Fishy all day in the pool

Students of the week

**Student of the Week**

**Mrs Corke’s class**

Week 2 – Fletcher G – positive attitude in class and happy to do all activities
Week 3 – Tilly C – working hard in all areas

**Mrs Faulkner’s class**

Week 2 – Melody O – mature attitude, positive role model
Week 3 – Jack K – great independent worker

**Mr Faulkner’s class**

Week 2 – Jessica P - Amazing perseverance
Week 3 – Austen B – using initiative and displaying leadership skills.

**Upcoming Dates for your Diary**

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Small Schools Swimming

I seem to have to say the same thing every year after our swimming carnival, but I’m very proud to be able to do so. WOW- How good were our kids! From their infectious cheering for their school mates to displaying a never say die attitude and choosing a very FISHY! attitude, it was a pleasure to watch them. All day long our kids participated with enthusiasm, gave their everything, cheered their friends, encouraged others and showed all in attendance how wonderful our school group really is. I must also acknowledge the families and friends that helped in any way on the day for without your support the kids would not have a chance to participate in events such as this.

Throughout the day we had some exciting results in the pool and I’m very proud to announce the following achievements. Age Champions- Austen B and Harriet P. Runner-up George M. First place in the Senior 4 x 50m relay (Austen B, George M, Jasmine P and Campbell R) Winner of the Binky Medallion - Parent Teacher 4 x 50m brace relay (Murray Brown, Jackie Darcy, Paul Faulkner and Lyndal Isbester). Congratulations to Quandialla being awarded the Champion School for the carnival.

As a result of the races held on the day the following students have been selected to compete at the Lachlan PSSA Swimming trials at Condobolin on Feb 19. Austen B, Harriet P, George M, Harrison C, Dani K, Will M, Campbell R, Jasmine P, Ryan P. We wish them all the best at Condobolin and look forward to reporting their achievements in the next newsletter.

Lachlan Tennis Trials

Last week Harriet P attended the Lachlan PSSA Tennis trials in Parkes and was over the moon to be selected in the Lachlan Squad to compete at the Western PSSA tennis trials. Congratulations to Harriet and we wish her all the best.

School Lunchboxes

After just two weeks at school kids seem to be able to sort out their routines and habits, particularly in regards to lunch and recess. We’ve seen a few of our students hook right in at recess because they are hungry, only to end up without a great amount for lunch. Others are turning their noses up at the lunch and struggling to get through it or leaving it completely. We will ask kids that suggest they don’t like their lunch to place it back into their lunchbox so that when they get home you can see that they haven’t touched it. It might be worth checking lunch boxes for the next few weeks or having an open conversation with your child about recess and lunch and what they do and don’t eat. It might also be a good idea to check through your child’s bag for notes as well- they can sometimes disappear in there for weeks.

No Hat No Play

That is our Student Sun Safe policy and it’s becoming a little difficult to supervise all of the children who are coming to school without a hat or simply misplacing it during the day. Please encourage your child to wear their school hat to school- it is a part of our
school uniform, and to keep track of it during the day. Labeling your child’s hat clearly with their name is also another way to ensure that we can find the hats when misplaced.

**School Supplies**

We don’t ask for school fees to be paid here at our school. Yes- we do have some user pays programs, but the only thing that we do ask that you provide and keep supplied to your child is an eraser and a glue stick. Can I please urge each and every family to ensure that they have at least one glue stick for each child ASAP. You can purchase them at the school office for $2 each or any of the supermarkets or newsagents stock them.

**News from “the Top”**

Well, after just two weeks together our class is running like a well-oiled machine. We’ve settled into our routine and I’m very proud of the rates of home reading and the quality of the homework presented. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO BE AWARE THAT SIGNED HOME READING IS COMPELLARY FOR OUR CLASS.** Remember that at this stage homework isn’t meant to be exhaustive, but rather a routine to build upon ready for high school and to consolidate the more important skills of reading, spelling and maths. It would certainly be beneficial to set aside a specific time and place to complete homework, and remember - if it’s too difficult, please don’t do it for your child, make a note for me and I can make adjustments to suit each child.

