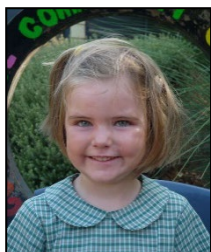




Students of the week



Equipping, Inspiring, Belonging

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

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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Mastering the lockdown

Student of the Week

Lower Division

Week 8 – Harriet H– being FISHY and doing great work in writing.

Upper Division

Week 8 – Samantha N – giving up her own time to help others learn marimbas. Leading by example

Home Reading

25 nights – Georgia P

50 nights – Ethan B, Sarah M, Pippa M, Noah B, Alyssa G, Maisie B, Eli B, Halle B, Fletcher G

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THANK YOU!

Well, it's been somewhat of an interesting time since our last newsletter. A lot has changed and we have had to make a lot of very quick changes to our routines. I'd like to once again thank you - our school community for being so patient and understanding. The most current information we have from the NSW Government and NSW Education Department is that schools are open, however families are strongly urged to keep their children at home. School staff are encouraged to adopt flexible working arrangements meaning schools will implement staff rosters to work from home. We have been providing Learning Packages for the children to ensure that everyone has access to the same lessons and content. Our staff have been working extremely hard to ensure the Learning Packages are prepared and delivered on time and to keep in constant contact with our students and their families.

Google Classroom has also been used as an electronic platform to engage with the kids and allow them a platform to share and engage with their schoolwork.

Home Routines

As I mentioned Learning Packages are going home. The work provided is just a guide and not compulsory - you don't have to finish it all. I would suggest that no more than 2 hours of formal learning at home each day is adequate. Of course, this is an individual and day by day situation, but if you are able to set and keep a timetable or routine you should find your children more settled and productive. Please be sure to include breaks and times for the kids to be active each day. The most important thing throughout all of this disruption is that you try support your kids to avoid becoming stressed or distressed. Routines can help in this matter, but if you find that there are issues in your circumstance around the Learning Packages, put them to the side and simply engage with and encourage your kids to participate in your daily life. Activities such as cooking, gardening, painting, scavenger hunts etc can all be fun. In the most recent Learning Packages, I included some information that has loads of alternatives to engage kids at home. If you'd like some support in setting up timetables contact us at school.

Communicating with the school

Our teachers will attempt to keep in touch with all of our students and families throughout the week. That will mean teachers are unavailable most mornings between 9-11am. During that time students and parents can ask questions or get clarification on tasks. Using Google Classroom to post a message in the class stream will be an effective way of contacting the teacher or feel free to call and leave a message. We have had lots of families share photographs with us of the kids work at home. If it's a work sample as a part of a lesson and you can share it via Google Classroom, go ahead. If it's other, would you mind sharing it to me 0427685711, that will make our collection much easier.

Cancellations

Most of you would be aware of the cancellation of all extra curricula activities including PSSA sport, public speaking, arts/music camps etc as well as any events that encourage visitors, particularly those considered high risk from visiting the school. Events such as our Movie Night, Community Connections, Bbong Alive, and Easter Parade are also affected. Just like the children all of the staff are sad and disappointed about this, so we are looking at alternate methods to celebrate some of these events - just in a different manner to usual. I'll discuss some of these later on.

X-Country event

We had planned to hold a x-country event at school this Friday. Obviously we are unable to do this - however we are encouraging kids to set up a course (around the outside of the house, up and down the driveway, around the paddock) and share photos of them running with us on Friday. It's not compulsory, just a chance to have some fun and be active.

Easter Hat Parade

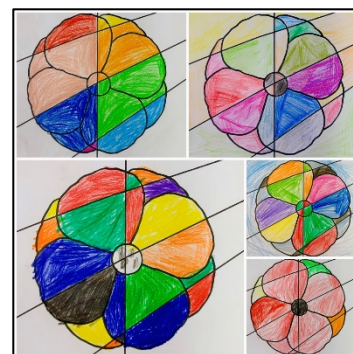
We had also planned to hold an Easter Hat Parade at school on Thursday 9th April. Once again, this has been cancelled BUT we'd like to encourage everyone to take some time to celebrate this event. Miss Hanns and Mrs Faulkner will provide information for their classes soon, but I'd also like to encourage all of community to participate. Take a photo of your creations or film your own celebration and send it to us by Wednesday April 8 and we can create and share a community Easter celebration with everyone.

