Students of the Week

**Student of the Week**

**Mrs Corke’s class**
Week 4 - Cooper N - positive attitude in all areas
Week 5 - Karla O - being friendly and hard working

**Mrs Faulkner’s class**
Week 4 - Isabella B - working above and beyond in Maths (HOOTTS and trading)
Week 5 - Sam S - always a top effort

**Mr Faulkner’s class**
Week 4 - Maddy K - being helpful and hardworking and bubbly
Week 5 - Jess C - hard work and a FISHY attitude

**Reading Awards**
- 75 nights - Ryan P, Sari E
- 125 nights - Airlie B, Russell W, Katie C, Madison B,
- 150 nights - Sam S, Kate S, Will C, Harriet S, Julia C

**Upcoming Dates for your Diary**
- 22 Aug Bedgerabong Show
- 28 Aug Western Athletics
- 31 Aug - 2 Sept Bathurst excursion
- 15 Sept School Photos
- 18 Sept Last day Term 3
- 4 Oct Term 4 starts - Mr & Mrs Faulkner LSL 2 weeks
- 10 Oct Spring Fair
- 27-30 Oct Opera House marimbas
- 31 Oct Kalari River Arts
- 2 Nov Musica Viva
- 30 Nov Swimming Scheme
- 15 Dec Presentation Night
Kalari Lachlan River Arts Festival

Recently I was approached by Peter Kennard who has been engaged by the Kalari Lachlan River Arts Festival to coordinate the grand finale of the festival. Peter was involved last time and as our contribution as a school group was so influential in determining some of the pieces he produced for the finale in 2013, Peter has asked that we join with him to be involved again this year. The date of the performances during the lantern parade and grand finale that Peter has in mind for us is Saturday October 31. I believe the events are due to start at approximately 8.15pm and last for an hour.

In a nutshell, at the moment, here is what I know about our school’s contribution.

1. We will be providing musical support to the lantern parade with street parade "wacky instruments" in the lead up to the grand finale. We will require 20-40 people including students, parents and any other interested people to be involved in this. It is really simple, playing J-pipes and some other basic percussion, even I can play them, and won’t take more than 5 minutes to learn. You only need some sense of rhythm and beat.

2. A more skilled group of marimba players to play an arrangement of an already familiar song and one other song that Peter is currently composing.

Both of these performances will require a commitment to be present to participate on the 31st October and to attend one or two rehearsals in the lead up to the event.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for our school to be involved in a wonderful community event, and I’d love to see a large Bedgerabong School contingent participating.

I will include a reply for each family to compete to accompany this newsletter.

School disruptions

Currently our school system is undergoing the most dramatic changes in its history and we are continually implementing departmental reforms including school planning and assessment, financial and administrative reforms, student reporting and assessment, teacher accreditation, student welfare, quality teaching, teacher and principal industrial awards, teacher performance and supervision and more.

It should be no surprise to anyone that these are having direct affect on all schools and in particular teachers in having to constantly be trained and informed of the impact of the reforms, on top of their classroom and school responsibilities.

Please be mindful of this when you have issues or concerns that you have the need to discuss with teachers by ensuring you phone ahead and make an appointment. It’s not fair to pop in with a quick question as the teachers are not prepared to give you the full support you deserve. I have asked all of our teachers to follow this practice to ensure they are fully focused on their classes throughout the day.

Please also be aware that we are utilising all of our staff to support our students each and every day. That will mean that the office and telephone are regularly unattended. Phone messages will be checked and calls can be taken at recess 11.10 – 11.40am and lunch 1.10 – 2pm, otherwise prior to and after school buses 8.45am and 3.15pm.

Kindergarten Orientation

Please consider the following dates for term 4 Kindergarten Orientation.

Orientation Parent meeting – Monday 26 October 2015 at 3.30pm

Dates of orientation
9.10 – 11.10am Friday 30 October, 6 Nov, 13 Nov, 20 Nov
Week 8- full day Friday 27.11.15
**Small Schools Soccer**

We played the 4th round of the NSW PSSA Small Schools soccer knockout last Friday in Orange. Once again we faced the strong O’Connell team that we have played several years in a row and of course some not so pleasant Orange winter weather. The kids started well playing to their plan but the skills and experience of the opposition saw the kids down 2 nil at half time. The second half saw several chances for our kids to level but to no avail with O’Connell running out winners on the day. I must say that I was very proud of the attitude and demeanor of the Bedgerabong kids as they remained positive and kept their great sportsmanship right throughout the whole game. Big thanks must go to Paul Darcy who donated his time over the past few weeks to come and coach the kids at school.

**Book Week!**

This week is the annual Children’s Book Council of Australia’s Book Week! This year marks the 70 year anniversary of Book Week celebrations, and the 2015 theme is ‘Books light up our world’. Celebrations will be held for students at school this Thursday the 20th August during library time. Early last week colouring in competitions were sent home, and book prizes will awarded to the best entries in the K-2, 3-4 and 5-6 groups this Thursday. As part of the celebrations a range of activities will be held for students in the library, and this year’s short listed books will be available to read. Students are encouraged to dress up as a favourite book character for the day, and share their favourite stories with their class mates! We are all looking forward to seeing some great costumes this Thursday!

