Great kids
Great school
Great times

Student of the Week
Mrs Corke’s class
Week 4 – Jack K – positive attitude in all areas
Week 5 – Lizzy S – working well in Maths

Mrs Faulkner’s class
Week 4 – Ryan P – working well in all areas especially Maths
Week 5 – Patrick B – Great HOOTIS effort

Mr Faulkner’s class
Week 4 – Jess C – effort and enthusiasm in class
Week 5 – Jess C – mature attitude and work ethic

Reading Awards
25 nights – Isabella B, Sam S, Kate S, Harrison C

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Being fair shows you care – FISH for life
Wow- where does the time go?
We now find ourselves towards the end of week 6- over half of the term has passed and we are now planning for the few weeks left. Our school has evolved rapidly since the commencement of 2015 and it continues to grow and change. This week we welcomed two more staff to our school and are very happy to announce that Ms Michelle Rogerson and Ms Caroline Morris join us in the roles of School Learning Support officers. We hope that they both enjoy the new roles they face and make a smooth transition into them. I’m sure they will experience the satisfaction and enjoyment that the rest of us experience working with our fabulous group of kids.
If the chance arises please take the time to introduce yourself to them but also respect the fact that as with all of our staff, confidentiality is paramount and any discussions relating to student progress or issues must be confined to appointments with classroom teachers.

Circus Arts.
Due to a very unfortunate family circumstance, Clinton from Circus Arts was unable to visit on Wednesday but he has assured me when all is clear he will return to Bedgerabong to conduct the show and workshop. I will be sure to pass that information on to you as soon as Clinton makes contact.

TARONGA ZOOMOBILE
Next Monday we will be very fortunate to host a visit from the ZOOMOBILE at Bedgerabong School. The school has subsidised the cost for students to attend the ZOOMOBILE so there will be no cost to students. The event will commence at 1.30pm and finish by 3pm. Pre school siblings are welcome. The show is about an hour and a half with the students being shown animals and told dreamtime stories and singing songs about each animal. The animals are also walked through the audience giving everyone a close up view and opportunity to pat them. Animals may include ringtail possum, frogs, bogeye, python and echidna. As it is a school based event we will only ask for parents to contact us if you object to your child participating, otherwise it will be a whole school event.

School gates
Please be aware that as a safety measure we are closing the school gates each day at 8.45am and open them again at 3.10pm. In the interests of our students’ safety we would very much appreciate the gates being kept closed and motor vehicles avoid using the school grounds during that time. Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding in regards to school parking. Obviously with the increases in school staff, parking space within the school is limited and currently reserved for staff as movement of vehicles by staff is usually before and after students are present.

School equipment
Each year our school community, P&C and school staff, work hard to provide our school and students with resources they can use and enjoy. Please be aware that although we are a Public School the school facilities are not “public” and that after hours use of the school is subject to approval. Although we are happy to have people use our facilities, damage to school property or misuse of the school equipment can lead to costly recovery for repairs and or exclusion from the school grounds. Please respectfully enjoy our grounds and facilities.
P&C Meeting
Monday 16th March at 2.30pm in the school kitchen. There are some very important decisions that will need to be made soon in regards to the future direction and operation of our school. It would be beneficial if we were able to have a large range of parents attend this meeting to ensure decisions that are made reflect the community views and expectations.

Movie Night
We have planned a movie night for Friday 27th March. The movie will screen at 7.15pm Entry via a gold coin donation. We had planned to arrange a sleepover for the primary kids but due to the State election the next day we will have to postpone that until later in the year.

Nice Words
Last Friday, two of our students Campbell and Austen attended the Lachlan PSSA cricket trials and although not successful I was extremely pleased and proud to receive an email from the cricket convenor congratulating the boys on the behaviour and attitude - Mr Ranger stated” They held themselves with great pride, respect and sportsmanship on the day. They were a pleasure to have at the trials and their effort needs to be congratulated. I would be very happy to take these boys away for an excursion or having them playing in my school cricket team. You need to be rather proud of them and they have represented your school with the upmost honour and enthusiasm. Could you please pass this onto the boys and I hope to see them again next year. Well done boys – you have done our school and community proud.

