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CHOOSE YOUR ATTITUDE

The only thing any of us really controls in this world is our choices. When you take responsibility for how you react to what life throws in your path, you gain tremendous personal power. You Choose Your Attitude, not the other way around.

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PLAY

Necessity may be the mother of invention, but play is certainly the father.

– Roger von Oech

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Student of the week



Swimming to Christmas

Student of the Week

Lower Division

Week 6 – Harriet H – stepping out of her comfort zone and really pushing herself.

Week 7 – Freddie B – great reading at the L3 table during reading groups.

Upper Division

Week 6 – Rain T – above and beyond in Maths (Mathletics).

Week 7 – Maisie B – Dynamic Dialogue, Dynamo!

Home Reading

150 nights – Xavier M, Joe P, Archie McD

175 nights – Roman S, Heidi S

200 nights – Matthew R, Rian T, Rain T, Hunter M

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

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There's nothing like a change of routine or a challenge to the status quo to get your heart racing and potentially distract you from your goals. I know that you are probably over hearing about it, and I am eternally frustrated having to mention it, BUT Covid-19 has certainly changed our routines and challenged our everyday processes. Just read on to see the impact it has had on our swimming and presentation. We have had to adjust and make changes, but it is with utmost sincerity that I wish to thank and acknowledge the entire Bedgerabong community for continuing to support our school by showing faith in the staff to be able to keep their focus on supporting our students, your children. The events of this year so far, have impacted on everyone differently and although it may not be evident up front, often below the surface doubt, questions, insecurity or uncertainty can lurk. Our staff continue to cope with their own situations and endeavour to put the needs of the kids and their families first. As much as we have hated not being able to liaise and work closely with families here at school, your understanding in supporting us from a distance has been yet another example of how we feel valued and supported. Fingers crossed for a positive engaging start to 2021- boy have we got some plans for you!

Swimming Scheme

Oh my goodness- swimming time already!

We have been given a pretty extensive COVID-19 plan for use of the Forbes Pool, which includes strategies like - no use of change rooms, no additional adults during school swimming time, limited numbers of student groups etc etc etc . This will mean a few changes as described in a previous post, including students coming to school with their swimmers underneath their uniform or students changing into swimmers before getting on the bus. (as we are not supposed to use the change rooms) I'm hoping that between Miss Hanns and Mrs Faulkner they have enough charm and batter their eyelids enough, that we will be able to negotiate some arrangements more suitable for us, particularly those children with skin irritations. I'll send a Skoolbag post IF we are successful.

Can I please urge you to label all items of clothing... please.

Presentation

A reminder about Presentation - mark December 16 in your diary. It'll be at school after hours with a BYO picnic, including your own blankets, chairs etc. Every adult onsite will need to sign a COVID declaration as you arrive. For your convenience we have created a QR code so you can quickly complete an online form- if you wish.

Picnic supper to start around 6.50-7pm with an abridged presentation and celebration of the few events commencing at approximately 7.30pm.

Unfortunately, this year we are not able to have our usual 'patrons' present awards. This will be done by staff.

We will be having a visit from a "Jolly Old Fellow" so please feel free to BYO gifts for little ones that he can give out. There will be a big bag in the Office for you to drop them in when you arrive.

Our P&C is running its regular raffle/hamper. If you have any questions about that, please feel free to call the school and ask.

School Communication

Each week we send a Skoolbag post that outlines all of the upcoming events and details at school. It is regularly posted at 10am on a Sunday morning, and stays there on the app until the next weekend. We also use it for daily updates if required, or to announce change of events or reminders. If you don't have Skoolbag, can I please urge you to download it from the Apple App Store or Google Play and connect to our school. You can set notifications so that you can be notified when a new post is there or you can just

regularly check the app. Of course we use this fortnightly newsletter to confirm event details mentioned in Skoolbag and to further promote school and student achievements.

Book Fair

One last message for our parents. Each year our P&C generously donate money to provide every student with a Book Prize. This comes from the Book Fair - this is why you may have had your child bring home a 'wish list' to guide you in determining the best option/book up to a value of \$15. We then put those aside. We also encourage anyone who values books to consider purchasing some of their own books for stocking fillers, presents etc. Our school gets to keep a percentage of the books sold for our library so in this case we think it's a win-win. Visiting the school before or after bell times is preferred. Book Fair will run until the end of swimming, but to avoid disappointment, please get in early with Book Prize selections.

Small Schools Soccer Team

Last Friday 9 kids from Bedgerabong formed a large part of the combined Forbes Small Schools Soccer team that played in the Lachlan Schools event. I was so proud to see the sportsmanship, collaboration and positive attitude our kids took into the match.