**K-1 News**

Our Maths lessons have been about subtraction. We have been using ten frames to work with subtraction problems, practising our skills with doubles, exploring facts that are related and using the number line to help us count backwards. Thank you to the children who made the effort to make their recycled art for the show. The pavilion will look superb because of your amazing efforts!

Our class is focusing on ‘Transport’ in HSE and also in our English unit. Mr Gumpy by John Burningham has been shared over the last few weeks. The tasks have included using adjectives to describe Mr Gumpy and to describe his car. It is easy to access Mr Gumpy’s Outing and Mr Gumpy’s Motor car through you tube. It has been tricky to write ‘Gumpy’ instead of “grumpy”. But that’s another story.
News from ‘the middle’
Recently we were fortunate enough to participate in a video conferencing writing workshop with author Paul Stafford. Having worked with Paul before, we knew we would be visiting an exciting, and imaginative realm. The course was titled ‘Off to the Goldfields’ – Gold fact and fiction. Our task just like the goldfields experience was left literally to luck. The children were asked to roll a dice to determine the course of their story. These choices included transport, accommodation, luck and health. As a group, we wrote a story. The children are now in the process of writing their own adventures. Keep an eye out on Facebook for some of their finished products. Check out our class story below.

Dear Mother

I hope this letter finds you well. I have lot to tell you about my time away. Before I went, I was a little upset because I hadn’t been paid. This helped me decide to pack up my life and like everyone else, head off to the goldfields. I had a one pound in my pocket which I planned to use it to buy mining tools and food.

I am one of the lucky ones. I had a horse to get me there. One day when I was working, I won a bet to see who could round up the most sheep. The prize was my trusty horse.

After a few days I finally arrived. I needed some shelter. I found some good bark, leaves and sticks and made myself a lean-to. But there were problems. It wouldn’t lean. It was more like a lean-one than a lean-to. It leaked like mad. The leaves were covered in caterpillars, the bark infected with termites.

After a bad night sleep, I finally started searching for gold. I got luckier than some – finding an odd small nugget or two. But I wish I had been as lucky as that donkey-riding clown up the road. Maybe I should have made friends with him? Ah but that’s a whole other story!

All this mining is tough work. I’m starting to feel feeble and I cough and splutter a lot. My back is so sore I can only dig for a few hours at a time before I knock up. Mmm... I dream of fresh food and clean drinking water.

The past seven months have been tough. But I was a little lucky and I can still work. I think it is time to move on. Who knows, maybe I should try my luck at being a bushranger next!

From your loving son, Fred

News from the Top Class
Our focus over the first half of this term has been another Morris Gleitzman novel called Water Wings, which included many characters from our previous stories and was very enjoyable. We’ve been spending a lot of time looking at ways a positive attitude can determine success in everyday situations, which has been a great source of conversation in our group sessions. After several weeks of planning we have been able to almost finalise our settings for a narrative in a fictional world. The kids had to consider all of the elements of the setting including environments, laws, technology, sport, transport, medicine as well as the main characters, before drawing and then creating that scene in minecraft. Step two will be to describe in words the details of the settings or “worlds” as we are calling them, before planning and writing our narratives.

GYM program
Last week saw the start of our Get Yourself Moving or GYM program. Miss Hanns has been engaged two days a week to support our children to refine and develop fitness levels and physical skills. This term the main focus is Circus Arts from the response of the kids this week, it will be a highly enjoyable and productive program.
Connecting Communities- Bedgerabong Playgroup
The first Connecting Communities Playgroup was held at school on Thursday. Playgroup is now starting at 9.30am. The first half an hour involves gross motor activities outside in the playground. This week we used the parachute to explore concepts such as up and down, following instructions to move to the correct colour and we also used the sacks to develop jumping skills. We concluded our outside time with an invigorating game of duck, duck, goose. It was great to see the turn taking skills and patience to wait for a turn. We headed to the Kitchen for the rest of the session. The focus was directed towards colour recognition and exploration. This was developed through painting rainbows and making rainbows during the collage activity. The fine motor writing skills emphasised name writing and drawing pictures in a personal booklet- this was a hit with our budding authors. A huge thank you to Katy Brown for the soothing lavender play dough that she made- somehow mine always manages to be lumpy! The session concluded with a story about the ‘Rainbow Fish’ and a dance to the ‘I can sing a rainbow’. Thank you to everyone who helped tidy up and assist with sorting out the cupboard. We are planning to make chocolate crackles and article of dough/plaster for the show in our session next week- so come prepared with your creative ideas. Until next time- Mrs C.

