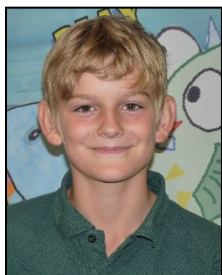




Students of the week



Equipping, Inspiring, Belonging

BPS -Equipping for the future, Inspiring to make a difference & Belonging in the present.

CHOOSE YOUR
ATTITUDE

You have the power to make an impact. Your attitude is contagious. The question is: What attitude will you spread to everyone around you?

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PLAY

Engage everyone around you with fun in mind. Play with ideas. Play with customers. Play with coworkers. Make the experience fun for them.

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Creativity on show

Student of the Week

Lower Division

Week 6 – Heidi – positive behaviour and beautiful manners while on our small choir excursion.

Week 7 – Heidi – trying really hard in mathematics even when she thought it was hard she didn't give up.

Upper Division

Week 6 – Zarah – positive attitude and being playful.

Week 7 – Fletcher – choosing his attitude and working well in class.

Home Reading

100 nights – Matilda, Archie

125 nights – Hunter, Roman, Heidi, Hayden

150 nights – Zarah, Lily, Georgia, Mitchell

175 nights – Pippa, Eli, Noah

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School Photos

Master School Portraits will be visiting on Wednesday to take our annual school photographs. Full winter uniform please. Green shirts for all. Green trousers for girls, grey for boys. Black shoes. Hats can be excused prior to the photos but must be brought to school as usual. Please be sure to have returned your MSP order pack before Wednesday.

School Disco

Our School Disco will be held this Wednesday evening from 6-8pm. It is open to our school students only. Please no preschoolers. \$5 per student includes supper and drink. If you wish to stay instead of driving home and back, please let me know and I'll open up the kitchen at school for you with tea and coffee and TV if you'd like. This is a FISHY reward for our school students and they really love to have some "me time" at events like this.

Creative Arts Showcase

Thank you to everyone who was able to collect and pay for their tickets. Some of our other school have exceeded their allocation and have requested some of our tickets. Any tickets not paid for will be passed on our network schools. Apologies if this causes any inconvenience, but we are limited in the number of spectators to fit into the Town Hall and it is a first come first served system. Unfortunately there will be no tickets available at the door. Tickets are only available via pre purchase from the small schools. The organising committee has also asked for anyone who is able to, brings a plate for supper during intermission.

Bathurst Excursion

It appears that we still have a handful of students that have not been able to finalise payment for the excursion in term 4 week 2. If you are experiencing difficulty in finalising your payment please feel free to speak to Mr Faulkner for some confidential support. Otherwise our understanding is your child does not wish to participate and appropriate arrangements around accommodation and catering will be made.

Mrs Faulkner and myself have arranged time to have a meeting with all parents of all students attending the Bathurst excursion on Tuesday Sept 17 at 3.30pm. It would be great to have everyone there to go through everything parents need to know and to share information with the teachers.

Premier's Spelling Bee

Best of luck to Halle and Samantha who will participate in the Premier's Spelling Bee regional finals tomorrow in Dubbo. The girls are competing in the year 5&6 or senior primary section of the competition. We wish them all the best.

Parent Feedback

As a parent of our ongoing performance assessment our school collaborates with our parent body to gain feedback to assist us to review our practices, plan and prepare for the future. The link to the online survey is

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/bbongparents>. We will send some reminders via SMS and Skoolbag over the next few weeks. The survey is open as of today.

Opera House Experience

I never fail to be amazed at the response the NSW Small Schools Marimba Ensemble receives every time they take the stage in the main concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House. A small group of country kids bashing away on homemade instruments made of plastic, wood, nails and string among elite orchestras and bands from selective performing arts high schools, enthralls audiences with their skills and enthusiasm. I must say its spine tingling stuff being there in the wings hearing the kids play and the resounding response from the audience. It wasn't any different this year when Jack, Jeremy, Will, Bridie, Halle, Lizzy and Samantha joined up with 36 other kids from Dunoon, Kentucky, Kingstown, Niangala and Stuarts Point schools journeyed to Sydney for the week long experience, building social, musical and independent living skills. I'd like to thank Mrs Faulkner for taking time from work to keep costs down by driving the kids down to Sydney and the kids for their commitment to keeping up the strong reputation Bedgerabong has for marimba playing.

2019 School Captain/ Leadership speeches

A heads up to any current year 5 students who would like to be considered in the running for school leadership positions in 2020 that Leadership Speeches will be held on Monday November 4.

