Leaping through time in the pool

Student of the Week
Mrs Corke’s class
Week 4 - Eli B - independent worker in all areas.
Week 5 - Cooper N - a mature approach in all areas of his learning.

Mrs Faulkner’s class
Week 4 - Will M - impressive effort in Maths.
Week 5 - Madison B - great independent worker.

Mr Faulkner’s class
Week 4 - Sam S - independent and hard working.
Week 5 - Annabelle H - choosing a positive attitude towards Maths.

Reading Awards
25 nights - Isabella B, Will C, Airlie B, Melody O, Karla O, Lacey O

Upcoming Dates for your Diary
4 Mar Western PSSA Swimming - Dubbo
11 Mar K-2 Fire Safety excursion
15 Mar Lachlan PSSA Soccer trials
17 Mar Lachlan PSSA 11’s & Opens League
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28 Mar Easter Monday
29 Mar Lachlan PSSA touch football trials
1 April Family Movie Night
8 Apr End term 1
Lachlan PSSA results
Just over a week ago we had a squad of swimmers from our school attend the Lachlan District swimming trials at the Condobolin swimming pool. Apart from going to do their best the kids were also vying for selection on the Lachlan team to compete at the Western Region trials this coming Friday. The great news is that all of the Bedgerabong kids had a wonderful day and tried their very best and in almost all cases were able to achieve selection in the Lachlan Squad or achieve personal bests in the pool. Congratulations to all of our kids for their performances on the day. I am very proud to announce that a total of 6 students from our school will participate in the Western Region trials this Friday in Dubbo. They are Austen B (200IM, 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly, Bedgerabong PP5 relay, combined small schools relay), George M (50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly, Bedgerabong PP5 relay, combined small schools relay), Jasmine P (50m freestyle, Bedgerabong PP5 relay, combined small schools relay), Harriet P (50m breaststroke, combined small schools relay), Campbell R (Bedgerabong PP5 relay, combined small schools relay) and Harrison C (50m butterfly). We wish them all the best.

Ipads and social media
Just a reminder to mums and dads that our school iPads are set up so that your child can access wifi outside of the school and access external apple id accounts to download apps at home. Please be aware that the law states that social media accounts for apps like facebook, instagram, snapchat and twitter are restricted to children 13 years an older. We can't condone students utilising those apps/social media accounts.

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 subsidise 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 Friday 18th March. Please note that all Year 6 Primary students will participate in the English and Maths competitions to allow me to gather appropriate information for class planning and programming and academic awards for Presentation Night, 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 18th March 2016
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students in years 4-6 to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students in years 4-6. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 4 March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form are available from the website above.

K-2 news

Our writing lessons have been inspired by some of the following books- Snail Mail, Turtle and Snail and Snail’s day just to name a few. Our creative art work is starting to fill our room. Remember a plastic sleeve to put your home reading in and a glue stick is essential. Mrs C

“Stuck in the middle with you”

We have been very busy in class this past fortnight. The fabulous Fantastic Mr Fox has us all transfixed and has greatly inspired our creative writing. Our HSIE and art work of late has had a definite Asian influence due to our virtual visits to Mongolia and China. In Maths the children have been enjoying playing games helping to consolidate their learning. The times tables race has been a firm favourite. Keep an eye out on Facebook in the near future for our stories and art pieces. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy our shared description of Fantastic Mr Fox… (Mrs Faulkner)
News from “the Top”
Well we’re half way through the first term and we’ve started to make some progress. Our class has seen some definite structure and routines and I’m really happy to say a number of my students have taken on the task of being a senior student, role model and self reliant learners very well. One of our class goals for term one is for the kids to become more responsible for their own learning and their own actions, including regular goal setting and getting past blaming mum or dad for not signing home reading or packing their homework. It’s a slow and steady process. Our homework this term has been designed to support the major focus of the new mathematics syllabus-problem solving. I am aware that some of the actual mathematics involved in obtaining a correct answer may be difficult for some but I urge you, if necessary to take some time to go through the process we’ve been promoting in class.

1. Read the question. 2. What is it that you are asked to find out? 3. What information does the question give you? 4. What else do I know that could help? 5. What strategies could I use to try to find an answer?

I have no objections to students utilising any devices such as calculators for these questions as the actual mechanics of the maths is not the major focus. As I mentioned we are attempting to get the kids to take risks, look for alternatives and develop problem solving skills and attitudes. Please feel free to call the school to make a time to talk to me if you have a need to.

News from the Library
Easter craft has been a big hit with the students, and last week’s Easter chick activity was no exception. Over the next couple of weeks we will also begin an Easter hunt activity in the library, where students will be given clues to find a book and Easter egg. Please remember that library is now held on Tuesdays, and students must bring a library bag to school to be able to borrow books.