Michael Grose- Parenting Strategies
Strategy 9 Accept what’s happened
Help kids know when worrying is futile
It takes quite a skill to know when to worry and when to let things pass. Most 12 step programs involve the concept of acceptance. I try to keep this in mind when I am stuck in traffic – at these times there is nothing I can do so it is pointless fighting things. Help kids accept situations that won’t change. It is natural to want to bring back pets that have passed away or a friend who has moved away. There comes a time when kids need to stop trying to change things and just accept the reality of the situation. This strategy requires kids to understand that some things can’t change, but their thinking can. What to say: “Go with the flow!” “Don’t fight it – relax and see what happens.”
Weeks four and five have carried on with the fun food theme. Week four saw us make 5 pizzas into a pizza cake, some really great flavours all layered into one. Week five saw the kids have fun with spinach and made a sunny spinach pie that looked very much like the sun or sunflower as the kids twisted the edges to make petals/rays.

**Pizza Layer Cake**
This was five pizza’s made using pita bread as the base for 4 of the pizzas and a pizza base as the base to the whole cake (or the first pizza). The four pizzas consisted of Pizza 1 - Chicken and Bacon, Pizza 2 - Ham and Pineapple, Pizza 3 - vegetarian, Pizza 4 - Supreme, Pizza 5 - Pepperoni. These pizzas were stacked one on top of the other then a scone dough was wrapped around the pizzas to form a cake. Very impressive and a lot of team work to pull it off.

**Sunny spinach Pie**
Prep time: 30 mins  Cooking time: 30 min
Ingredients: for the dough:  3 1/2 cup of flour, 90 ml of extra virgin olive oil, 200 ml of warm apple juice, 1 tsp of salt
for the stuffing: 350 gr of boiled spinach, 350 gr of ricotta cheese, 2tbs greek yogurt, ½ pkt spring vegetable soup mix, ½ capsicum chopped finely, pinch of nutmeg, salt, pepper, breadcrumbs
Instructions:
Preheat the oven to 180°C/356°F.
Mix all the ingredients for the dough and work the dough until it becomes uniform.
Chop up the spinach and microwave for 2 mins, squeeze it to eliminate the water.
Mix the ricotta cheese, greek yogurt, soup mix, capsicum, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Add the cooked spinach.
Divide the dough in two. Create 2 circles of 30cm/11.8in each using a rolling pin. Place the 1st dough circle on baking paper. Spread some breadcrumbs on it. Place part of the stuffing in the centre of the circle and the remaining creating another circle around. Cover it with the 2nd circle of dough. Wet the borders and attach one to another using a fork. Place a small bowl over the central stuffing and punch with a fork all around. Using a sharp knife cut the borders in 3cm/1.2in slices. Turn them upside 90°. Bake for 30 minutes in preheated oven at 180°C/356°F.
Bedgerabong Community Notice Board

Bedgerabong Show
Bedgerabong Show is on Saturday 22nd August 2015. With a couple of new events and things to do, this year’s show should be bigger and more event filled than ever before. If you have not already got your schedule then please contact Anne Earney on 6857 1199 or bedgerabongshow@hotmail.com
The juvenile sections this year can be found in the relevant sections ie. Cooking, sewing, produce, flowers etc. Junior Showgirl/stockman. Many wool displays etc.

Bedgerabong tennis
The next Bedgerabong Tennis Competition will start early September and finish early November. Tennis is played on Tuesday and Wednesday Nights, with play to start at 7.30.
Should you not wish to commit full time to a team, and still like the occasional hit add your name to our reserve list.
Everyone is Welcome. Names are required by 20 August 2015 - don’t delay as numbers are limited.
For further information please contact Louise Simmonds 6857 2129 AH or email louisesimmonds@bigpond.com

Bedgerabong Community Trust Triennial Meeting.
The Triennial meeting of the Bedgerabong Community Trust will take place at Bedgerabong Public School on Monday 14th September 2015 commencing at 8pm where all 7 Trustee positions will be declared vacant and then filled via nominations and if necessary private ballot.
The Triennial meeting will then be followed by an ordinary meeting with the new Trustees.
Submission forms for funding assistance from the Bedgerabong Community Trust will be made available by contacting the school if you require one.

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
A crocodile can’t stick its tongue out.
A shrimp’s heart is in its head.
It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.

Giggle Spot
Q: What is black and white and purple all over? A: A zebra at the North Pole.
Q: What do you get when you cross an elephant and a canary? A: A messy cage
Q: Is it hard to spot a leopard? A: No they come that way.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realize I should have been more specific.”
Lily Tomlin

Happy Birthday to these recent and upcoming party goers.

2 Aug Melody O
16 Aug Harriet S
20 Aug Daniel S
27 Aug Fletcher G
14 Aug Laura P
16 Aug Jeremy D
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Mr Faulkner
17 August 2015

2015 school term dates
Term 1 28-1-15 - 2-4-15
Term 2 21-4-15 - 26-6-15
Term 3 14-7-15 - 18-9-15
Term 4 6-10-15 - 18-12-15