Last week we welcomed Mrs Prow as a regular to our class working with us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and hope that she enjoys it as much as we enjoy having her. This week we’ve recommenced our iPad program within our class and at the moment are revisiting some of the apps that are most productive for use in the classroom. We use the SAMR model for the implementation of mobile device lessons meaning that instead of just swapping a pencil for a keyboard, or paper for a screen, we look at ways to go beyond and utilize the power of the device to allow students to modify and re-define tasks in order to show a deep understanding of the concepts we are working with.

**“Stuck in the middle with you”**

Now we have had some time to settle in, things are moving along nicely. In class the children are adjusting to new routines and the changes associated with being in a new grade and a new classroom for some. Now that I’ve finally got everyone’s wifi and emails sorted we can get stuck into some fun stuff. The kids have already had a great time sharing the ‘Scoop on their holiday’. Check out some of our finished ones below and look out on Facebook where I’ll upload them all once everyone has finished.

Mrs Faulkner
K-2 news

In our class this week we started our ‘snail’ unit. We have been reading ‘One is a snail and ten is a crab’. This wonderful story has links between literacy and mathematics. Each character in the story is worth an amount according to the amount of feet or legs. For example a snail is one, a person is two, a dog is four, an insect is six, a spider is eight and a crab is ten. How many would you have if there were 10 crabs, 3 spiders and four dogs? Check out some of the work below- great effort! Mrs Corke

Community Connections

Community Connections has again kicked off for the year. Over the past two weeks we have painted with warm colours - red, yellow and orange, and played with and in water. Our artwork also included making a sun and a set of very cool sun glasses. The Old Woman who swallowed a fly came to tell her story- she seemed very hungry! The children explored water during all of their play based activities last Thursday. The water tray was a great place to cool off and also learn about sinking and floating. The children blew some bubbles to make some colourful prints. We also had free exploration of collage, wet chalk painting and some sea creature printing. A huge thank you to our special guest who kindly read us a story- what a great day! Mrs Corke

News from the Library

We have had a very exciting and energetic start to the year in the library, with lots of students coming in to borrow books and take part in our Easter themed craft. Term one will be filled with Easter craft and activities, as well as a special egg hunt where students will have to follow clues to find a book and chocolate egg within the library. This week students had lots of fun reading to Wombat and making an Easter bunny. Please remember that library has moved to Tuesdays and is no longer on Thursday.

Miss Rees

Forbes Heritage Festival

Bedgerabong students have again been invited to participate in the 2016 Forbes Heritage Festival to be held from April 30 to May 3. The theme for the festival is ‘Discoveries and Rediscoveries’. Infants and primary students are invited to enter art competitions. The age sections will be - Infants (Years 1 & 2), Lower primary (Years 3 & 4), Upper primary (Years 5 & 6). Monetary prizes will be awarded to the first 3 place getters in each section. No school time will be allocated to this project but I am happy to offer support/ guidance if needed. If your child is interested in entering this art competition please see me for more details and an entry form. Mrs Faulkner
CWA cooking
Congratulations to our CWA cake cooking competition entrants. It was great to see so many kids have a go and enter. 7 children gave up their lunch time to utilise the school kitchen and cook their Speedway cake, a great commitment. We look forward to seeing our first and second place getters (Harriet S and Julia C) compete at the next level. Well done everyone and PS I love cake! Check out our facebook page to see our other proud competitors. Mrs Faulkner.

