“Happy holidays”

Students of the Week

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**Mrs Corke’s class**
- Week 8 – Harriet S – FISHY attitude in all areas.
- Week 9 – Jack K – positive attitude in small group work.

**Mrs Faulkner’s class**
- Week 8 – Jack J – Keep it Real (history project).
- Week 9 – Sari E – always chooses a positive attitude.

**Mr Faulkner’s class**
- Week 8 – Jacinta McM – commitment to learning.
- Week 9 – Sean D – maturing attitude and positive approach to work.

**Reading Awards**
- 75 nights – Chloe K
- 100 nights – Harriet S, Will M, Hamy A, Rochelle I
- 125 nights – Patrick B, Jasmine P, Sam S, Samantha N
- 150 nights – Lizzy S, Ryan P, Emily T, Sean D, Jeremy D

**Upcoming Dates for your Diary**
- 20 Sept  – Poppers in the Pines- Burcher
- 7 Oct  – School resumes term 3
- 7 Oct  – P&C meeting 2.30pm
- 11 Oct  – Bedgerabong P&C SPRING FAIR
- 10 Nov  – Broken Bay Camp
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- 24 Oct  – Get Hooked Fishing yrs 3-6
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- 1 Dec  – Swim School 10 days
- 12 Dec  – Bike a thon
- 16 Dec  – Presentation night
- 17 Dec  – Last day for students 2014
End of Term
As mentioned at our P&C meeting on Monday, this Friday, September 19 will be the last day of term 3. Normal uniform is required for this day. Mr Faulkner

Beginning of term 4.
Term 4 will commence for all staff and students on Tuesday 7th October 2014. Monday 6th is the October Long Weekend Monday. Mr Faulkner

Term 4 Movie Night
A quick reminder to everyone to mark Friday October 17 in your diary for our Movie Night. More specific details to come after the holidays. Mr Faulkner

Tootie Fruity
Will commence on the first Wednesday after the holidays. It will be the same arrangements as previous terms. Payment is per family, not per student. $8 per week per family if paying by the week or $50 per term ie $5 per family per week if paying for the 10 weeks of term 4. Mr Faulkner

Middle Class arrangements
Just a quick note to inform you all of the arrangements for weeks 2 and 3 of term 4 for the year 3-4 class. Apparently Mrs Faulkner has booked herself an overseas trip and will be taking leave. During that time Miss Rees will be relieving for her. Mr Faulkner

Marimba Workshop
Congratulations to all of those committed people who took part in our marimba making workshops over the past 2 weeks. We produced almost 11 fully finished marimbas and certainly refined some of our carpentry skills along the way. Music has become a big part of the culture at Bedgerabong School and it is certainly exciting to see that so many families within our school community value that culture and want to extend their children’s opportunities. We did have some wonderful examples of craftsmanship and innovation I can’t wait to see some of the final products when families paint or decorate their instruments and we may even have a surprise act or two at our Presentation Night this year. For those who were unable to complete their marimbas on the day, I hope you feel comfortable and confident enough to be able to finish it off at home. We have some tuners available to borrow from the school if required and I’m on the lookout for some timber that may replace the “dead” top notes down the track. I’m also on the lookout for a missing black tuner and two boxes of screw eyes. Mr Faulkner
Broken Bay Camp
It’s getting closer now. Just over 8 weeks until our Broken Bay camp. November 10-14. Week 6 of term 4) A very important reminder that this Friday is the deadline for final payments and acceptance of medical information. Each family has been given the chance to complete the medical details on line. Any that were experiencing difficulty did have a hard copy sent home that would allow us to enter the info from school. Broken Bay Camp won’t accept any late medical notes or payments. Unfortunately your child will have to forfeit their place if this has not been attended to by this Friday.
Mr & Mrs Faulkner

Wellington Eisteddfod winners
During August yr 2-6 students and Harriet travelled to Wellington to compete in the Wellington Eisteddfod. As you would have read in our newsletter dated 20 August we performed very well and were awarded many first places. What we did not know at the time was that we were awarded the 2014 Francis Gibbons Whiteley Award for the Most Outstanding Performance in Vocal and Instrumental. As per rules set out in the Eisteddfod Syllabus all winners must perform at the Grand Concert to receive the prizes, but the committee decided that due to short notice and costs involved, that it was impossible for us to attend the Grand Concert and went ahead awarding the prize to us anyway and thanking us for our support. In the Eisteddfod committees words – Congratulations! Keep Reaching for the Stars and we look forward to seeing you at the Wellington Eisteddfod next year.

