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Student of the Week

Mrs Corke’s class
Week 2 – Halle B – neat work in all areas
Week 3 – Fletcher G – keen to discuss ideas and enthusiastic in all areas

Mrs Faulkner’s class
Week 2 – Jeremy D – always putting in 100% when it comes to class work
Week 3 – Harriet S – excellent work ethic in all areas

Mr Faulkner’s class
Week 2 – Julia C – for being an enthusiastic learner
Week 3 – Daniel S – great attitude during Marimba practice

Reading Awards
25 nights – Jack K
100 nights – Ryan P
125 nights – Bridie H, Harrison C
150 nights – Airlie B, Jeremy D
175 nights – Katie C
200 nights – Julia C, Harriet P, Sam S, Katie S

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Aloha
to you all from Mrs Faulkner and myself as we finally find ourselves tucked up once again in our beautiful school community in a wonderful part of the world. Mahalo to Mrs Corke for doing such a terrific job keeping everything running smoothly during our absence, and to Mrs Prow, Mrs Williams, Miss Rees and Miss Hanns for keeping the class programs ticking over without a hitch, and of course to Mrs Isbester for maintaining the focus on music. You may have guessed that we did in fact spend some time in Hawaii before visiting many of the South Pacific islands on the way home, and aside from it being a great holiday, I did as usual, take every chance to sticky beak at the local schools in each of the places we visited. Although they all had their unique charm none of them seemed to have the community cohesion, grounds, resources and vibe that ours does and it so good to be back.

**Opera House Concert**
Next week six of our kids will be performing as a part of the NSW Small Schools Marimba Ensemble at the Sydney Opera House as a part of the Festival of Choral Music. Congratulations to Sophie W, Austen B, Harriet P, Clementine S, Julia C and Daniel S and we wish them all the best for such a wonderful experience.

**Kalari Lachlan River Arts Festival**
Once again our school has been offered an opportunity to be a part of the Grand Finale of this festival. This will be in two forms, the first of which involves a very large group of students, parents, staff and family playing our “wacky instruments” leading the two main lanterns around the lake into the performance space. From there the smaller marimba group will perform the song “Antigravity” as an accompaniment for the lanterns as they dance through the crowd. The marimba group will have to participate in a full rehearsal on Sunday October 25, 2pm at the Forbes Services Club. As we have a surplus of volunteers to play, this will be used to select the final group to perform at the Festival the following Saturday night. If you are a part of the group playing the wacky instruments and are nervous that you aren’t prepared, please feel free to drop in to the school at any time for a quick review.

**NSW PSSA Athletics**
Thursday 15th October Clementine S, Laura P, Ryan P and Campbell R travelled to Homebush to compete at the NSW PSSA Athletics. Here is what Clem had to say about the experience. “When we got there Cam and I went for a practice on the track while we waited for the Pritchetts. The first race we had to race with the P6 teams as there was no lanes left to race with the P5’s and we came first which put us through to the semi-finals. After waiting, waiting and more waiting we were called up for the semi’s. We ran in the same lane – nerves were high. Overall we came 17th in the semis with a time of 1 min and 2 secs. Then we waiting to see if we were in the finals, which we knew we weren’t, then came home.”

**2016 School Leaders Speech**
This will take place on Friday 13th November. At present we expect that we will have more than 6 candidates so once again this year we will be voting for 2 Captains, 2 Vice Captains and a number of School Leaders. Looking forward to hearing the children’s presentations.
School Swimming Scheme
Information regarding this year's scheme and permission for it, should be accompanying this newsletter. Please take the time to read it thoroughly and return it with payment promptly so that we can make the most effective arrangements for the kids.

Cartoon Video Conference
The kids were lucky enough to be treated to a Cartooning workshop via Video Conferencing last Monday afternoon. Just by walking into the room you could see how much the kids were enjoying it. There was some amazing work produced that afternoon. The kids were taught how to draw faces, expressions and body shapes. They were show how to make the characters evil or bad – you have to make the characters taller and pointy. Good characters are plump and cuddly. At the end of the conference they were shown Hero 6 to see if they could see the difference between the good and bad characters just by the shape of the characters. Reports from everyone was that it was a great workshop.

