melissa Brown, Tony Horan, Jeff Peters, Murray Brown, Lyndall Isbester (thanks for the offer), Scott Darcy, Jeff George, John Alcorn, Darren Collier and Philip Westley.

**Marimba Workshop**
Thank you to those people who have expressed interest and paid the deposit for the marimba making workshop. All of the materials have been purchased and the balance of your payment is required prior to the main whole day workshop on Saturday 12th September. We have 10 marimbas to make and as this is such a huge task, I have looked at a preparation session for those able or willing to make a start on their marimbas this Friday from 12.30pm - 4pm. I have attempted to do as much of the preparation as possible in the lead up, so that hopefully everyone will go home with a finished product, if not the skills to complete it at home. Looking forward to working with everyone. I have confirmed the following for the Saturday workshop - Isbester, Wilding, Speed, Speed, Cantwell, Stewart, Bird, George, Brown + Cowra PS. From my memory we’ve got Brown, Isbester, Stewart and George coming to the preparation workshop this Friday. Please call me if I have omitted anyone (Mr Faulkner)

**Broken Bay News**
Thanks so much to those people who were able to return the recent broken bay details to us at school. The Sport and Recreation camp are very particular about the administration and conduct of their school programs and as such we must abide by their processes. All deposits were due at school at the end of last term. The school has paid fully for each student attending and we are now approaching the time when we cannot make changes and receive refunds. Unfortunately, as such if you have not paid the deposit and not made contact with us to discuss it, your children will be removed from this event. If you have any questions or concerns over this excursion please do not hesitate in contacting either Mr Faulkner of myself at school. (Mrs Faulkner)
Kindergarten Orientation:
The following Kindergarten Orientation dates and times have been set for 2014. Please phone the school if you have any further questions.
Orientation meeting: parents invited to meet the teachers Tuesday 14th October 3.30pm
Orientation dates:
Please contact the school to see which date your child will be attending.
Week 4: 29th and 30th October half days, Week 5: 5th and 6th November half days
Week 6: 11th and 12th November half days, Week 7: 19th and 20th November half days
Week 8: 27th November full day all children
Mrs Corke

Parenting Ideas
Competitive Kids
There is a time and a place for competition just as there is a time and place for cooperation. In many ways, it is the true test of family leadership where parents develop a sense of ‘we’ within their family while welcoming some of the competitive elements in their kids.
Here are some ways to reduce sibling rivalry in your family:
- Accept children’s individual differences. Your acceptance of differences will determine the degree of competitiveness between children.
- Focus on the deed not the dude. High praise families usually experience more sibling fighting than high encouragement families. So focus your positive comments on the process rather than the results, the act not the actor, the performer rather than the performance.
- Put them in the same boat when they misbehave. Be willing for all children to experience the consequences of a child’s misbehaviour. For instance, if one child is noisy in the car then they all miss an activity if you return home.
- Focus on solutions not the fight. When children fight and argue give ideas and strategies to resolve their problem rather than sorting out the fight.
- Introduce family meetings at age five. Through regular meetings teach children a conflict resolution process. You can also give children an opportunity to impact on family decision-making through meetings. Mrs Corke

Tootie Fruity
Our Free form pizza was a hit and our chooks didn’t score very well from any leftovers.
Last week saw our kids put their skills to the test when they made Pizza Roundas, in which they formed buns out of bread dough and inserted filling into the buns. I must say there were a few buns without much filling in them. This week they will make pizza pasta bake.

Pizza Pasta Bake
2 tsp olive oil, 1 large onion, chopped, 3 rashers bacon, trimmed chopped, 4 cups small dried penne pasta, 1 medium green capsicum, chopped, 700g jar tomato pasta sauce, 1 cups grated pizza cheese, 1 ½ cups cold water.
Method
Preheat oven to 180oC. Heat oil in frypan. Add onion and bacon. Cook stirring for 3 to 5 minutes or until onion is soft. Place pasta in a 10 cup capacity ovenproof dish. Top with onion mixture, mushroom, capsicum, pasta sauce, basil and cold water. Stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper. Cover tightly with foil. Bake for 20 minutes. Add ½ cup hot water. Cover bake for another 20 minutes. Remove foil, sprinkle with cheese, bake for 15 minutes or until cheese is melted and golden and pasta is tender.
Reminder that next week Tootie Fruity will be on Tuesday because of the T20 cricket.
Sugar and Spice Slice
1 ½ cups brown sugar, 2 cups self-raising flour, 100g unsalted butter, softened, ½ cup pecans (or walnuts), chopped, 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda, 1 cup (250mL) milk, 1 egg, 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg, 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, Icing sugar, to dust

Method:
Preheat oven to 180°C. Grease and line a lamington pan with non-stick baking paper. Place the sugar, flour and butter in a food processor and process until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Spread half the mixture in the base of the pan and sprinkle with the pecans. Place the bicarbonate of soda and milk in a bowl, and stir to dissolve the soda. Add the egg and the nutmeg and stir to combine. Stir in the remaining crumb mixture and pour over the base. Bake in the oven for 30 minutes. Set aside to cool, then cut into squares. Serve dusted with icing sugar. For a difference we added a sliced pear with the nuts.

