Learning on excursion

Students of the Week

**Mrs Corke’s class**
- Week 8 – Lacey O – thinking about her work and working hard
- Week 9 – Jack K – demonstrating an amazing attitude and willingness to learn

**Mrs Faulkner’s class**
- Week 8 – Kate S – great behaviour during the excursion
- Week 9 – James T – trying hard in all areas

**Mr Faulkner’s class**
- Week 8 – Sari E – terrific tourist on excursion
- Week 9 – Campbell R – positive attitude

Reading Awards

- **100 nights** – Jess C, Bridie H, Melody O
- **125 nights** – Annabelle H
- **150 nights** – Katie C, Madison B, Russell W, Airlie B
- **175 nights** – Sam S, Harriet S, Kate S, Will C, Clementine S, Harriet P, Julia C

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

- 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
Will be held in Forbes October 31st 2015. As mentioned last newsletter our school has been invited to perform as a part of the grand finale. Thank you to those people who were able to return the RSVP for that event. We have 2 items we are performing. The first includes over 50 students, mums, dads and family members playing some “wacky instruments” leading the lanterns along the side of the lake. We have had lots of time practising each morning, so if you are an adult who has committed to playing in the group, you might want to stop in some morning/s at about 9.20am just for 10-15 minutes. The second item involves just 12 selected marimba players performing antigravity. I have yet to finalise the performers of this event, but they will know who they are before the end of the week. I have been informed that there will be a group rehearsal beside the lake in Forbes on Sunday 25th October. More info to come when we get it.

Bedgerabong P&C Spring Fair
You should all be aware that the Bedgerabong P&C are holding their annual Spring Fair on Saturday 10th October. I’m just reminding all of the school students that although it’s a very exciting time, to remember the school rules we have in place each day to keep them safe and that the classrooms aren’t playrooms during that time.

Bedgerabong country music camp out
Will be taking place during the first week of term and our kids have been asked to perform on Friday, 9th October. We will be taking some wacky instruments and marimbas to the Showground under the supervision of Mrs Horan and Mrs Isbester to encourage the crowds to then return to the school on Saturday for the Spring Fair. This will be treated as a local excursion and as it is during school time. It is assumed that all students in years 5-6 will be given permission to attend.

School Photographs
Will be taken tomorrow – Tuesday 15th October. I believe they will be at school about 10-30-11am. Please ensure that you have returned the personalised order forms to school by tomorrow morning.

Bathurst Excursion
Our recent trip to Bathurst began with a dip in a pool. Fortunately it was indoor and the children enjoyed swimming laps and playing in the whirlpool. Afterwards we headed for the Bathurst Goldfields where we were treated to an entertaining and informative afternoon. It felt as though we were transported back to 1852. Our tour guide Barry, shared many aspects of life on the goldfields including mining methods, machinery, living conditions, the Chinese and so on. We were fortunate to meet Molly, Barry's wife, who shared with us the hardships endured on the goldfields. Everyone especially loved Molly's special damper and the old time games that children of that time would have played. Our tour through the Lucas Cave the following day was also memorable. What was even more surprising was our tour guide, Barry. He looked very much like our gold fields guide but he insisted he was his brother. The children had a great time away and
were enthusiastically involved in all the activities. Thank you to all the children for your great behaviour.

K-1 News
Transport
During class we planned a town that included different types of transport. We also thought about the environmental issues involved with transport. Some children worked in pairs and some independently. Everyone had a chance to talk about their amazing creations. Please remember to bring in your excursion notes (also available on the school website). The excursion is for K/1/2 on Friday 18th September.

Speaking and Listening activity
Don’t forget about K/1 three minute speeches about transport. The presentations will be on Tuesday 15th September at 2pm. ALL welcome to attend.
News from ‘the middle’
Who would have thought that the best lolly in the world (Clinkers) could challenge us Mathematically. Some of our questions were answered and others left us thinking maybe more research (eating) is required. I had always thought there were never enough pink clinkers in a packet - that there were too many yellow and green. My idea was to get proof and send a ‘please explain’ email to Cadbury. But after consuming two full packets, here is what we discovered; there is not an even amount of clinkers in every packet, there were consistently less yellow clinkers, pink was the dominant colour, you can not divide 70 by 15 evenly, tallying is essential when counting bigger numbers, what fraction were pink-yellow-green and it is not possible to have even numbers of colours if the total number of clinkers is not divisible by 3. But alas we are still left wondering. Why were there less yellow? Why were the numbers uneven? Well perhaps more investigation is required. However lately we’ve been thinking about other things like... Are musk sticks all the same length? How many smarties in a jumbo pack? Here’s to future research!

News from ‘The Top’
We had a great time on our recent Bathurst excursion. I was very proud to see so many of the stage 3 kids step up and show leadership throughout the experience. It was also great to see so many kids coping so well away from home, showing initiative and independence. This is the last week the kids have to work on their Bushranger projects. So far I have seen some really wonderful efforts and commitment to the project. I’m hoping those kids that thought it was okay to “do it later” have a clear understanding of the need for preparation and time management. I’m excited to see what the kids have produced and can’t wait to see their projects and hear their presentations on Friday. I’ll be sure to post some to Facebook to share with everyone later on. If you know you won’t be at school on Friday- Kids you had better come and speak to me now.

