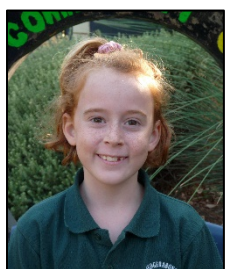
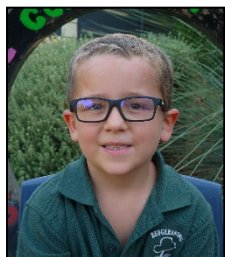




Students of the week



Leaders 2020



Equipping, Inspiring, Belonging

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

CHOOSE YOUR
ATTITUDE

You are free to choose any attitude you like. But is that attitude one that helps you be the person you want to be? Several times today, ask yourself, "Is my attitude helping me reach my goal?"

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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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Welcome to an exciting 2020

Student of the Week

Lower Division

Week 1 – Joe P – Being FISHy, being there for others.

Upper Division

Week 1 – Lily C – great start to 2020.



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Welcome to our school

Hi everyone, better get comfortable... this one could take some time to get through. On behalf of all of the staff at our school I'd like to "warmly" welcome you either to our school family for the first timers, or back to our school family for those who are returning. It seems like only yesterday we were packing up after Presentation Night getting ready for the end of term, and no sooner do we blink- and a new year is upon us. We have 7 new students with us this year from 5 new families so I'd like to acknowledge Freddie B, Harriet Herbert, Matthew R, Oliver M, Rian T, Xavier M and Valentina M and their families as our very welcomed additions to our school family. Currently we have 39 students, one K-2 class and one 3-6 class with some opportunities for the children to work in smaller groups together based on abilities.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival is on this Friday in Forbes. Events start at 9am and we are usually finished by 2.30pm. Students should wear their sports uniform including hats into the carnival and of course have swimmers ready to get wet. There are events for all ages and skills of swimmers so the kids should be active all day. We do have a parent teacher relay at the end of the day so feel free to pack your togs!

School buses DO NOT run this day. We ask that mums and dads arrange for transport to and from the event. Our teachers will take in the shade shelters, but it would be very much appreciated if some of our P&C could assist on the day with the setting up and taking back to school of the tents.

Parent teacher meet & greet

We have put aside some time next week, Tuesday 11th February in the afternoon directly after school to catch up with all of our staff and school families to ensure any questions about school routines are addressed. It would be lovely to see everyone there from 3.15pm for about 30 minutes. We will have some nibbles and drinks for you and I'm sure that the P&C may be happy to follow on with a quick gathering to discuss the catering of the President's Tent at the races and some other P&C items.

Contacting the School

We are always happy to make time to speak to school families about school matters. Please do be aware though that for most of the school day the staff are either preparing for, delivering or evaluating lessons for your children, so a quick pop in may be convenient for you, but it can also take teachers away from their core business- your children. Feel free to call the office if you'd like to take a chance to chat with a teacher and we can arrange a time where we can sit down and focus properly on you and your matters. You may find that our phones may be engaged or unanswered - feel free to leave a message and we will return your call at our next break. Our afternoons are always quite hectic, so any calls regarding last minute changes need to be made before 2pm.

Approaching the school

As we all know issues will arise from time to time that upset or concern school families. The only effective way to address these is to direct your concerns to the person involved - be that school staff or other school community members. Nothing positive is ever achieved without directly addressing the issue. Discussions with friends and family may alleviate your angst for a while, but not solve the issue. We openly encourage you to direct any questions/concerns firstly to your class teacher, then if dissatisfied feel free to make an appointment to speak with Mr Faulkner. If we are not aware there is an issue then we have no chance of resolving it.

Changes to Afternoon Routines

As in previous years I'm sure that many of you will have after school, in-town commitments with your kids. If this means a change of the regular afternoon bus routines (ie you will be picking them up) then we would dearly appreciate something in writing for us to be certain the right arrangements happen for your little ones. If we don't have it in writing ie a note, then we will assume and put in place regular afternoon arrangements.

SkoolBag

Our school has an app designed to make communication with school families a little easier. It's called SkoolBag and you can get it free from the Apple app or Google Play Store. We use it for weekly updates and announcing last minute changes etc. It's also a great way for you as parents to submit mandatory student absence notes.

If you have had the SKoolBag app now is the time to make sure you have the updated app and have logged in to get the alerts straight to your phone or device.

Crunch n sip

Just a reminder that each day we have "Crunch & Sip" also known as fruit break. It would be appreciated if you were able to provide your child with some cut up fresh fruit or vegetables. Cutting up and not sending in whole pieces allows the kids to put it back in their lunchbox to finish at recess not waste in the bin.

Tootie Fruity

Our Tootie Fruity kitchen program commenced last Thursday and will run weekly on Thursdays. Mrs Horan guides the children through child friendly recipes, preparing a shared meal each week. We ask that families contribute to the cost of the ingredients. \$8 per week per family or if pre paid, \$50 per term per family - offering better value than weekly payments.

Emergency Contacts

So that we are able to look after your children to the best of our ability we do need to have up to date and current emergency contacts and medical information. Attached is a sheet with the details we currently have on file. It would be very much appreciated if you either confirmed them or amended to make it current.

Allergies

If your child has a diagnosed allergy/asthma you are required to obtain an annual ASCIA Action/Asthma plan signed off by a registered medical practitioner. Of course those students with a diagnosed anaphylactic reaction also require an epipen to be with them at all times.

