



Student Growth through Excellence in Teaching and Partnerships for Success

Merry Christmas to all of our School Community



Every Day Counts- Our focus on attendance for Term 4 has us aiming at achieving an average attendance rate for our school of 92%

As of last Friday we had an average attendance rate of 93.19

Congratulations kids- you reached your goal!

Children's learning is enhanced by uninterrupted full days of school.

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Hello everyone- I hope this edition of our news finds you safe and well.

It's so very close to the end of the year and a time for reflection. We've had another very busy and productive year at our school, and if you've had a chance to order a copy of The Bluebell, then you will see that as we send your copies home. If you have ordered a copy and yet to pay- they will be available at Presentation Night where you can pay for them at the door. If you forgot to order one and would like one- just contact us and we can print another run early next year.

A recurring theme that you will see throughout the Bluebell is the growth in skills and confidence that all of our kids have developed, and that was no more evident than last Friday evening at the Forbes Christmas Carnival. I watched in awe at the confidence and performance skills of our Bedgerabong kids. The kids participating, playing instruments, they've come to see as a second nature with such expertise, right from the Kindergarten kids through to the Year 6 kids was amazing. I thought their performance - to play so many songs from memory was outstanding. Seeing such skill and talent from primary school kids is amazing, let alone knowing that it wasn't a select group, but it was everyone in our school. So proud. Oh- the circus arts performances were pretty cool as well.



For those of you who won't be able to attend our Presentation this week, please accept my most sincere thanks for your support of our school and community. We are so very blessed to have such kind and caring people to work with and share our journey. I certainly wish you all the very best over the Christmas period and look forward to catching up and working with you all again next year.

We reached our attendance goal –yeeha, congratulations and THANK YOU! The kids selected a colour run as a reward. We will hold that on Wednesday 1.30pm. We will provide a white shirt for every Bedgerabong school student. This event is open to everyone to join in as you have all contributed reaching that goal. BYO shirts if you wish to join in, otherwise help to 'shower' the colour powder, would be very welcomed.

Last Day Celebrations – our tradition of waterplay activities to end the school year will continue on Wednesday. At the conclusion of the colour run, kids will have the chance to participate in water play activities. We supply the water – kids will need to bring their own toys. Please ensure your child has a change of clothes, hat and sunblock.



Being fair shows you care – FISH for life

I have included a lot of info from our last news. I hope that it is of some help to you.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Staff and students have set up and decorated the hall, we'd be very grateful for P&C/parent support packing up chairs and tables at the end of our event.

A reminder- as a Dept Education function - no smoking or alcohol permitted in the hall during the Presentation. The event will be handed over to the P&C upon conclusion of the last kid's item.

Presentation Night supper - Each year our P&C ask that our families support the Presentation Night by supplying some items for supper. A letter has been sent home with your children indicating the suggested food for the supper at Presentation Night. Sweet, Savoury item or sandwiches. Again, just a suggestion but it does provide some variety. Of course, please feel to bring whatever it is you can. The items for supper should be brought with you to the presentation night.

Presentation Night gifts - Santa will visit our Presentation Night. He will deliver your gifts for your child/ren that you will have dropped off at the back of the hall at the start of the evening. More specific details about the 'drop' off of your gifts for your child/ren will be sent via School Bytes soon.

Presentation Night dress code - Students should wear their full summer uniform to Presentation Night – without the hats. Our Year 6 leaders will be required at the hall by 6.30pm. The event will commence at 7pm.

School Family Roster - school holidays. A lot of time and effort goes into our gardens throughout the year. I'd be very grateful for any support that you may be able to provide in keeping the garden and chickens alive and well over the break. It might take as little as 5 minutes as you pass the school heading to or from town. Just ensuring the garden beds are watered and the chooks watered, and fed. Feel free to help yourself to any produce. I've done up a roster of school families to try to help you plan, but if you're unable the week you're down for, just drop in when you can. See below for the roster.

Regards Paul

Chook and Garden Roster for the School Holidays

<i>Week ending</i> <i>29.12.24</i>	<i>Week ending</i> <i>5.1.25</i>	<i>Week ending</i> <i>12.1.25</i>	<i>Week ending</i> <i>19.1.25</i>	<i>Week ending</i> <i>25.1.25</i>
<i>BROCKMANN</i> <i>ZERAFA</i> <i>MURRU</i>	<i>COLE</i> <i>DAVEY</i> <i>PENGILLY</i>	<i>GIBSON</i> <i>HERBERT</i> <i>MAXWELL</i>	<i>A BROWN</i> <i>MORGAN</i> <i>SCHWARTZ</i>	<i>MCDONALD</i> <i>SIMMONDS</i> <i>SYMONDS</i>



Big Class News

As the 2024 year draws to a close, I can't help but think about the wonderful year we have had. From outstanding musical achievements, sporting accomplishments and two exciting overnight camps - this year has had it all. We have made it through our first year of the new maths and English syllabus implementation, so bring on 2025 - the Big Class is ready!



