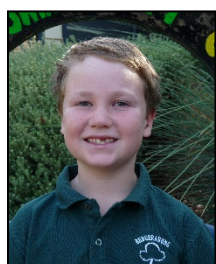




Students of the week



Equipping, Inspiring, Belonging

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

CHOOSE YOUR ATTITUDE

You 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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Student of the Week

Lower Division

Week 2 – Archie McD – trying hard and pushing himself at the swimming carnival. Demonstrating positive behaviour.

Week 3 – Ethan B – 'Being there' when someone was upset

Upper Division

Week 2 – Jack K - leadership.

Week 3 – Valentina M – working well in class



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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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Meet and Greet

Thank you so much to those people who were able to make it to school to meet with us and discuss some of the more detailed issues and procedures in our school and classrooms. For those of you that were unable the messages were pretty similar to the ones we give each year around making appointments to discuss issues with teachers rather than the pop-in, notes for absences from school and notes for changes of routines around afternoon pick ups. I'm happy to provide a quick overview below.

Absences from school - Written explanations for absences from school are required with 7 days of the student returning to school. Schools may check up with families after 2 days of absence. Our Skoolbag app is a great way to provide absence notes to school. I'm not sure we covered this but late arrivals early pick ups from school require the student to be signed in at the office.

Afternoon pickups- unless we have a change of afternoon routines - bus pick up, then we will ensure that the regular routine for your child will be followed.

Homework - Home Reading and number practise are the two mandatory expectations for the big class. Home reading and sight words for the little class. Home reading is most effective with parental support, guidance and engagement. A sheet with some suggestions of probing questions to ask was provided to allow parents to have an "in" to engaging. I'll cover some other options for additional homework later in this newsletter.

Issues at school - invariably issues will arise at school. We encourage you to initially take it up with the person involved. Making an appointment - even just to ask "how's my child going" is the best way to ensure that teachers are able to give you the best, accurate feedback.

Volunteers at school. The need for Confidentiality and Working With Children Check

Homework- there are a variety of thoughts around homework and its effectiveness- but I think that the one common factor in most studies is the understanding that homework is most powerful and effective when parents and children engage. At its core many researchers suggest that homework for primary aged children 5-12 has limited benefits to the children, however reading is rated highly as a task that can be influential and effective at home, more so with parental support and engagement, as is any task that does allows discussion or engagement between children and their caregivers. At our school we do encourage children to complete home reading every school night. 5 minutes per grade per night is recommended ie Kindi =5mins, Yr 1=10mins, yr 2=15mins, Yr3=20mins, Yr4=25mins, Yr5=30mins, Yr6=35mins. As mentioned above - Infants students have sight words and Primary students have number facts as well. Our annual surveys last year indicated about 10% of families would like more homework, so during the Meet and Greet we did discuss some options for additional homework tasks that would be beneficial and in line with what we do at school. If you are interested in additional homework please feel free to make a time to meet with your child's class teacher or you may wish to consider some of the following.

- Mathletics- our school has paid an annual subscription to Mathletics - an online resource. Students have individual accounts and if using the iPad version, can be used offline.

- Typing Tournament- useful keyboard skills program especially given that year 3 and 5 NAPLAN is moving to an online format. Again, we have an annual subscription and each student has an individual account.

- Homework.com.au - is a free curriculum based website. Parents can sign up for a free

account and select activities in maths and English.

- Weekly Quiz. The big class subscribes to The Weekly Quiz which could be a great opportunity for you and your child to engage with current issues or events that are occurring throughout the world each week. It can be used as a research task or simply a conversation starter- most questions involve stories that are in the newspaper or on TV. Great general knowledge and social awareness building. Just ask Mr or Mrs Faulkner and it can come home as a paper copy or emailed. Answers can also be provided.

- Matharoo - focusses on problems solving strategies in maths, based on current events or issues- to make it relevant. Each Monday in class the big kids will work through the first of the questions on the sheet to model the processes involved in solving such questions. Parents can elect to have that sheet come home and it could form a homework challenge for the rest of the week. Answers can be provided as well.

If you wish to take up the chance for some additional work for you and your child to work though at home please be sure to speak to your child's class teacher.