Community Connections - Thursdays 9.30 – 11.00am
We cut out a Kangaroo and made a puppet, stamped with some animal paws and did some painting. The fun continued with the cardboard boxes- we always find a new use each week for the boxes! We acted out Jack in the box, we pretended to be on a bus and also a train. Our adventures went from the jungle, the beach, a farm and back home again! What creative little people we have. We tried our best to avoid the heat at our playgroup last week with the air conditioning on high and the water play out! We had fun threading with beads, building with blocks, painting at the easels, the cut and paste seemed to be a favourite with our Dad’s. We finished with a game of ten pin bowling and row, row, row your boat. See you next week everyone- hopefully it will be a bit cooler! Checkout our facebook page for lots of cool pictures. Mrs C

Tootie Fruity
The past two weeks have seen the kids cook Hash Browns and Chicken cups, Cheese Triangles and Sticky Chili and Caramel Chicken. This week will see us make Beef and Vegie Pasties followed by Chicken Croquettes in week 7.

Hash Brown and Chicken cups (makes 8) - 600g cream delight potatoes, peeled and finely grated, 2/3 cup finely grated parmesan, 100 g tasty cheese.
Preheat oven to 200oC. Grease 12 hole muffin pan. Squeeze excess moisture from potato. Pat dry with paper towel. Combine potato and parmesan in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Divide potato mixture evenly among holes of prepared muffin pan. Press mixture evenly over base and sides of holes to form a case. Bake for 15 minutes or until potato is golden.
Fill with mixture and top with remaining cheese. Place them back in the oven until cheese has melted.
Chicken and mushroom filling - 2 cups cooked chicken diced, 1 brown onion diced, 200 g mushrooms
sliced, 2 cups milk, 2 tbs plain flour, 3/4 tbs butter, 2 tbs parsley chopped.
Melt butter in non stick fry pan. Add onions and cook until tender. Add mushrooms and cook until all liquid has evaporated. Stir in the flour and gradually add the milk, continuing to stir until mixture starts to thicken. Add chicken, parsley, salt and pepper and half the cheese. Stir all together and remove from heat.

**Sticky Chilli and caramel chicken** - 1 tbs oil, 4 large chicken thigh fillets, 2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced, 1 long red chilli, thinly sliced, 4 tbs brown sugar, 2 tbs kecap manis, 2 tbs fish sauce, 2 tbs lime juice, 2 cups beans, jasmine rice to serve
Heat oil in large pan, cook chicken, turning occasionally, for 5 minutes or until brown. Transfer to plate. Add garlic and chilli to pan, cook stirring for 2 minutes. Add sugar, kecap manis, fish sauce, lime juice and 1 tbs water. Stir to combine. Bring to the boil. Add chicken to pan. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover. Simmer for 5 minutes. Turn chicken, cook uncovered for a further 5 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and sauce thickens slightly. Add beans and cook until coated in sauce. Serve with rice.

**Bedgerabong Community Notice Board**

**World Day of Prayer - World Day of Prayer**
Bedgerabong Union Church Friday 4th March 2016 at 9.30am. Please note the earlier start time. Morning tea to follow at the church. Ladies a plate please.

**Bedgerabong Community Trust Meeting.**
The next meeting of the Bedgerabong Community Trust will be on Monday 4th April 2016. Submission for funding from community groups will close on Monday 4th April at 3pm. Submission forms are available by contacting the school office.

**Bedgerabong PA&H Assoc**
Bedgerabong Show AGM 10th March at 7.30pm followed by a monthly meeting planning for the market day and Youth pig show.
Poultry auction, market day, horse fun day and dog high jump - Sunday 10th April, in support of the Bedgerabong Show.
Bedgerabong Pig Youth Show and stud auction Wed 27th and Thur 28th April. For more information phone Anne Eamey on 0427 808 158.

**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 schrystal@lyndon.org.au or text/phone 0413 840 432

**Red Bend JRL registrations 2016**
RBJRL will be holding 2 registration days outside Bernardis on Saturday 27th February (from 11am to 2pm) and Sunday 6th March (from 11am to 2pm)
Cost for 2016 registration is $70. All registrations will have to be partially completed again online this year. http://goo.gl/b84hUX
• WE NEED ALL PLAYERS to come to one of the rego days to complete the other compulsory paperwork. Age groups for 2016 will be U6s, U8s, U10s, U12s, U14s & U16s.
• New registrations require a photocopy of birth certificate. All new players will receive new shorts & socks. Return players are able to use their shorts & socks from 2015. There are new shorts and socks available to purchase if needed. We will also be having a sausage sizzle as a fundraiser at rego. We are still looking for EOI for RBJ JNR (5-12yr) & SNR GIRLS (13-16) LEAGUE TAG. Register your interest if you haven’t already done so.
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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
Guinea pigs and rabbits can't sweat.
Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.
Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during World War II were made of wood.

Giggle Spot
Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?  A: Frostbite.
Q: What is the best day to go to the beach?  A: Sunday, of course!
Q: Did you hear the joke about the roof?  A: Never mind, it's over your head!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“Laughter is sunshine in a house” - William Makepeace Thackery

Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.
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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
29 February 2016