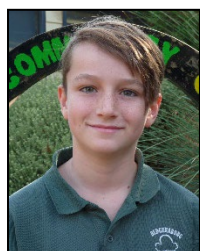




Student of the week



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Student of the Week

Lower Division

Week 10 – Hamish H – positive attitude towards his learning.

Week 1 – Sarah M – hard work and dedication to her writing

Upper Division

Week 10 – Alyssa G – always displaying a happy disposition.

Week 1 – Mitchell S – working hard to improve handwriting and
spelling tasks.

Home Reading

25 nights - Eden S, Kooper D

50 nights – Eden S

100 nights – Chloe R, Hayden R, Hunter M

125 nights – Lily C, Maisie B, Fletcher G, Harriet H, Sarah M, Bridie H,
Samantha N

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

31 Jul Hearing Screening.

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Term 3 off and running

Welcome back to all of our school community. It'd be no surprise to anyone if I was to say that 2020 has been a challenging year so far, and with what we are hearing in Victoria and metropolitan Sydney we could be in for some more challenges. At this stage we haven't heard any more on imposing or lifting of restrictions in schools, so we are continuing with the processes we had in place prior to the term 2 break, including phoning ahead if you are dropping off or picking up children. We are continuing to wash hands and sanitise regularly and imposing social distancing where we can. Fingers crossed that we will be able to reconnect with our community in a more physical way very soon. I need to thank all of our school families that responded to our requested feedback to the whole working from home situation. Your feedback was very positive in determining what worked and what we might be able to do better and we have acted on some of the suggestions already. Unfortunately, we are unable to have non-essential visitors onsite so programs such as Community Connections, daily reading, Bbong Alive etc are unable to recommence.

If you have any concerns over your child's learning or have any more feedback in regards to the full time return to school of students, we would be very happy to receive it. Feel free to call or email it to the school.

Supporting Children at home

Thank you to all of our families who made the time to attend the student support session with School Counsellor- Mark Ranger late last term. The feedback from that has been positive and as I suggested, I have been sourcing avenues of support for mums and dads to use at home. One resource that I'd like to promote this time is the Big Life Podcast. The Big Life Kids podcast teaches children to stay resilient, believe in themselves, and face life's challenges with confidence! In each episode, Zara and Leo travel the world to discover the living heroes that are making a difference in the world today. Ideal for kids ages 5-10. Here is a link <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/big-life-kids-podcast/id1461857952>

Contacting the School

Our office building was uninhabitable due to repainting last week, so apologies for any missed calls or messages. We should be almost back to normal today. Can I please ask that if you have a message to pass on, particularly about change of routines, that you send it to school in writing with your child on the day or call the school. We can't guarantee we will get or check emails for those messages on time.

Change of afternoon routine

With the recommencement of sport comes afternoon training, if you will be picking your child up on a regular basis in the afternoons then we need this in writing. If it is a regular day then a note at the start of the term is sufficient, please make sure that any change of afternoon routine is in writing – kids don't always get it right.

Personal items at School

Just a reminder to mums, dads and children that school is not the best place to bring your most valuable collections, toys or prized possessions. The chances are that they will get damaged, lost or cause a disagreement over sharing. Please feel free to have your child bring in any special news items but keep the rest for the toy room at home.

Forbes High School Transition

I've been given some dates for year 7 transition sessions to Forbes High School. With exact dates yet to be confirmed I believe the sessions will be on Wednesdays in weeks 6, 8 and 10 of this term and weeks 2 and 4 of term 4. More information will be available very soon.

Kindergarten Transition

We are yet to be told that we can hold Kindergarten Transition sessions at school. Thank you to those families that have asked for and returned their enrolment packages. However, we still have a couple to be returned to school. If you need to receive a package and have not yet got it please contact the school so that we can determine the best way to get a package to you. This information will allow us to book a place for your child in our Kindi Transition program and confirm dates times etc. We do have limited spots at this stage for the Kindi Transition program so get in quick.

Community Feedback

Forbes Shire Council is in the process of developing a shire-wide Recreation and Open Space Strategy. The Strategy examines existing recreation and sport parks and facilities, determines if the recreation needs of the community are being met, and what Council needs to invest in to meet current and future recreation and sport needs. The Strategy will assist Council to prioritise works over the next 10 years. To develop the Strategy, they need to talk to various people and groups in the community about how and where they recreate. All Forbes Shire community members are encouraged to have their say. The survey is online and can be accessed via Council's website <https://yoursay.forbes.nsw.gov.au/recreation-and-open-space-strategy>

Year 6 homework

As a part of the feedback process it was suggested that year 6 students would benefit from an increase in weekly homework before heading into year 7. As a result of the feedback year 6 will now have some optional weekly homework available to them via their Google Classroom. Maths Problems will be available anytime from Sundays at lunch with answers being posted early Thursday mornings and an online social studies/current affairs task available from Mondays with answers also posted early in Thursday mornings.