Volunteers at school- as mentioned last week. Volunteers add untold value to schools and can do so in a variety of ways. Our school is blessed with fantastic support from volunteers for things like working bees or BBQ's but there are other options as well. Attached to this newsletter you will find a slip to return to school if you are able to assist with some regular activities. These include Reading Tutors - Mon-Wed 9.15-10am, Kitchen help Thursday 10.30 – 11.30 and/or 12.45-1.30pm

Garden helpers Thursday 9-11am (with the kids) or any other time you can. If I'm able to I'll also try to submit a Skoolbag post for replies.

Swimming Results

Again, thank you so much to all of the mums, dads, uncles, aunties, grandmas and granddads that were able to come and cheer the kids on at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival. We had nice weather for it and I was so impressed with the number of kids that pushed themselves and tried something new. Our kids swam and played really well, and in fact we were placed 3rd in the overall Champion School list. We had one Age Swimming Champion declared on the day - Huge Congratulations to Archie McD who was awarded the Sub Jnr Boys champion. We also have 8 students who have been selected to attend the Lachlan PSSA Swimming trials in Condobolin on Feb 28. Best of luck to Matilda McD, Mitchell S, Jack K, Eli B, Noah B, Chloe R, Halle B, Bridie H in their events. We look forward to sharing their results next newsletter.

STEMShare Trailer

This Friday we are hosting a Small Schools STEM Network day. We will have the STEMShare trailer here with all of the STEM (Science Technology, English, Maths) based kits for the children to use. Our friends from Bogan Gate, Caragabal, Eugowra and Quandialla will join us to investigate and use kits such as Virtual reality, Dashbots, BeeBots, Coding, Makey Makey, EV3Lego to name a few. Mums and Dads are more than welcome to come along a have look at what the kids are doing, and our P&C has offered to cook up a sausage sizzle for lunch, so you may be able to help with that. The workshop starts at 10am and finishes at 2pm. Lunch at 12.30pm so if you can help on the BBQ - maybe 11.30am would be a good time.

Community Connections - Playgroup

It was good to see so many families attending last week. Our Community Connections playgroup is held each Thursday from 9.30-11.30am in the school library.

PSSA Trials

As mentioned in the Meet and Greet our 8yrs and older students, as a part of the Lachlan District Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) can participate in a range of selection trials. I currently have information/nomination forms for boy's cricket, boy's and girl's football (soccer) and Rugby League (11yrs and Opens). They will be available from my office until Tuesday afternoon. Any students that are interested should come and collect one for their sport of interest. A reminder that for these team sports preference is given to students in years 5/6 with experience, success or skills in the particular sport as they are "open" age competitions unless described otherwise.

ICAS 2020

Each subject will be open for a 5-day sitting window period (see dates below)

\$8 per entry

ICAS Science Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August 2020 (term 3 week 5)

ICAS English Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August 2020 (term 3 week 6)

ICAS Mathematics Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September 2020 (term 3 week 7)

Please fill in the form to indicate if your child wishes to participate in these competitions, money can be paid online or attached to the note found on the next page.

P&C News

At the AGM meeting held last Tuesday the elected committee is as follows:

President – Murray Brown, Vice- President – Cheryl George, Secretary – Hannah Symonds, Treasurer – Prue Hain, Uniform Coordinator – Anita Cantwell with the help of Dorothee Murru. It was again decided to hold morning meetings, these meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month during the school terms, starting at 8.30am.

Subs (which gives you voting rights and insures you for working bees or P&C related events) are \$2 per family.

Student insurance is \$5 per student and covers the student 24 hrs a day 7 days a week. This is an ambulance cover resulting from an accident, also covers for major medical expenses, loss of limbs etc.

Both the subs and student insurance can be sent to school in an envelope or direct deposited into the P&C bank account – BSB: 062539, A/c: 00900220 Bedgerabong Parents and Citizens Association, with your surname as the reference.

K-2 news

The students in K-2 are well and truly back into the swing of school and classroom routines. Our kindergarten students have settled well and becoming more confident in the classroom and around school.

This term we are fortunate to have access to the Robotics STEMshare kit. We spent some time playing with Dash and Blue bot robots. The kids are looking forward to programming and coding, as well as tackling a few set challenges. We also have lego WeDo robotics hardware and software, this will be our next big challenge.

