



Students of the week



## Good luck to our X-country runners



### Student of the Week

#### Lower Division

Week 2 – Sarah M – amazing writing and working independently.

Week 3 – Noah B – hard work in Maths.

#### Upper Division

Week 2 – Isabella B – being an enthusiastic learner.

Week 3 – Paula T – always working to a high standard and always being respectful.

### Home Reading

**50 nights** – Jack K, Samantha N, Roman S, Zarah H, Matilda McD, Archie McD.

**75 nights** – Halle B, Jeremy D, Eli B, Beau S, Will M, Holly P, Will C, Lachlan P, Fletcher G, Isabella B, Alyssa G, Noah B, Lily C, Heidi D, Ethan B, Maisie B, Annika P, Sarah M

### Upcoming Dates for your Diary

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| 22 May     | Oxley CWA Public Speaking  |
| 25 May     | Lachlan PSSA x-country     |
| 4 June     | Small Schools soccer match |
| 6 June     | Cowra Eisteddfod           |
| 8 June     | Small Schools Sports Day   |
| 13 June    | Western X-Country          |
| 27-29 June | Yr 5 Burrendong Camp       |
| 4 July     | STEM Day K-6 Quandialla    |

### **Transporting Students**

Last newsletter I mentioned the requirements for transporting school students- other than you own, to school arranged events. Thanks so much to those people who provided their licence and registration details. If you haven't yet done it, could you please get in contact with either Mrs Horan or myself and provide those details. As long as we're discussing transport, it might be a good time just to remind everyone about our practices regarding motor vehicles in and around our school. Staff vehicles enter and leave the school before and after our students are on site. Staff park in two designated parking areas. Any visitors should continue to park outside the gates in Golding Avenue- but please be aware of the bus signs and bus parking arrangements. If you have to bring a vehicle into the grounds or around to the tennis courts, please let us know and abide by the 5km/h speed limit. Our school gates are closed at 9am and reopen after 3.10pm when the children have left. If you are picking up your child in the afternoon, when returning to your car please be sure to hold your child's hand as you leave the school grounds and, avoid walking on the road, especially when the buses are there. I've included a flyer with details around travelling with children in the car, for your reference.

### **School Plan 2018-20**

If you attended last year's presentation night, and stayed awake during my speech, you may recall mention of our new 2018-20 school plan and the processes involved around creating, implementing and reviewing the plan. Basically it went a little like this - after community consultation, we analysed the data from parent surveys and determined what it was that community wanted for our kids. Our community wanted our students to - be polite and courteous, well mannered, hard workers, feel a part of the community, display respect and be able to cope with transition to high school and be prepared for their future. As a result, we developed a School Vision Statement- "Dedication to equity, respect & excellence. Equipping for the future, Inspiring to make a difference and belonging in the present." It's this statement that drives the programs within our Strategic Plan and those statements we would like you all to consider embracing, for it's only with our school communities support that we can successfully achieve this.

Any of our staff would be more than happy to engage in a conversation around our School Plan and Strategic Directions, should you wish to know more.

### **Pre-Service teacher**

We've been very fortunate to have Mrs Danielle Lemon working with us as a part of her teacher training requirements over the past 4 weeks. Mrs Lemon has been focussing on working with the Big Class and the kids have really enjoyed having her with them. Mrs Lemon concludes her practicum with us this Friday. She has done a wonderful job and we wish her all the best as she continues her journey towards graduating with her degree.

### **Lachlan PSSA X-Country**

Lachlan PSSA X-Country will be held at the Forbes Jockey Club's Racecourse this Friday. All of our nominated students have been given the necessary information to attend. I'd recommend revisiting that information to ensure that you are aware of the correct times involved. All students require a special colour name tag to participate. Mrs Horan has those and will distribute them to our athletes this Thursday. As with any cross country event- weather will not disrupt it. It will go ahead, rain hail or shine.

# Good luck to our X-country runners this Friday

### **External validation**

Every 5 years NSW Schools must now undertake an external validation. This year our school is a part of that process. It will allow us to evaluate our policies, programs and practices against a standard called the School Excellence Framework (SEF), and present that information to an external panel. It will involve our staff identifying evidence of our practices, programs and policies, annotation and presenting that evidence to the panel for validation. I spoke about this very quickly to the P&C at our last meeting. As we draw closer to our External Validation date (late term 3) we'd love to be able to share what we have produced for any local feedback or to allow for our school community to contribute to this. If you would like to know more about the External Validation process, the SEF or if you have an interest in supporting us through this process, please feel free to contact me at school.