JRV Visit
Next Tuesday yr 5-6 will be visiting Jemalong Retirement Village to conduct a morning concert for the residents. A note should have been forwarded home in regards to this. There will be no charges associated with this event. It will be a great opportunity for our kids to show off their performance skills.

Western Region Swimming
This Friday 6th March Bedgerabong students will travel to Dubbo to participate in the Western Region swimming trials. We wish them all the best in their quest for personal best times and achievements.

Rugby League workshop
Alex Prout, NRL development officer has booked our school in for a Backyard League workshop on Monday 16th March. Students should wear appropriate footwear for this ie runners/joggers.
He will be providing skills and activities for all students K-6 and will finish the day off with training/preparation for those children 3-6 participating in the NRL 6’s gala day on March 24.

Special Request
K-1 require old magazines, old newspapers, cleaned and emptied yoghurt containers. Thank you!
News from K-1
In our History unit we have been discussing the importance of families and our family backgrounds. This week a research task was sent home for homework requesting each child to design their own family tree. The time allocated will allow for plenty of time to make and design this project. We look forward to the presentation of these projects towards the end of the term.
During Maths last week we worked on subtraction. We had to use the number line to help us count backwards. This week we have been developing our understanding about Three Dimensional shapes. At home you can look at a variety of boxes such as cereal or muesli bar boxes. This provides an opportunity to count the sides, corners and faces of the box in an incidental and meaningful manner. Learning is fun!
Mrs Corke.

News from ‘the middle’
In class we have just finished reading The Twits. What a horrible pair they were. But as awful as they were - they were exceptionally entertaining. Author Roald Dahl had an impressive way with words. His descriptive writing made each page come to life, the colourful characters at the centre, easily enticing us into their nasty clutches. Roald Dahl kept all sorts of list to help him when he wrote his stories. He once said - “When you’re describing something or someone, you can’t just choose dull words like beautiful, pretty or nice. You must search for meaty and imaginative words.” So we have done just that. Check out some of our meaty words for ‘ANGRY’. Mrs Faulkner
News from the Library

Last week the library held our first paper plane competition, and we had 30 students lining up to compete. The students worked very hard on their planes, and it really made my day to see the effort they put in and the way they supported each other. Austen made first place with a length of 10m54cm, and second and third place went to James and Melody respectively. The library will have a mini poster competition going from Week 6 to Week 7, where students can make an A4 sized poster of their favourite book to display in the library. I bet they will look great!

Parenting Ideas – Parenting Ideas with Michael Grose

12 essential coping strategies

Coping strategy 1: Laugh about it

Have you ever noticed that when there is a major world crisis or tragedy that there is soon a spate of jokes in the public arena about the issue? These jokes help people deal with the anxiety caused by the situation. We are less likely to become depressed or feel helpless when we can laugh at a situation. Humour is a great coping strategy. Encourage your kids to stand back and find a funny side to the situation they may be in. I am not suggesting that we trivialize situations, rather develop the ability to find some humour and hope in adversity. Humour is a powerful tool for resilience as it heightens feelings of control. It helps kids reframe a situation and gain some perspective. This strategy requires kids to look for a funny side and not take themselves too seriously. What to say: “Come on, laugh it off.” “Find the funny side.”

Interested in early literacy development or helping your child read at home?
The following link contains information to assist parents with the home reading process and some insight into strategies that school teachers may utilise to develop early reading skills. http://creatingalearningenvironment.com/?p=213

University of NSW competitions

Each year we offer students the opportunity to participate in the various University of New South Wales competitions. These competitions are a great opportunity for students, not only to gather information about their progress compared to others, but to also practise and become comfortable with the testing process. It can assist the children to become more relaxed and proficient in the “testing process” that they will experience in the NAPLAN test in Years 3 & 5 as well as the ELLA and SNAP tests in High School. In order to give everyone the opportunity to participate we are able to subsidised the cost of the tests so that each competition will only cost students $5. That’s almost half price. If you are interested in your child participating please complete the section below and return it to school with payment before 20th March.