Hearing Screening

Early in term 1, consent forms to participate in a hearing screening process were sent home. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 restrictions meant it had to be postponed. This Friday Margot Lawry - Itinerant Teacher Hearing, will be at school to make presentations to the kids and conduct the screening. I believe that all of our consent forms were returned in term 1 so there is nothing else for families to do. Our office will contact you should I be wrong about the forms and we need more info.

New Garden Beds

Last year Mrs Isbester was successful in obtaining quite a substantial grant to establish a water conserving garden using wicker beds. I'd like to thank Murray for the time and resources he has dedicated over the past week in preparing the site for the garden beds (I'm sure he has actually gone home once or twice and spent more time at school than the teachers!) We can't wait for the concrete slab to be laid and then the kids will start the assembly of the new garden beds and set the whole area up. It will be a very impressive project once it is up and running.

To fill the beds we need donations of manure or well rotted compost. If anyone has this type of garden bed soil could you please contact the school to arrange delivery? We do not need it until the beds are constructed but need it soon after as the grant acquittal has to be finalised by the end of the year. The kids have been busy planting seeds so that we have seedlings ready for planting as soon as the beds are full and functional.

P&C Fundraising

Bunning's Forbes have commenced their weekend BBQ post covid. Bedgerabong School have been able to keep our original date to host the BBQ on Saturday 8th August.

This provides the P&C with an opportunity to raise some funds for 2020 which is great news. We will be only hosting the BBQ as the current conditions prevents us from cooking donuts and cakes. The BBQ will operate under the Bunning's guidelines which requires the P&C to have 5 volunteers available at any given time between 8.30am and 4 pm on the day. It would be great if we could have a roster of people to help during the day. If you are available to help on the day please contact us via email or skoolbag. Bunning's have indicated that only a maximum of five people can be in the BBQ area at once which unfortunately means children will be restricted from assisting us.

K-2 news

Term 3 is here already and we have jumped straight back into school routine. We always start our day with some reading and literacy activities. But some of the kindergartens favourite writing takes place at the jellybean table after recess. Each day a small group will work with me on some guided writing on the whiteboards. Using a prompt or toy we make up sentences and then work together to form just one of the sentences. It's always fun and the kids love to show off their work to Mrs Faulkner next door (because she usually gives them a FISHY sticker for making her day). This week one group wrote a sentence about a lion that could do a backflip.



Just a reminder that the students in the K-2 class are asked to complete home reading every night, if readers are not returned to school or if they are not signed students will be asked to stay in the classroom and read a book during lunch. Also, please ensure your child has glue for the term. We use a lot of glue in the infants classroom and run out very quickly. Miss Hanns.

Big Class news

It has been great to see all the kids back at school. It was even better starting the term under almost normal conditions. Getting back into the kitchen had the kids buzzing and the pizza pinwheels were quite the success. As usual at the start of the term, we need to remind everyone to ensure they have the essentials - a glue stick and rubber. Also I have noted that some students are bringing in quite a few extras such as extra pencil cases and squishy toys. I am ok with both however students need to be able to fit all these items neatly in their under desks. If this is not possible, then it's time for a declutter. Last week Mrs Ferguson gave the students a home science task to complete. Please remind your child to bring in a soil (preferably in a jar) and a rock sample by tomorrow- Tuesday. The instructions were given to the children last week (check diaries). Mrs Faulkner

School Leaders' Report

Wow the year has gone fast. Soon enough the year 6 kids will be off to high school. Everyone was so excited to come back to school, I know I was. The big class have been focusing on informative texts and positive and negative numbers. On Thursday we made pizza pinwheels that had mushroom, capsicum, cheese, bacon and tomato paste. During recess and lunch the most popular game is probably soccer. Samantha N

Community Notices

Bedgerabong Community Trust

September meeting of the Bedgerabong Community Trust will be held on Monday 7th September at 8pm at the school. Please have submissions in by this date and time.

FREAKY FACTS

It takes eight minutes and 19 seconds for light to travel from the sun to Earth.
The footprints on the moon will be there for 100 million years.
A neutron star can spin 600 times in one second.
One million Earths could fit inside the sun!



Giggle Spot

I've just opened a new restaurant called Karma. There's no menu, we just give you what you deserve.

Today I gave my dead batteries away....Free of charge.!



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe." – Anatole France



Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

10 Jul
31 Jul
6 Aug
27 Aug

Rian T
Bridie H
Hunter M
Fletcher G

23 Jul
31 Jul
12 Aug

Eden S
Maisie B
Xavier M

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2020 school term dates

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

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

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

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

Mr Faulkner
27 July 2020