K-2 news

Hello everyone, it has been a busy and strange kind of a week.

All of the students in the K-2 classroom will have a hard copy booklet that they can complete each day. The work shouldn't be taking longer than 1-2 hours. Please don't feel pressured at complete the work. Only do what you and your child can. My class have been using Google Classrooms to keep in touch with each other. Unlike the 3-6 class who are submitting electronic tasks, for the K-2 students it is purely a social hub. I encourage everyone to get on and share photos and videos of their work,

as well as sharing all of the fun things they might be doing around the house/farm. If you have the access, please encourage your child to get on via their iPads/computers and talk to their friends and comment on each other's work. Here are just a few of the poppies I received from last week. Miss Hanns



Big Class news

Wow what a week we have had! Distance Education has now become the new norm and our kids are adapting fantastically. Thank you to all our parents for your support - the program would not run affectively without your dedication and commitment. I know most of the big class kids have embraced Google Classroom and are using as a way to not only deliver work, but to catch up with me and fellow classmates. I know internet issues have arisen, but please remember it is not mandatory to complete tasks using this platform. It has been great catching up via the phone and we will continue to do this. Don't forget to check your emails and if you need support you can call any time during school hours. Please continue to send work evidence and work tasks to me. Any social photos of extra curricular activities can be forwarded on to Mr Faulkner. Keep smiling😊

Mrs Faulkner

Garden report

Great news we have been successful with our application for a Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant for the wicking bed project.

Wicking beds are a great way of conserving water as they have a water reservoir in the bottom which is topped up every week. This way water will not be wasted through evaporation and over spray and the plants have a constant water supply. It will also help with supressing weed growth around the beds.

The children have already started this project. We have planted out the large self-watering pots that we purchased as a trial before setting up the full sized beds. Already

they are producing Button Squash, Spinach, Pak Choy and the Rhubarb, Dragon Fruit and Rosella Fruit are growing well. All of the plants are flourishing thanks to the constant water supply. We will be able to use the Rhubarb, Rosella fruit and Dragon fruit in the kitchen to make jam.

Bedgerabong is one of 617 primary schools and early learning centres throughout Australia receiving a Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant to help grow our next generation of environmental champions.



The grants are being funded with money made from the sale of the Woolworths recyclable bags for good which was launched in 2018 when the supermarket stopped using single-use plastic bags.

The children and I are looking forward to working and learning from this project and we'll keep you updated on the results

Last week I spent two days in the garden and have caught up on the weeding and staking of plants. I also was able to remove handfuls of slugs from the strawberries, yuk!!! Now we might be able to eat the strawberries before the slugs get them.

The zucchinis have responded well to being pruned and staked up. Through research I discovered that only the leaves near the growing tip are supporting the zucchini growth. Also by pruning and staking the zucchinis powdery mildew can be slowed down. Always there is something new to learn in the garden. Mrs Isbester



MAKE THEIR DAY

Make Their Day means taking a genuine interest in the gifts of others. It does not come with strings attached. It is not designed to "get" something. Make Their Day is a heartfelt contribution intended for no other purpose than to bring a little joy into someone's life.

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Bedgerabong Community Notices

Bedgerabong Church Services for March

Sunday 22nd at 11.00am Church of England.

Easter Services—Good Friday 1st April at 8.00am, Sunday 12th April at 8.00am

All church services cancelled until further notice

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FREAKY FACTS

There are 2,000 thunderstorms on Earth every minute.

The wind is silent until it blows against something.

There are ice caves in Iceland that have hot springs

Giggle Spot

Q Q: What did the stamp say to the envelope? A: Stick with me and we will go places!

Q: What is blue and goes ding dong? A: An Avon lady at the North Pole!

Q: Were you long in the hospital? A: No, I was the same size I am now!



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Life offers you so many doors, it is up to you which to open and which to close.” – Anon



Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

10 Mar

Heidi S

22 Mar

Lily C

2 Apr

Heidi D

9 Apr

Samantha N

28 Apr

Roman S

29 Apr

Rain T

29 Apr

Bailee D

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BE THERE

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Mr Faulkner
30 March 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