Please note that all Primary students will participate in the English and Maths competitions to allow me to gather appropriate information for class planning and programming, however those that don’t contribute the fee, will not receive the certificate.

I would like (name) to participate and receive a certificate in

- English ($5)
- Mathematics ($5)
- Science ($5)

Enclosed is $________ Please return with money before 20th March 2015
Tootie Fruity
Tootie Fruity continued with the rice theme.

**Sausage pilaf**
2 Small eggplant, 2 zucchinis, 1 tbsp garlic, Vegetable oil, 500g mushrooms, sliced, 2 cup uncooked rice, 3 cups chicken stock, 2 tsp salt, Black pepper, 1 kg sausages, cooked.
Cut eggplant, unpeeled, into 6mm slices, then cut the slices into 6 mm strips. Slice the mushrooms. Cut the zucchini into cubes. Heat the oil in a heavy 3 litre saucepan over moderate heat. Add the eggplant strips, zucchini, garlic and mushrooms. Cook for 5 minutes. Add the rice and stir until it is well coated. Add stock and seasonings. Reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes. Check after 10 mins add more stock if necessary. Cut sausages into 2 cm pieces. Stir into rice mix when rice is cooked.

**Chicken risotto**
120g butter, 2 medium onions, chopped, 2 cloves garlic, 2 large stalks celery chopped 2 cups uncooked rice, 2 cups diced chicken, 4 cups chicken stock, Pepper and salt Rosemary, 2 cup frozen peas, 1/2 cup Parmesan Preheat the oven to 200oC. Cook the chicken. Melt the butter. Add the onion, garlic and celery and cook 3 mins. Add the rice and cooked chicken and cook for further 3 mins. Add the chicken stock, and seasoning. Bring to the boil, place lid on cook for 10 minutes. Add the peas. Serve sprinkled with cheese.

**Milo Balls**
1 can condensed milk, 2 tbs Milo, 1 packet Marie biscuits, crushed, coconut, to coat
Method - Mix milo, biscuits and condensed milk. Form into 20 bite-sized balls and roll in desiccated coconut. Step 3 Refrigerate until ready to serve

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**Bedgerabong Community Notice Board**

**World Day of Prayer**
Bedgerabong Union Church Friday 6th March 2015 at 9.30am. Please note the earlier start time. Morning tea to follow at the church. Ladies a plate please. If anyone is willing to help run this day please contact either Mrs Dorothy Noakes 68571132 or Jan Brown 68571151

**Bedgerabong Community Trust Meeting.**
The next meeting of the Bedgerabong Community Trust will be on Monday 30th March 2015. Submission for funding from community groups will close on Monday 30th March at 3pm. Submission forms are available by contacting the school office.

**Bedgerabong Chook Auction and Market Day**
Claiming the date - Saturday 12th April, in support of the Bedgerabong Show.

**Positive Partnerships - supporting school age students on the autism spectrum.**

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**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**
You breathe in and out about 23,000 times a day.
The measurement from your wrist to your elbow is the same measurement as your foot.
Your tongue is the strongest muscle in your body.

**Giggle Spot**
Q: What did the little mountain say to the big mountain? A: Hi Cliff!
Q: What did Winnie The Pooh say to his agent? A: Show me the honey!
Q: Why couldn't the pirate play cards? A: Because he was sitting on the deck!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**
“Life is like photography – you use the negatives to develop.” ~Anon

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Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

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Mr Faulkner
4 March 2015

2015 school term dates

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Pie Drive Order Form

Delicious Local Pies from FORBES COUNTRY BAKEHOUSE

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**Total**

**Orders Close:** Wednesday 1st April 2015 with payment

**Pick up** from Bedgerabong Public School Thursday 30th April between 11am and 1pm. Please include ph no. in case you need to be reminded to pick up.

PLEASE NOTE LATE ORDERS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED!

Contact Kylie Brockmann 6857 2133 or Melissa Brown 68571100 for any queries relating to your order.