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## Welcome to an exciting 2021

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### Kindergarten 2021





## Welcome to our school

Hi everyone, better get comfortable... this one could take some time to get through.

I'd like to start by genuinely thanking everyone for their support and understanding in regards to last year's Presentation Night. I won't deny the weather conditions and COVID regulations certainly got the better of me and if it wasn't for your support and understanding, and Murray's truck, the event just wouldn't have happened. As it turned out everything went well and with so much positive feedback I think we will reach out formally to determine people's thoughts about something similar this year. Keep an eye out on SkoolBag for a chance to give feedback if you would like some input into this year's event.

Now - here we go....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. We have 12 new students in Kindergarten with us this year from 4 new families so I'd like to acknowledge Sam B, Mollie D, Olivia G, Will G, Tyler H, Phoebe M, Winnie McD, Addie M, Ella P, Elliott R, Riana T, Evie V and their families as our very welcomed additions to our school family. Currently we have 44 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. The true strength of our school is the relationship that we have with our school community. I encourage all families to take some time to be involved, even if that simply means reading our fortnightly newsletter, but of course we have many more opportunities to engage from P&C to assistance in our kitchen, gardens and classroom. Right now opportunities are a little restricted but as we negotiate our way to a clearer understanding we'd certainly love and encourage you to take a chance to join us in some way shape or form.



## 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.

**Still awaiting final confirmation around parents/spectators. Keep an eye on Skoolbag.**

## **School Community Meeting**

Each year we like to take an opportunity to meet face to face with all of our school families and the staff that work with your children. It's a great opportunity to meet face to face, share school and class expectations and ask any questions that may be had. We are able to have parents on site for such an event and want to get in soon, just in case regulations change. So we've set aside **Tuesday February 9**. It would be lovely to see everyone there from 3.15pm for about 35/40 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 fund-raising ideas especially 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.

## **Tootie Fruity**

Our Tootie Fruity kitchen program will commence this 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.

### **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.

### **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. **Please return the sheet.**

### **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.

### **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 to the school (NOT P&C). 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.

### **Bedgerabong Races Fundraiser**

Over the last few years the P&C has used the Bedgerabong Races as an opportunity to raise funds by collecting and recycling all of the cans and bottles. Just putting out feelers to see if anyone is keen to co-ordinate or be involved this year. Get a message to the school or Murray Brown if you are keen.

### **K-2 news**

Welcome back everyone! It was lovely to see all of the smiling faces of our year 1 and 2 students again and we cannot wait to welcome our massive cohort of 12 new Kindergarteners today.

This week in K-2 will consist mainly of revision of our Fish Philosophy, our class rules and expectations and our classroom routines. We will spend some time getting to know each other and the layout of the classroom and school.

In K-2, all students have a Home Reading folder. In this folder there will be a reading book and a homework book. Please try to ensure your child does daily reading and each day when they return their folder they will get a new book. Along with home reading students will also have their sight words checklist in their books and some flash cards. All I ask is that the homework book is returned at the end of each week please.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me at school. Miss Hanns

## **Big Class news**

It was so great to see all the children back last Friday - smiling faces and ready to get back into school life. This year the Big Class looks very different. We have no year 6 students so we look rather small in body compared to previous years. I have no doubt this won't stop the students from stepping up into leadership roles. We only have one new family joining us this year - welcome Roman S. It would be remiss of me to not mention our other new year 3 students - Archie, Ethan and Sarah M who now join the primary ranks also.

We will have a few organisational changes this year. Diaries will still come home but will be utilised more as a reflection journal and for reminders. For home reading, HOOTTs practice and any other requested home tasks, a weekly tick off grid will be utilised. This will go out on Monday and is to be returned Friday. No daily home reading monitoring will be required for the big class unless a change over of book is needed.

**Equipment** - You may have seen in the news lately that some schools require vast lists of resources to be purchased at the student's own expense. Some of these range from text books to toilet paper. In keeping with the long tradition at Bedgerabong, we keep our request to a minimum. Each child should have their own glue stick, eraser and headphone set. The latter is not absolutely necessary, but may restrict computer/iPad use if audio is required. I do ask that these items are at school every day and replaced (especially glue sticks) when required.

We do have a supply of glue sticks (\$2), erasers (50c) and grippy rulers (\$3) available to purchase from the office. Textbooks, rulers, lead and coloured pencils and work books, are supplied by the school. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled for easy identification. This includes glue sticks, pencils, pens, textas, books, fidget toys, clothing. If you own it - it needs a name on it!

**Book Covering** - To help protect the student work books, I do ask for them to be covered. Some students have already taken books home for this purpose. These must be back at school every day, even if not covered. Plastic sleeves are a great alternative to contact and are very protective and reusable.

Each student has their own small under-desk in which they can place their pencil case, iPad and diary etc. As there is limited room, I would ask that pencil cases not be so big as to take up valuable space.

I am excited about the year ahead and can't wait for things to get back to be more like pre-2020. Already plans are underway for the annual March Netball Gala day in Forbes. Hopefully we can get all in the big class to participate again. Please get your swimming nominations back to school ASAP.

If you have any concerns or pressing questions about anything at all, ring the school between 8:30am and 3:45pm to arrange a catch up. Mrs Faulkner

# **Bedgerabong Community Notices**

## **Bedgerabong Union Memorial Church**

Uniting Church at 11 am on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

Catholic Service – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 9.30am

**Harvest Festival** - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm at the Hall

Thanksgiving Service led by the Salvation Army Captain, supper, sale of produce.

Working Bee – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm at the Hall. Organisation of stands, chairs tables etc.

World Day of Prayer - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am at the Church.

## 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.

24 Jan  
31 Jan  
22 Feb

Riana T  
Matthew R  
Kooper D

29 Jan  
18 Feb

Archie McD  
Harriet H

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Mr Faulkner  
1 February 2021



2021 school term dates

Term 1    27-1-21 - 1-4-21

Term 3    12-7-21 - 17-9-21

Term 2    19-4-21 - 25-6-21

Term 4    5-10-21 - 17-12-21