Reflecting on what was covered in the 'Meet the teacher' evening, the students in K-2 are to complete nightly reading (weekends optional), daily sight words and sounds. I ask that you please sign these documents to ensure fairness and accuracy. Also, one last thing, please remember to supply your children with a good quality glue stick. We use glue daily in our classroom and it can make life really difficult if they don't have glue or if it is of poor quality (it rips the work). Miss Hanns

Big Class news

As well as the home reading and number facts practice, the class will from time to time, be asked to complete extra tasks at home. Some of these will be mandatory (the 3 SMART goals for example - due this Tuesday), while others will be optional (ANZAC writing competition - due next Monday). All mandatory tasks will be relevant to what is currently being studied in class. We have been busy getting into our class routines and have some fun extra-curricular activities including robotics, art, marimbas and even a bit of circus arts. On Tuesday mornings Mrs Prow is in charge of the big class. This term she will be teaching science and measurement.

Check out some of the Picasso fish created by the students earlier in the term...



School Leaders report

We started off this week reflecting on our participation and achievements at the swimming carnival. It was great to see everyone getting involved and cheering each other on. Years 3-6 are working on this picture book called "The Great Bear". It's about a dancing bear that wants to reach for the stars. On Wednesday we had a visit from two NRL players, Shawn, who plays for Penrith Panthers and Enari for the Newcastle Knights. We did a few activities with them, had a Q&A and they kindly handed out gifts. We really enjoyed their visit. On Thursday we had Tootie Fruity with Mrs Horan, we cooked "Tuna Mornay Balls". Thank you Mrs Horan. We also spent time in the garden with Mrs Isbester. We did some weeding and digging. Then it was time to head back to the kitchen and enjoy our cooking. Bridie Hain – school leader

Garden

Over the holidays our grapes ripened and the children have been enjoying a sweet treat before gardening. We have picked enough tomatoes for Mrs Horan and her helpers to cook a small batch of sauce. We have also been using our zucchinis for tooty fruity each week.

For the first few weeks we have been concentrating on weeding, removing dead plants and digging over the garden beds.

Last week the focus has been planting new crops ready to use in the kitchen.

Thank you to all the families who donated pots etc. to the garden and a special thanks to the Noakes and Brown families who supported us last year by keeping us supplied with manure. We were very grateful. This is a commodity that we are always chasing to feed our worms and gardens. If you have manure you would be able to donate please contact the school. Many Thanks Mrs Isbester

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ICAS

I would like (name)_____ to participate and receive a certificate in

☐ English (\$8)

☐ Mathematics (\$8)

☐ Science (\$8)

Enclosed is \$_____

Please return with money before 17 March 2020

I have paid via Paypop ☐

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FREAKY FACTS

Water is the only substance on earth that is lighter as a solid than a liquid.

The unicorn is the national animal of Scotland.

A donkey will sink in quicksand, but a mule won't.

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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Giggle Spot

Q: What do you call a dinosaur that is sleeping? A: dino-snore!

Q: Why do bicycles fall over? A: Because they are two-tired!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Procrastination is the thief of time." – Edward Young



Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

29 Jan

Archie McD

31 Jan

Matthew R

3 Feb

Mitchell S

18 Feb

Harriet H

19 Feb

Chloe R

22 Feb

Kooper D

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Mr Faulkner
14 February 2020



2020 school term dates

Term 1 29-1-20 - 9-4-20

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

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

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

Bedgerabong Public School – Handy Helpers @ School

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If you are able to assist please complete the following and return it to school. We will be ready for support as of next week – Feb 24. If you can only make it occasionally – we completely understand, but you can tick a box that might suit, and see the kids when you can.

Thank you so much for supporting our school and we look forward to working with you very soon.

Name - _____

I am able and willing to assist at Bedgerabong School in the following areas.

Reading helpers, Monday-Wednesday 9.15-10am ☐ Tuesday. ☐ Wednesday. ☐

Please check a box that suits your time. Monday. Tuesday. Wednesday.

Kitchen help Thursday 10.30- 11.30-am. Cleaning up ☐ 12.45-1.30-pm Serving and Washing-up ☐

Garden helpers Thursday 9-11am (with the kids and Mrs Isbester) ☐

or any other time you can. Please list any days/times that suit you better

I have a current Working With Children Check (volunteer or paid) YES. ☐ NO. ☐

If "no" then feel free to ask us for some assistance in obtaining one.

Room for comments or questions