Although it is a joyous time of the year, it also touched with a hint of sadness as we farewell our Year 6 cohort. Sarah, Ethan, Roman and Locky - after four years for most of you, it is time to finally graduate from the Big Class. I wish you all the best next year. Another sad goodbye to Bailee who will be attending Eugowra PS in 2025. We look forward to seeing you at our combined sports events. Finally, I wish all our students and families a happy Christmas. Have a lovely break and I will see you back at B'bong in the new year.

Mrs Faulkner

Little Class News

I would just like to acknowledge the amazing year we have had! The achievements, successes and enthusiasm by all students is commendable. I am thoroughly proud of the Little Class efforts and reflect on how much they have grown. They all bring a special uniqueness to the classroom, and I have enjoyed every moment of getting to know them and the talents they bring. I wish Lloyd and Ella all the best as they enter the Big Class next year. I know you will fit right in and excel to new heights!



Sadly, I won't be here next year, but I am extremely thankful for the year I've had and the amazing experiences that the Bedgerabong community has shared. Finally, I wish all the students and their families a very Merry Christmas and restful time over the holidays. I wish you all the best next year!

Miss Wade

Getting to know Mrs Hodges

If I had superpower it would be: Invisibility

If I had 1 wish I would wish for: My kids to have a happy content life

Guilty Pleasure: 'Bold and the Beautiful

Favourite Holiday: Tasmania

Early bird or night owl: Early bird

I am happiest when: When I'm with my family

New things I'd like to try: Knitting

TV shows or book I like: Vikings

Favourite Animal: Boots the cat



Getting to know Mrs Kemp

If I had super power it would be: to click my fingers and be where I choose

If I had 1 wish I would wish for: To stay alive

Guilty Pleasure: Buying birds

Favourite Holiday: Caravaning around QLD

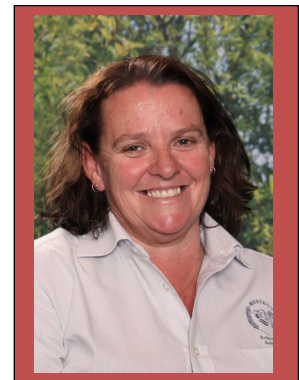
Early bird or night owl: Night owl

I am happiest when: I'm with my family

New things I'd like to try: Flying a plane

TV shows or book I like: True crime

Favourite Animal: Peacock





Community Notice Board



Bedgerabong Church News

Christmas Eve Service - 24.12.24, 7.00pm start. All welcome, Ecumenical Service.

ENROLLING NOW

All Grades - Kindi - Year 6



Starting school in 2025, or just looking for a change? Then you should consider

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MAKE THEIR DAY

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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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FREAKY FACTS

A snail can sleep for three years.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

The bumblebee bat is the world's tiniest mammal

Giggle Spot

Q: What do you call an anxious mosquito? A:
A jitterbug.

Q: How many blueberries can you grow on a bush?
A: All of them.

Q: What did the tree say when summer finally arrived?
A: What a re-leaf.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart. -Helen Keller

Happy Birthday to these recent and upcoming party goers.

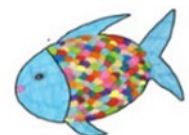
A big happy birthday to everyone

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2024 school term dates

Term 1 30-1-24 - 12-4-24 Term 2 30-4-24 - 5-7-24
Term 3 23-7-24 - 27-9-24 Term 4 14-10-24 - 18-12-24



Mr Faulkner

16.12.2024



Bedgerabong Public School Presentation Night 2024

TUESDAY 17th December
7.00pm @ B'bong Hall



1. **School Song, National Anthem, Acknowledgement of Country**
2. **Welcome & School Captains reports**
3. **Principal's report – Paul Faulkner**
4. **Student Awards-**
 - Individual Student Awards-
 - Infants Division-* presented by Miss Wade
 - Upper Division-* presented by Mrs Horvat
 - Year Six Graduation Presentation - presented by Mr Faulkner
 - Western PSSA Acknowledgement – presented by Mr Faulkner
 - Director – Educational Leadership Awards – presented by Mr Faulkner
 - Premier's Reading Challenge – presented by Mrs Williams
 - HOOTs awards for times tables mastery - presented by Mrs Faulkner
 - Phillip Donato Award – presented by Mr Murray Brown
 - Apex Award— Presented by Mr Arnold Constable
 - Jessie Field Award- presented by Mr Nick Field
 - Cogswell Sports Award - Presented by Mrs Maree Hodges
 - David Taylor Leadership Award - Presented by Mrs Jill Morgan
 - The Stewart Prize - Academic award - Presented by Mr Murray Brown
 - School Captains 2025 - Presented by Mrs Zoe Herbert
5. **P&C Presentations and Raffle Draw** - Mrs Zoe Herbert
6. **Gingerbread Auctions** – K,1,2 + Christmas Carols
7. **“Story Time”** Little Class
8. **Gingerbread Auctions-** Years 3-4 + 5-6 Christmas Carols
9. **Marimba Performances** – K-6
10. Close – hand over to P&C for pack up and supper

End of Presentation Night- Hand over to P&C for pack up - Santa may arrive sometime soon.



Enjoy supper