Library
We have had a great time in the library this term, and I would like to remind all of the students that currently have library books at home that they need to be returned to the school by this Thursday. Thank you! Miss Rees
**Michael Grose - Parenting Strategies**

**Strategy 11 - Be flexible with your thinking**

**Challenge black and white thinking and look for shades of grey**

Watch your language to see if it’s full of absolute, imperative terms such as: “I must...”, “they should...”, “they never...”. If this is the case then you may be stuck with some very inflexible, unrealistic thinking that is causing you undue stress. Today’s kids talk in extremes – ‘awesome’, ‘the best’ and ‘gross’ roll off their tongues easily these days. Extreme language leads to extreme thinking. If your child talks in absolutes then let them know that their language can exaggerate a situation out of all proportion.

Encourage kids to moderate their language. For instance, they can replace “I’m furious” with “I’m annoyed”, “It’s a disaster” with “It’s a pain”, “I can’t stand it” with “I don’t like it”. Sounds minor but by changing kids’ language you change how they think about events and, more importantly, how they feel.

This strategy requires kids to step back and change their way of speaking

**What to say:** “Don’t block off the possibilities.” “You could be right, but have you thought about...?”

**Connecting Communities - Bedgerabong Playgroup**

It was a beautiful spring morning for our playgroup session. The gross motor session focused on jumping using the mini trampolines, jumping across a rope and jumping through hoops. During our indoor session the feeling of spring was carried through to our painting and craft. There were lots of beautiful flowers and caterpillars munching on leaves. Our group time was very special as we read ‘The very hungry caterpillar’ and afterwards we sequenced the story with cards. I look forward to seeing everyone next week - Mrs Corke.

**Kindergarten Orientation**

Orientation Parent meeting - Monday 26 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

**School uniform policy**

This is a timely reminder that our school uniform policy includes “a no hat no play” section. We have been seeing an increase in students not wearing hats to school. Any students not wearing a hat to school will be asked to sit on the verandas and shaded areas during recess and lunch.

**Home readers**

Home readers will finish this Wednesday, please ensure that your child returns their book to the home reader trays.

**Morning reading**

A huge thank you to all those mums and community members for giving up your time each week to listen to our students read to you. It is really appreciated by us all - especially the kids. Morning reading will begin in Week 2 of term 4. Thanks again - Mrs Corke.
Tootie Fruity
The last two weeks have seen Mrs Corke’s class make their own muffin pizzas as the big kids were away they had to make their own lunch, a small treat for them. Last week saw Mexican pancakes - and they seemed to be a hit, from making to eating. The kids really enjoyed making a pancake that was as big as the pan, they learnt to roll it to make it paper thin. They then added the filling from the bowls on the table.

Mexican Pancakes
Mince
400g beef mince
30g packet reduced-salt taco seasoning mix
Pancakes
3/4 cup self-raising flour
2 cups plain flour
2-3 cups milk
1 tbs greek yogurt
20g butter, melted
1 large avocado, mashed
1 medium tomato, finely chopped
1 tablespoon lime juice
1/4 cup sour cream

Method
Lightly spray a medium frying pan with oil. Heat over high heat. Add mince. Cook, breaking up mince with a wooden spoon, for 5 minutes or until browned. Add seasoning mix. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add ¾ cup cold water. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to medium. Simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes or until mixture is thick. Remove from heat. Cover to keep warm. Meanwhile, combine flour and a pinch of salt in a bowl. Make a well in centre. Combine milk and yogurt together. Pour milk mixture into flour mixture. Whisk until smooth.

Bedgerabong Community Notice Board

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.

Bedgerabong Hall
There will be a meeting tonight at 7pm to discuss the catering job for the Sunday of the long weekend for the Parkes Bike Club. All welcome

Bedgerabong P&H
There will be a meeting on Thursday night at 7.30pm at the hall. Any show autopsy welcome.

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 dragonfly can fly up to 50 miles per hour.
The Earth spins at 67,000 miles per hour.
A midge beats it's wings 1,000 times a second.
It was once against the law to slam your car door in a city in Switzerland.

Giggle Spot
Q: What room has no walls, no doors, no windows and no floors? A. A mushroom.
Q: What pillar is never used to hold up a building? A: A caterpillar
Q: What stays indoors no matter how many times you put it out? A: The light.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“In order to be irreplaceable one must always be different” – Coco Chanel

Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

17 Sept    James T
3 Oct      Campbell R
13 Oct     Sam S
27 Oct     Russell W

26 Sept    Austen B
11 Oct     Cooper N
18 Oct     Sean D

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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

Mr Faulkner
14 September 2015
Being fair shows you care – FISTH for life