### **Relay for life**

WOW!! In the lead up the Relay 4 Life marimba performance you could be excused for thinking I was a little nervous about the performance standard we had displayed in rehearsal, and I WAS very nervous, even as we set up for the performance. In the past Bedgerabong Marimba groups have set a very high standard and the expectation that they will "wow" the crowd is high. I am very proud to say that the performance level that was on display, from our students from Kindergarten to Year 6 at the Relay 4 Life was wonderful. I would like to thank all of our parents for allowing the children to participate in this community event, and for taking them on a cold Saturday afternoon to South Circle Oval. I'd also like to thank Mrs Faulkner and Miss Hanns for giving up their Saturday afternoon to set up and pack away.

### **CWA public speaking**

Best wishes to Airlie Bird, Isabella Brown and Samantha Noakes as they compete in the CWA Public Speaking competition in Trundle this Tuesday. I'm sure all three of them are well prepared and will do their very best in representing our school.

### **K-2 news**

Week 4 is here and we are all loving being back. We are trying something a little different in class with our L3 sessions. Instead of rotations each morning, there is a timetable on the board of Must Do activities. There are 4 activities all students must complete during the morning sessions. There is a writing task, a word-work task, spelling/sight word task and familiar reading. This is teaching our students to become more independent with their learning and allowing for more 1:1 reading with the teacher. Miss Hanns

### **Mrs Faulkner's news**

The big class have started a drama unit this term. Recently they were challenged to present a family skit depicting different family members. They had to think about voice, mannerisms and other behaviours stereotypical of their character. At the end of the skit, each family had to pose for a family portrait that didn't quite go to plan.





Learning to tell the time can sometimes be difficult. Recently, to mix things up and to make understanding how clocks work a little more interesting, K/2 made their own human clock.

### **KARES/Tootie Fruity**

Our garden is going great and all the artichokes have now been picked and used. The kids enjoyed artichoke chips and artichoke soup. Thank you to the Moxey family for their donation of lemons – they will come into good use as the Lilly pilly berries are ready for jam making.

Italian Meatballs and Pasta – week 2

Ingredients - 400g Barilla Penne Rigate, 1 kg mince, Italian seasoning, Tomato paste, 1 tablespoon olive oil, 700ml passata (tomato pasta sauce)

Method

Cook the pasta in a large saucepan of boiling water following packet directions. Return to the pan.

Meanwhile, combine mince, tomato paste and seasoning in a bowl. Mix well. Roll tablespoonfuls of mixture into balls. Heat oil in a large deep frying pan over medium-high heat. Cook the meatballs, shaking pan often, for 3-5 minutes or until browned.

Add the passata. Season with salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cook for 3-5 minutes or until the meatballs are cooked through and the sauce thickens slightly. Add the meatballs to the pasta and toss to combine.

Artichoke Soup

2 tsp olive oil, 800g Jerusalem artichokes, peeled, chopped, 800g sebago (brushed) potatoes, peeled, chopped, 3 bacon rashers, rind removed, finely chopped, 4 bay leaves, torn, 8 sprigs fresh thyme, 1L (4 cups) chicken liquid stock, 750mls (3 cups) water  
Salt & ground black pepper, to taste

Method

Heat the olive oil in a large heavy-based saucepan over medium heat. Add the artichokes, potatoes, bacon, bay leaves and thyme and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Add stock and water and increase heat to high. Bring to boil and then reduce heat to medium. Cook, uncovered, for 20 minutes. Remove the bay leaves and thyme stems. Season soup with salt and pepper. Serve with herb damper.

In the garden – I would like to say thank you to the Hain family for their kind donation of pots for our garden, also to the Noakes family for the donation of succulents, they look so good in our turtles that adorn our native garden. We appreciate everyone's contributions to our garden. Our peas, beans, broccoli, sweet potato and carrots look really healthy. Our herb wall has been replanted and is coming along well. I hope everyone enjoyed their mother's day plants as the kids had a lot of fun planting those.

Mrs Isbester



## FREAKY FACTS

In human body the right lung takes in more air than the left one.  
Elephants are the only animals that cannot jump.  
People with blue eyes see better in dark.



## Giggle Spot

Q: How much does it cost a pirate to get an earring? A: About a buck an ear [buccaneer]!  
Q: What do you call a fake noodle? A: An impasta!  
Q: Why couldn't the pony sing himself a lullaby? A: He was a little hoarse.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Share your smile with the world. It's a symbol of friendship and peace" – Christie Brinkley



Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

19 May  
8 June

Alyssa G  
Matilda McD

30 May  
10 June

Pippa M  
Ethan B

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Mr Faulkner  
21 May 2018

2018 school term dates

**Term 1** 30-1-18 - 13-4-18

**Term 3** 24-7-18 - 28-9-18

**Term 2** 1-5-18 - 6-7-18

**Term 4** 15-10-18 - 19-12-18