Volunteers at Bedgerabong School

It is a bit early in the term for us to have arranged opportunities for volunteers, or to ask anyone to commit to volunteering, but I thought it might be an opportunity to start people thinking about it. Just as with any community organisation, volunteers have a huge impact in making a difference to the success of that organisation. Our school is no different and we are open to support wherever practical. So - if you have a skill or an interest that may not be covered below, please feel free to make it known and we'd love a chance to work with you. Opportunities for support at school can range from - the regular morning reading routines (about 30-45mins Mon - Wed), assisting Mrs Isbester and the kids in the garden (Thursdays 9-11am - although Mrs Isbester would welcome assistance in the garden anytime Mon - Thurs) to assisting Mrs Horan in the kitchen during and after lunch on Thursdays (12.50-2pm). Very soon we will be sending out a roster outlining opportunities for volunteering. Keep an eye out for it. We would love a chance to work with as many of our community as possible.

FISH! - what is it about?

You will notice our constant references to FISH!, being FISHy or referring to "Choosing Your Attitude", "Making Someone's Day" "Being There" or "Playing". This is all based on the FISH philosophy which is the basis of our Student Welfare policy. Basically we encourage the children to take ownership of their actions and to be the best person they can be by choosing a positive attitude, treating others with kindness and being playful. Any of our teachers would be more than happy to chat with you about our FISH philosophy, or better still encourage your child to discuss it with you.

PAYPOP

Paypop is available through the Bedgerabong Public School website. This is a convenient way to pay for anything your child does at school that requires a payment. It is credit card based and the school gets notification that the child has paid. It is a convenient way for both parents and school, as school does not have money sitting around waiting to be banked. It is not always convenient to get to the bank on time, this way the money is straight in the bank, and the item you are paying for is paid from home.

Community Connections - Playgroup

Our Community Connections playgroup will recommence this Thursday from 9.30-11.30am. Feel free to come and join us for some fun activities and a catch up with each other.

K-2 news

Welcome back everyone!

It was lovely to see all of the smiling faces of our year 1 and 2 students again along with our six new students. With that I would like to extend a big welcome to Oliver, Matthew, Freddie, Rian, Harriet and Xavier, welcome to the K-2 class for 2020.

Week 1 in K-2 consisted mainly of revision of our Fish Philosophy, our class rules and expectations and our classroom routines. We all had the chance to hear about one another's holiday adventures. We sat in a big circle and shared all of our great experiences over the past 6 weeks.

In K-2 all students have a Home Reading folder. In this folder there is a home reading book and a classroom text. Please ensure your child does daily reading. Along with home reading students will also have a daily sight word and sounds folder which contains their sight word checklist, sentences and Jolly Phonics sounds. Please try and test your child each night with the words found in their folder. We will cover 2-3 sounds per week in class. The cards will be for parents to use as revision at home, to ensure children are not falling behind. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me at school. Miss Hanns

Big Class news

The twenties have arrived which means some huge changes to the big class. Our class size has increased substantially, with the arrival of our new year 3's. A special welcome to Valentina who is new to our school and joining the year 3 group also. Just a few housekeeping requests - all students must have their own glue stick and rubber - we will supply everything else. The students have been asked to cover 4 books. The coverings help to protect and maintain the books. Please ensure they are returned each day - even if not yet covered. A note will be coming home soon regarding study at home, please keep an eye out for that. Looking forward to a fun, eventful and action packed 2020!



School Captains report

The First Week Back

It was very exciting to welcome our new little kindergarten students into our school. The first day back everyone was pumped for the new school year. Everyone said they loved Tootie Fruity. I'd like to thank Mrs Horan for helping us cook. After we had cooked we went down into the garden to start off with weeding around the garden beds soon after we put dirt into our self-watering beds. In class we've been writing about what Australia Day means to us and our holidays. We also welcomed Valentina and Xavier Murru. Samantha N - School Captain.

Bedgerabong Community Notices

Bedgerabong Union Memorial Church

Harvest Festival 8th Feb 7.30 pm for Harvest Festival. We have a working bee leading up to this event at 2 pm on Saturday Afternoon to put up the display. Your help at this would be much appreciated.

Services

Uniting Church at 11 am on Sunday 8 Feb

Anglican Church 22nd Feb

No Catholic for Feb and will resume in March on the Second Sunday

Glenn Constable

Forbes Health Service – Healthy Lifestyle Programs

Cardiac rehabilitation by referral only

Circuit Program by referral only

Fall Prevention gentle exercise program – Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 10 weeks 9am to 10am. Suitable for anyone in fear of falling, have had a fall or need to exercise to maintain independence. For further info on any of these programs phone 0268507342.

MAKE THEIR
DAY

Making someone's day is about sharing your energy with others. When you bring enthusiasm, the choice of a great attitude, and play to your work, those around you will feel it.

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BE THERE

Each day there are people around you who need a moment of your time. Give it to them fully.

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Being fair shows you care – FISH for life

FREAKY FACTS



Flamingos bend their legs at the ankle, not the knee.

Sloths can hold their breath longer than dolphins can.

It's impossible to hum while holding your nose.

Octopuses have three hearts.

Giggle Spot

Q: How do you get a squirrel to like you? A: Act like a nut!
Q: How does a scientist freshen her breath? A: With experi-mints!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it." –Lena Horne



Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

*29 Jan
3 Feb
19 Feb*

*Archie McD
Mitchell S
Chloe R*

*31 Jan
18 Feb
22 Feb*

*Matthew R
Harriet H
Kooper D*



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Mr Faulkner
3 February 2020



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Term 2 27-4-20 - 3-7-20

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

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