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News from ‘The Middle’
The Math Curse by Jon Scieszka
Did you ever wake up to one of those days where everything is a problem? You have 10 things to do, but only 30 minutes till the bus leaves. Is there enough time? You have 3 shirts and 2 pairs of pants -- can you make 1 good outfit? Don't worry -- it's just the Math Curse striking! This is an amusing book about dealing with numbers in everyday life. We took a our own hectic lives from a numerical perspective and came up with our own problems Check these out…

I wake up at 7.30 and it takes me 3 minutes to get dressed, 2 minutes to eat breakfast and 2 minutes to go to the toilet. The bus arrives at 8.47 and it takes 10 minutes to travel to the bus stop. How many minutes is that all together?…Hailey

I see maths in the morning. When I get up it takes me 15 minutes to get all my jobs done, then it takes half an hour to drive to school. What time will I have to leave to be at school by 9 o’clock?…Kate & Julia

During our HOOTIS time we trialled a new practise tool to help consolidate our times tables. Using the “beat the buzzer’ machine the children challenged each other to games of times tables shoot outs. Needless to say it proved very popular.
K-2 News

We had fun with fractions last week. The children voted and decided to make fairy bread to demonstrate their understanding of halves and quarters. It was a delicious way to explore fractions.

Remember the K-2 speeches are this Thursday at 2pm. It will be great to listen to the information presented about Australian wetlands. Everyone is welcome!

News from ‘The Top’

As the end of term 3 rolls around our Stage 3 students are moving closer to the end of their Primary School career. Along with that comes the responsibility for taking ownership of their learning as well as commitment to working towards their goals, both personally and academically.

Year 6 students will soon be making their transition to Secondary School and year 5 students will be asked to step up. At our school this can include students nominating for selection to become a school leader or school captain. In 2014 we will have up to 8 year 5 students nominating for selection and participating in the election process. This means we will be voting for 2 Captains, 2 Vice Captains and 4 school leaders. (Not necessarily equal numbers of boys and girls- we may end up with 2 boy captains or vice versa) So what do we look for in our School Leaders? Our School leaders must

* Show the ability to make decisions for themselves (without peer pressure).
* Demonstrate exemplary behaviour – acts with integrity, honesty and respect.
* Have shown a willingness to be involved in extracurricular activities.
* Display initiative.       * Work well as a team member.
* Possess strong communication skills. (written / verbal, reflective listening.)
* Proudly wear school uniform.

Job Expectations May Include

* Being an active participant in peer mediation               * Running assemblies
* Determining and presenting school awards                   * Addressing dignitaries
* Assisting playground issues – toilets, canteen, movement in the playground
* Contributing as a member of active school teams eg, sport, marimba, student welfare
* Addressing P&C/school councils on initiatives when required
* Assisting new students to the school and implementing an induction program

School Leaders Speeches will be held at our Assembly on Friday 31st October 2014. So any year 5 student keen to step up into a leadership role might want to start preparing your speech. Mr Faulkner
**T-20 Cricket**

Last Wednesday the primary children and Isabella travelled to Forbes for a fun day of cricket. Bedgerabong entered four teams and managed to win a few and lose a few. That's quite OK because the aim of the day was to have fun meet new friends and play cricket. It must be noted I was approached on several occasions by teachers from other schools congratulating our kids on their sportsmanship and good behaviour. Well done everyone you were great ambassadors for Bedgerabong. A big thank you also to Mr & Mrs Pritchett, Mrs Kemp and Mrs George, who helped transport kids to town. Mrs Faulkner

**Tootie Fruity and Garden Roster**

Our pizza term has come to an end – today we are eating worms – yrs 3 & 4 have been studying the book ‘How to eat fried worms’ and thought they would share the experience with the school. The children today will be making “slimed worms” – spaghetti with a green cheese sauce with bacon and parsley on the side.