Tootie Fruity
The last two weeks in tootie fruity have seen the kids make a variety of scrolls and pizza muffins. I am very proud of yrs 3 & 4 who are showing yr 1 the ropes. Coming up this week we have yr 2 doing cheese and spinach triangles, yrs 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 doing Hash Browns with chicken and mushroom filling and Mrs Corke’s kindy doing cranberry muffins. Week 5 will see Sticky chilli and lemongrass chicken. Mrs Horan

Scrolls
Pastry - 2 cups SR Flour, 80g butter, chopped, 2 tsp caster sugar, 2/3 cup milk. Fillings - Ham, cheese pineapple – ¼ cup pizza sauce, 1 cup grated mozzarella, 100g ham, 227g pineapple pieces. Sun dried tomato, olive and cheese – 1/3 cup spreadable cream cheese, 1/3 cup tomato basil leaves, 1/3 cup dried tomato strips, ¼ cup pitted olives, chopped, 1 cup grated mozzarella, Cheesy Vegemite scrolls – vegemite, tasty cheese.
Preheat oven to 220°C. Grease a 12 hole muffin pan. Work butter into the flour and sugar until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add milk, season with salt and pepper, stir with a butter knife to form a sticky dough. Turn out onto a well floured board and flatten to form a 20cm x 40cm rectangle. Spread dough with filling of choice. Roll up dough from 1 long edge to enclose filling. Cut into 12 equal slices. Place cut side up into holes of prepared muffin pan. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden. Stand in pan for 5 minutes then remove from pan.

Pizza Muffins
1 ¾ cups plain flour, 7g sachet dry yeast, ¼ tsp caster sugar, Pinch salt, 2 tbs olive oil, ¼ cup pizza sauce, 1 ¾ cups grated mozzarella, 2 rashers bacon, ¼ red capsicum.
Preheat oven to 200°C. Grease a 12 hole muffin pan. Combine flour, yeast, sugar and salt in a large bowl. Make a well. Whisk oil and 2/3 cup warm water in a jug. Add to well. Mix to form a soft, sticky dough. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead for 8-10 minutes or until dough springs back when touched. Roll out dough until 5 mm thick. Using a 7cm round cutter, cut rounds from dough. Line holes of prepared pan with dough rounds, pushing into pan to come ¾ up side of each hole. Spread pizza sauce over base and sides of pizza bases. Sprinkle with a little of the mozzarella. Top each pizza base with a basil leaf, then tomato. Sprinkle with remaining cheese, then dried herbs. Bake for 20 minutes or until bases are golden and cheese is melted. Stand in pan for 5 minutes then carefully transfer to a baking rack.

Bedgerabong Community Notice Board
Harvest Festival – Saturday 20th February Bedgerabong Hall 7.00pm start. All welcome.
World Day of Prayer – Friday 4th March at 9.30am at War Memorial Union Church
All Tears are Different
A wider look at Mental Health, drugs and alcohol. Drug and alcohol clinicians and local service providers will help unravel the complexity of mental health and drug and alcohol problems.
Venue – Forbes Services Club, When – Friday 4 March 2016 6.00p for 6.30pm – 9.00pm. Refreshments on arrival. This is an alcohol free event.
For more information email schrystall@lyndon.org.au or text/phone 0413 840 432
FREAKY FACTS
A duck’s quack doesn’t echo, and no one knows why.
A crocodile can’t move its tongue and cannot chew. Its digestive juices are so strong that it can digest a steel nail.
Sound travels 15 times faster through steel than through the air.

Giggle Spot
Q: Why did Tony go out with a prune?  A: Because he couldn't find a date!
Q: Why did the traffic light turn red?  A: You would too if you had to change in the middle of the street!
Q: What did one elevator say to the other elevator?  A: I think I’m coming down with something!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
"Life is nothing without friendship" - Cicero

Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

13 Jan  Maddy K  20 Jan  Kate S
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2016 school term dates
Term 1  27-1-16 - 8-4-16   Term 2  26-4-16 - 1-7-16
Term 3  18-7-16 - 23-9-16   Term 4  10-10-16 - 16-12-16

Mr Faulkner
15 February 2016