Bedgerabong Country Music Campout

Our P&C is considering attending the Bedgerabong Country Music Campout as an alternative to hosting a Spring Fair, which usually coincides with the Country Music Campout. Mrs Horan and the kids have been busily preparing produce for the P&C to sell to raise funds, Mrs Isbester is preparing some plants and cuttings, some mums are thinking about baking cakes and slices, however it all hinges on being able to take the school marimba band to play on stage and entertain. The Country Music Campout date that the P&C have chosen is Saturday 12th of October. In order to plan the P&C need to know who is available that day, kids to play Marimbas and parents to help. As this is a large performance we require students that are competent at playing 8-10 songs very well. A Skoolbag post will be sent home this evening and tomorrow encouraging you to reply with your availability.

Kindergarten Transition

We have been able to confirm the arrangements of our Kindergarten Transition program for Kindergarten enrolments for 2020. We plan to have full day Transition Sessions on Wednesdays from October 30 - November 27. Be sure to contact the school to book your child's place in Transition ASAP. If you are aware of anyone who has a child who is eligible to start school next year, and would be interested in finding out what benefits are of a small school education - feel free to either have them contact us or pass on their details.



K-2 News

The students in k-2 have been busy learning about fractions. We have played games about fractions, completed worksheets on fractions and even made our very own fraction posters. Mrs Isbester and Miss Hanns put different fraction pictures on the desk and the students had to work with their group to find the pictures that suited their given fraction. It was amazing to sit back and watch the kids work together to create their posters. They look great in the classroom



News from the Big Class

While several of big class members were away last week, the remaining students spent time exploring the gold rush era. They were given the task of taking on the persona of a gold miner living in the Goldfields. Using their newly acquired knowledge about the time, they wrote a letter to a friend or family member detailing their new life. Later in the week the students dressed up and using a green screen, created a realistic background. They then had to import the clip into iMovie where they added their own voice recording of the letter. Check out Face Book to see and listen to the children's letters.

Tootie Fruity/Garden

Pasta has been on the menu for the past couple of weeks – Pizza Pasta Bake and Ziti Timballo (Pasta cake). With so many at the Opera House we took the opportunity this week to use the 3-6 class and make some corn relish from the corn grown earlier in the year and picked and placed in the freezer, also some more cauliflower pickles using the cauliflower from the garden. We have many bottles of cauliflower pickles, corn relish and pumpkin chutney for sale.

The garden is again going through a transformation with many summer crop vegetables being planted.

School Chaplain - Parent feedback required please.

Schools in NSW currently have the option to apply for the support of the National School Chaplaincy Program.

Each school is eligible to apply for up to funding to the equivalent of 1-2 days Chaplaincy support per week for a 3 year period.

School chaplains support the wellbeing of students by providing:

- pastoral care services
- strategies developed in consultation with the relevant school staff and school principal

That support the wellbeing of the broader school community, for example: coordinating Volunteering activities and support, breakfast clubs, lunch time activities, excursions, School incursions, and parent/carer workshops.

Pastoral care is defined in the Project Agreement with the Commonwealth Government as the practice of looking after the personal needs of students, not just their academic needs, through the provision of general spiritual and personal advice.

In order to apply each school must determine their schools community support for such a submission.

I'd very much appreciate each family complete the following and return it to school by this Friday so that I can determine needs and move forward.

I support Bedgerabong School in submitting an application to participate in the National School Chaplaincy Program.

Name_____Signed_____

Date_____



FREAKY FACTS

An elephant's trunk can grow to be about 2 metres long and can weigh up to 140 kg
Elephants can swim – they use their trunk to breathe like a snorkel in deep water.

Giggle Spot



Q: What is brown, hairy and wears sunglasses? A: A coconut on vacation.

Q: Two pickles fell out of a jar onto the floor. What did one say to the other? A: Dill with it.

Q: How does a vampire start a letter? A: Tomb it may concern...

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart.”
- Roy T. Bennett



Happy Birthday to these recent and upcoming party goers.

27 Aug Fletcher
26 Sept Noah

10 Sept Zarah
29 Sept Hayden

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MAKE THEIR
DAY

Make Their Day might mean
telling a friend, from your heart,
how much you appreciate all
he or she does for you.

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BE THERE

Being there means listening carefully
to words that are being said – without
judgment or interpretation. This is not
easy. It takes getting out of our own
world to be present in the world of
another person.

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Mr Faulkner
9 Sept 2019



2019 school term dates

Term 1 29-1-19 - 12-4-19

Term 3 22-7-19 - 27-9-19

Term 2 30-4-19 - 5-7-19

Term 4 14-10-19 - 20-12-19

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