Next term will see us have a pasta term, we will be experimenting with all styles of pasta. Reminder that it is cheaper to pay for the term as a whole, $50 as opposed to $8 per week. You have up until week 4 to have the whole term paid for if you start paying by the week – so just a little extra each week will see the term paid for by week 4.

The roster is below, if you are away for the week you are assigned to the chooks you may swap with someone else or if you are just passing by feel free to call in. The chooks are laying approximately 7-8 eggs a day so if you do call in and feed and check them you may take the eggs with you. (There are cartons in the shed)

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**Jobs** - feed the chooks, check the garden, check the compost and worms. The compost should be damp, if you feel inclined you may get a fork and turn it. The worms should not be too wet. The feed for the chooks is in the garbage bins beside the yard, please ensure the chooks have full feeders. Also it would be nice to bring your scraps from home as the chooks will not have the kids scraps, which they enjoy.
**Parenting Information**

Bullying is a word that’s wrapped in emotion. For many people bullying is associated with bad childhood memories. It’s been estimated that around 40% of people has experienced some type of bullying in the past. Bullying is not the domain of one gender. Girls bully just as much as boys but they do it in less physical ways. While boys use physical intimidation or verbal abuse to wield power, girls are more likely to use exclusion or verbal sarcasm to assert themselves. Bullying should not be confused with teasing, rejection, random acts of violence or physicality and conflict. While children will often tease or fight, this bickering should not be confused with bullying. Next time... looking for warning signs. Mrs C

**Home Readers**

Please return all home readers this week. Home reading will conclude on Wednesday. This will allow me to check that all the books are returned and also add the new books to the boxes for term four. Thank you! Mrs C

**P&C Update**

THANKYOU to everyone who helped Nigel out with the building, painting etc of the enclosure of the verandah of the K-2 room over the last couple of weeks.

THANKYOU Nigel for completing and coordinating this extension for us, and for the discount you gave us on your account, it is much appreciated.

“Hear the Bush Beat Festival” is on at Burcher this Saturday, 20th September. As you know we are having a donut stall during the day. Thank you for those who have already been able to help on the roster, and also for those of you who let me know you won’t be around. We still need some helpers for the donut stall this Saturday at Burcher, see below. Please let Margot know asap if you can help! 68572118 or email mrubie@activ8.net.au

| Roster for Saturday 20th September: Doughnut Stall at Burcher Festival |
|---|---|---|
| Time | Helpers | Helpers |
| 9.00-10.00(set up) | Margot R | Cheryl G |
| 10.00-11.00am | Lyndall I | Merrin I |
| 11.00-12.00pm | Kim N | |
| 12noon-1pm | Melissa B | Sally S |
| 1.00-2.00pm | Tara B | |
| 2.00-3.00pm | | Nadine M |
| 3.00-4.00 | Cantwells | Faulkners |
| 4.00-5.00 | Faulkners | |
| 5.00-6.00pm Packup | Margot R | Nicky T |

**Bedgerabong Spring Fair and Market Day, is getting close.**

- It will be early next term, on Saturday 11th October. We are well on the way to planning a great day out. We are having a soft toy stall, and are looking for donations of unwanted, clean soft toys from families. Please send them to school by the end of the week, or early next term.

- Our next meeting will be on the 1st day back at school, Tuesday, 7th October, 2.30pm in the school kitchen - Margot
Forbes Hockey Inc

Forbes Hockey Inc is holding Junior coaching sessions and fun days for under 16's in the upcoming 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

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.
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 happens if you eat yeast and shoe polish? A: Every morning you'll rise and shine!
Q: "What's the difference between a guitar and a fish?" A: "You can't tuna fish."
Q: Did you hear about the race between the lettuce and the tomato?
A: The lettuce was a "head" and the tomato was trying to "ketchup"!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful that a life spent doing nothing” - George Bernard Shaw

Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

8 Sept  Ryan P
26 Sept Austen B
17 Sept James T
3 Oct Campbell R

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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