P&C Update
The end of term 3 is just around the corner, so thought I’d give you an update as to what’s happening with the P&C.

- Firstly, a big THANKYOU to all the parents who have helped Nigel over the last week, with enclosing the library veranda to give the little class a bit more room to move! It is getting very close, just a coat of paint and it’ll be right to go.
- Our P&C committee have agreed to have a doughnut stall at the “Hear the bush beat festival” at Burcher on the first Saturday of the school holidays, 20th September. We are looking for helpers to run the stall, making and selling doughnuts throughout the day. See the roster below, looking for at least 2 helpers at each time slot. Please contact Margot on 68572118 or mrubie@activ8.net to nominate your time.
- We are also planning to have another Bedgerabong Spring Fair and Market Day, next term, on Saturday 11th October. We are well on the way to planning a number of stalls, so come to our next meeting to start getting ready for the fair.
- Our next meeting will be held on Monday 15th September, at 2.30pm in the school kitchen.
- Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any queries

Margot Rubie

Roster for Saturday 20th September: Doughnut Stall at Burcher Festival

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Bedgerabong Community Notice Board

Bedgerabong Community Trust (change of date of meeting)
The community trust meeting will now be held on Thursday 18th September at 8.00pm at the school. Submission forms can be picked up and delivered back to the school before this date or given to a Trust member before the meeting.

Forbes Hockey Inc
Forbes Hockey Inc is holding Junior coaching sessions and fun days for under 16’s in the up coming school holidays. Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th September at the Forbes Golf Club on the old croquet court. 9.30-12.00 each day. $5 per child each day. Please bring drink, sunscreen and morning tea. To book and obtain registration forms please phone Melissa Dukes on 0417 801 091. Children do not have to be a member of Forbes hockey so bring your friends and family.

Wirrinya Family Fun Day
Wirrinya Family Fun Day is on again this year on Sunday September 21st. First Sunday of school holidays. Free Entry, 10am start at “The Shed” Wirrinya. Age Races (Starting @ 10:30am), Wirrinya Cup, Billy Boil, Tug-a-war, Novelty Events, 50/50 Raffle. BBQ and canteen facilities available, bring your own chairs and shade tent.

Western District Ladies Golf Association
22nd-24th September @ Forbes Golf Club. 2 day golf coaching camp + 9 Hole 2 Person Ambrose Junior Tournament. For junior girls and boys 9yrs-18yrs. Rego Forms @ Forbes Pro Shop, Contact: Anthony Gordon agordon@agribusinessplus.com.au or mobile: 0458561156

Bedgerabong Under 10s rugby league team
Hi all was thinking about getting a Bedgerabong under 10s rugby league football team going next year just wondering on your thoughts call 0419 843 566 if you would like to discuss. Thanks Damien Gilchrist

Are you a parent or carer of a child (aged 0-16) with a disability or chronic medical condition?
'MyTime' playgroup is commenced in the Forbes/Parkes/Condobolin area on Friday August 15th, 2014. This is a weekly playgroup run from 10-12 noon at Little Learners Early Intervention Centre, Reid St Forbes (next to Forbes Pre School). We hope to offer fun, friendship and support to families, and encourage children's learning and development through play. Contact Stacey McLelland, MyTime Facilitator, Playgroup NSW1800 171 882, staceygoodger@gmail.com

Disclaimer
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.

Being fair shows you care – FISH for life
FREAKY FACTS
Cats cannot taste sweet things.
The largest egg is laid by the ostrich. An ostrich egg can be 20cm in length and 15cm in diameter.
The smallest egg is laid by the hummingbird. It is less than 1cm in diameter.

Giggle Spot

Q: What do prisoners use to call each other?  A: Cell phones.
Q: What washes up on very small beaches?  A: Microwaves!
Q: Why was there thunder and lightning in the lab?  A: The scientists were brainstorming!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.” - Confucius

Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

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26 Sept  Austen B

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Mr Faulkner
3 September 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