Soccer Report

We played two games as part of the Small School team. The first game was against Forbes North PS and we lost 6-0. They were a good team. The second game we played Forbes Public School and won 4-1. I scored 3 goals and it was amazing. The loss in the first game motivated us to win the second. Fletcher G

Transition sessions complete

Over the past month we've had both Kindergarten and Year 2 transition sessions occurring at school. Miss Hanns had her work cut out for her in working with eleven - yes eleven kindergarten transition students and Mrs Faulkner seamlessly integrated four year 2 students into her 'big class'. From all accounts the kids enjoyed the experiences, and the teachers gained some valuable insights into each of the kids involved, to be able to better support them into the start of the 2021 school year.

School leaders report.

The school leadership team organised the very successful Ronald McDonald fundraiser as suggested by Georgia Pengilly. We had a very successful fund raising day that was heaps of fun. We ran a hundred club and Georgia was the winner of a \$100 Bunnings voucher, Matthew Rodgers came second with a Target voucher. We played lots of fun games, had a great sausage sizzle. A great way to raise money for a good cause. Last week on Thursday we made curried sausages and they were good. We have become good cooks. On Friday a few of us went to play soccer in Forbes. We played in the boys competition, playing 2 games as the Small School team. The first game we lost against Forbes North PS, then we won against Forbes PS. So we had something to celebrate about in the heat. Halle B

Tootie Fruity

Due to popular demand the chicken nuggets and wedges recipe is below.

Chicken Nuggets

Ingredients - 500 g chicken breast (3 cm diced), 1 1/2 cups lite mayonnaise, 2 cups breadcrumbs, 2 tbs butter (melted), or oil

Method

Preheat oven to 200°C fan-forced. Line a baking tray with baking paper and set aside. Dip chicken pieces into mayonnaise and then breadcrumbs to coat. Place on tray and drizzle with oil (preferably olive, rice bran or macadamia) over each piece carefully.

Bake for 20 minutes, stopping to turn nuggets after 10 minutes.

Wedges

Cut potatoes in wedges, place in a plastic bag and add a little oil, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper. Shake well, spread on a tray bake with the nuggets but for about 30mins.

K-2 News



Our science unit this term in k-2 has been around weather. We have been exploring extreme weather conditions such as flood, drought etc. We completed class writing pieces that were constructed together on both topics. This led into the students own independent writing activity. We also read



the books 'Drought' and 'Flood' by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley and re-created the front cover of the flood book.

We still encourage all students to continue reading at home. Motivate them to read a book, magazine, recipe or even the packaging on a product.

Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift. —Kate DiCamillo (American children's author) Miss Hanns

Big Class News

The Big Class have been studying drawing techniques in art this term. Last week the kids created their own still life in charcoal. Yes it was messy experience but well worth it. It was great to have the Year 2 transition days. Last week they got to team up with Stage 2 to create some dynamic dialogue. Needless to say, there were some entertaining and creative results.

Term 4 is quickly coming to an end. A big thank you to all the Big Class students you have all been wonderful this year, at times working under some pretty difficult circumstances. To our Year 6's - we will miss you but we know you are all ready to move on to the next chapter of your schooling lives. To all our families - I wish you a safe and restful break, ready for a brand new 2021. Mrs Faulkner



Bedgerabong Community Notices

Bedgerabong Church

3.12.2020 - the AGM for the Bedgerabong Church will be held on Thursday 3rd December at 7.30pm at the church. Everyone welcome.

13.12.2020 – catholic service 9.30am Sister Elizabeth. All welcome

**BEDGERABONG
COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS**

Bedgerabong Showgrounds

**SATURDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2020
COMMENCING 3PM**

PLEASE RSVP FOR CATERING PURPOSES
BY THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2020
Heather Earney - 0409873283
or email bedgerabongtrust@outlook.com

BYO Drinks, Nibbles and Chair

FREAKY FACTS

Only female mosquitoes bite.
Snakes are immune to their own.
Bats always exit a cave to the left.



Giggle Spot



Q: What kind of water cannot freeze? A: Hot water.

Q: What gets wetter the more it dries? A: A towel!

Q: Why was everyone so tired on April 1st? A: They had just finished a March of 31 days.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go" – Dr Seuss



Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

9 Dec

Eli B

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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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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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2020 school term dates

Term 3 20-7-20 - 25-9-20

2021 school term dates

Term 1 29-1-21 - 1-4-21

Term 4 12-10-20 - 16-12-20

Term 2 19-4-21 - 25-6-21

Mr Faulkner
30 Nov 2020