Exemptions from Attendance at School.
The Department of education has changed the guidelines for approving Exemptions from Attendance at School.
In the past we were able to approve most requests up to a certain limit each year. As of term 3 2015 - Principals, Directors, Public Schools and Executive Directors (Schools) may grant exemptions due to:
• exceptional circumstances (including the health of the student where sick leave or alternative enrolment is not appropriate) the child being prevented from attending school because of a direction under the Public Health Act 2010. (The parent is not required to complete an application for exemption)
• employment in the entertainment industry –What constitutes an elite arts program? Elite arts include programs or events beyond the gifted and talented programs provided by DEC. Principals should consult with the Arts Unit for advice about whether such a program is an elite arts program if assistance is required in making a decision.
• participation in elite arts or elite sporting events. What constitutes an accredited elite sports program?
Accredited elite sports programs includes national and international sports organisations who run training camps for athletes and when students have been selected to participate in talent identification programs run by the New South Wales Department of Sport and Recreation for national sports squads.
Note: Students travelling during school terms are not to be exempt. Students travelling to accompany or support siblings are not to be exempt.
Can an exemption be applied for after the event?
Exemptions cannot be granted retrospectively. This allows time for the principal or delegate to consider whether other options such as distance education are more suitable for the student’s circumstances.

Musica Viva
We will be hosting a visit from Sounds Baroque as a part of the Musica Viva program on Monday 2nd November starting at 9.30am. The school has covered the cost of this performance so there will be no charge to attend. Any interested community members are more than welcome to visit to experience this exciting concert.
Kindergarten Orientation
Orientation Parent meeting – Monday 26th October 2015 at 3.30pm. Children will not be able to attend our orientation sessions unless one parent attends this meeting. Dates of orientation - 9.10 -11.10am Friday 30 October, 6 Nov, 13 Nov, 20 Nov Week 8- full day Friday 27.11.15

K-1 News
Literacy in the classroom
Mrs Audrey Masters (L3 trainer) from Molong Central School will attend our school on Monday 26th October. She will help our class with writing and reading strategies. I will spend some time with Mrs Masters discussing the positive outcomes that L3 has in the K/1 classroom.

Our factual writing has been very informative this week. Did you know that owls come from the raptor family? Owls have huge needle-like talons that help them seize their prey. Owls are unable to digest bones or fur and regurgitate a pellet filled with this material. The tawny frog mouth is NOT an owl it is a ‘Night-jar’. Amazing! Mrs C

News from ‘the middle’
After traveling across the Pacific Ocean, over the equator and passing numerous time zones - it’s great to be back on solid ground. I’d like to give a special big thanks to Miss Hanns and Mrs Williams for teaching the middle class while I was away. The children certainly loved having you with them. The children have particularly loved learning about Australian animals and their artistic emus were a delightful surprise - I hope you think so too. Mrs Faulkner
News from the Library

The library held another paper plane flying competition on Thursday the 15th of October, and with close to 30 entrants we had a fantastic time. The students were very eager to top Austen’s record from the last competition, where he won first place with a flight of 10m 54cm. During the competition Harrison C and Maddy K were able to beat the record, with distances of 10m 73cm and 10m 80cm respectively. Maddy’s record breaking flight earned her first place in the competition, and made her the very happy recipient of the first prize joke book.

The top five flights of the day were:
1. Maddy K: 10m 80cm
2. Harrison C: 10m 73cm
3. James T: 9m 73cm
4. Patrick B: 7m 56cm
5. William M: 7m 34cm

Well done everybody! And a special thank you to the students who helped me run the competition, Miss Rees.

News from the “top”

Well, what a delightful surprise to return to the big class during the week. The cheery greetings were lovely and I was so impressed to see the positive notes and messages left by Mrs Prow and Miss Rees noting the positive behaviour and attitudes of my kids. It looks like everyone had a great time over the past 3 weeks but don’t be fooled kids, now we have to knuckle down and prepare for our assessment over the next few weeks and start preparing for swimming and presentation night. Looking forward to all of the year 5 kids considering taking part in the School Leaders Speeches in a few weeks. Good luck kids.

Connecting Communities- Bedgerabong Playgroup

Bedgerabong Playgroup was a hive of activity during Week 2 of this term with over sixteen preschool children present. Instead of our usual gross motor activities we planted seeds and plants in the garden. We discussed the types of plants, learnt how to dig holes and how to use the watering cans. Afterwards our inside activities included placing seeds onto cotton wool, making pikelets, pop up flower craft and water play outside.

We had a cool start to Bedgerabong Playgroup in Week 3 of this term. The children enjoyed playing with the duplo, play dough, and painting baa baa black sheep. We also investigated the snow pea seedlings that had sprouted from last week. The most exciting part was the visit from Mrs Darcy who showed the children how to brush their teeth with her puppet. Mrs Darcy was also busy checking teeth and encouraging the children to clean their teeth regularly. Mrs C
Tootie Fruity
This term the focus will be pasta. We will be experiencing the different types (shapes) of pasta. Pasta seems to be everyone’s favourite.

**Spicy sausage pasta**
2pkts x 500g dried conchigle (shell shaped pasta)
Sauce - 3 tbs olive oil, 3 onions, sliced finely, 3 cloves garlic, crushed, 3 x 400g tin of chopped tomatoes, 12 sausages
1/3 kg bacon, 200g Salami, 3 tbs parsley
Method
Heat the oil in a large pan. Add onion and garlic, cook for 5 min or until onion is soft. Add diced bacon and salami. Stir. Add the tomatoes to the pan and bring to the boil. Turn down and simmer for 20 mins. Cook the sausages, slice the sausage and add to the sauce. Cook the pasta according to instructions. Drain the pasta, mix the sausage mix through and serve.

**Penne with Bolognese sauce**
800g penne
Sauce - 6 rashers bacon, chopped 3 onions, chopped 3 carrots, grated, 3 sticks celery, chopped, 3 cloves garlic, crushed, 1kg beef mince, 4 tins chopped tomato, 4 tbs tomato puree, 3 beef stock cubes, Freshly ground black pepper
Method
Heat the oil in a medium saucepan. Add the bacon and cook for 3 minutes. Add the vegetables and cook until soft. Add the mince, breaking it up. Cook for 6 minutes or until meat is browned all over.
Dissolve the stock cube in 350ml hot water. Stir it well then add it to the meat. Remove the lid halfway through. Cook the pasta according to the packet. To serve place the pasta on a plate and top with meat sauce.

**Michael Grose - Parenting Strategies**
**Strategy 12 **Let's set a goal or two

**Help kids maintain hope by planning and moving forward**
Ever been in a bad situation where you feel overwhelmed by events? You just didn’t know how to get over, around or through a situation. This leads to helplessness and feelings of inadequacy. When this happens to you then you’ve just got to do something. Situations always feel better when you can get some action happening. Help your child see that there are solutions to many HFD’s but first they do need to do something. A poor speller can improve but first he’s got to get a list of words out and start practising. Help kids set realistic goals and put plans in place to improve their situation. The plans need to be realistic - e.g. learn one new spelling word a day rather than ten.
This strategy requires kids to look ahead rather than look backwards and expect that good things will happen.
**What to say:** “What can we do about this?” “Let’s take the first step.”

**Bedgerabong Community Notice Board**
**Bedgerabong Hall**
The AGM will be held on Monday 26th October at 7.30pm at the Hall. Please come along and have your say. All welcome. You will not be put into a position if you don’t want it. We want as many volunteers to help us in our endeavours as we can get. Many hands make light work.
FREAKY FACTS
Bluebirds cannot see the colour blue.
Polar bears can swim 60 miles without pausing for a rest.
Coca-Cola was originally green.

Giggle Spot
Q: How did the ditch digger get his job? A: He just fell into it.
Q: What is the difference between a gardener and a laundryman? A: One keeps the lawn wet, the other keeps the laun-dry
Q: What kind of chair does a geologist like to relax in? A: A rock-ing chair.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“Challenges are what makes life interesting, overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.” – Joshua J Marine

Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

27 Oct Russell W
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17 Nov William M
23 Nov Harriet P
13 Nov Aaron T
19 Nov Jack K
25 Nov Isabella B

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Mr Faulkner
26 October 2015

2015 school term dates
Term 3 14-7-15 - 18-9-15
Term 4 6-10-15 - 18-12-15

2016 school term dates
Term 1 27-1-16 - 8-4-16
Term 2 26-4-16 - 1-7-16