



Student of the week



Student Growth through Excellence in Teaching and Partnerships for Success **Together We Grow**

Every Day Counts- Unfortunately we fell just short of our combined attendance goal for Term 3, achieving 88.9%. We've spoken with the kids and staff to figure out what would be suitable and achievable. So we are back up on that horse aiming to achieve a combined total attendance rate for Term 4 of 90%

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



Lower Division

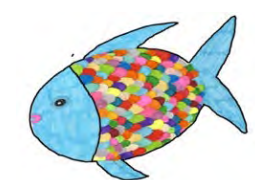
Week 1 – Robert P – very inquisitive on lagoon excursion

Upper Division

Week 1 – Winnie McD – dedication in all areas

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

- 21 Oct K-6 Questacon Excursion - Parkes
- 22 Oct NSW PSSA Athletics
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- 24 Oct Big Class excursion to Condo HS for creative arts
- 31 Oct K-6 Tennis coaching for sport
- 31 Oct World Teachers' Day
- 3 Nov Little Class Wagga Excursion
- 4 Nov Little Class Wagga Excursion
- 6 Nov Year 6 Maths Challenge - Condo PS
- 7 Nov K-6 Tennis coaching for sport
- 10 Nov Scripture
- 11 Nov Remembrance Day
- 13 Nov Kindi Transition - next 4 weeks
- 14 Nov K-6 Tennis coaching for sport
- 21 Nov K-6 Tennis coaching for sport
- 24 Nov K-2 Excursion - Reading Down Town.
- 27 Nov Scripture
- 27 Nov- 30 Nov SPECFEST
- 28 Nov K-6 Tennis coaching for sport
- 1 Dec Scripture
- 8 Dec- 15 Dec School Swimming Scheme
- 16 Dec Presentation Night
- 19 Dec Last Day Term 4
- 27th & 28th March 2026 - Bedgerabong Sesquicentenary



2025/2026 school term dates for kids

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Hello everyone- I hope this edition of our news finds you well. We've hit the ground running in Term 4 and can't wait to share all of that with you.



Bedgerabong TALENT QUEST- what a terrific way to end last term. I am so proud of the effort all of the kids put into preparing their items and for their courage in performing. If you weren't able to make it, I hope you were able to see some of the items that we recorded and posted to our Youtube site- they are well worth a look.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL94FimDSRxHXXtVeA7814joJfJTUS9HD3>

Wilbertroy Lagoon visit – last Tuesday we were invited to Wilbertroy Lagoon by Maddy Clark (Gorham) an ex-student and Senior Delivery Officer, Lachlan Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder. Maddy and her team chatted to the kids about the importance of a healthy river and how we share water and why. They had fish/turtle netting demonstrations and some waterbug, plant and bird ID interactive activities. It was great to see the process and hear the importance of supporting our local environment. Check our Facebook page for all of the pics.

K-6 Questacon exhibit excursion – be sure to have looked at School Bytes for you to provide permission for your child to attend this event tomorrow, Tuesday October 21. All of the details are there and there is no cost to you for this experience.

Big Class Art Day @ Condo High School – huge thanks to Mrs Morgan for arranging for the Big Class to have an exciting experience this Friday at Condobolin High School. Details for this event have also been posted to School Bytes. There is a \$10 transport cost for this event. Be sure to check School Bytes and complete the form to allow your child to participate. Any students without permission will stay at school with Mrs Williams.

Year 6 maths challenge – we've entered our kids into an exciting experience taking place at Condobolin Primary School on Thursday November 6. The Maths Challenge is a new event, and we are looking forward to supporting our kids in this. Mrs Horvat will be supervising the kids at the event and so far, Mrs Pengilly has offered to get the kids to Condobolin. Any other offer of transport would be welcome (1 more may help). There is no cost to you for this experience.

K-6 Tennis Coaching- I've been successful in obtaining funding to engage Peter Clifton to visit our school to conduct a series of tennis coaching workshops. All of the kids will participate in the planned 5 sessions from October 31 – November 28. There will be no cost to you for this experience.

2026 School Leaders' Speeches- Any current Year 5 students are encouraged to consider delivering a 2026 School Leader speech at our assembly on Friday November 7. Both Mrs Faulkner and I are available to help students with this process, but for now students may benefit from considering the following. What values and skills might you bring to the role of school leader? What have you done in the past to support that? What will you focus on as a school leader/captain to make our school better? What would you like people to say about you and what you did if you were a school leader/captain. Based on our number of current Year 5 students, in 2026 we will have 2 x captains and 2 x leaders.

Kindi Orientation- We have planned 4 days for our 2026 Kindergarten students to visit and spend time with us preparing for Big School. Be sure to have contacted the school to confirm your child's attendance in this program.

LAMs- (Learning Alliance Meetings). Our annual review/ celebration is due this Term. We are hoping to lessen the time burden on everyone by having an 'open' day style celebration for the kids to share their achievements with their parents and teachers. Given the time of year- it's tricky, but we'd like to have an open classroom 9-11am on Tuesday Dec 2. Families are more than welcome to join their kids for a quick tour of the classroom, review of success and then you can stay for some planned activities or move on with your day. If you do think you require a more formal review, be sure to speak to us to make those arrangements ASAP- before the calendar closes up.

Spec Fest – Just confirming that we have almost received all of the info we require to effectively plan for this experience. Early this week, a permission note will be out via School Bites for SpecFest. Notes and money need to be in by Monday, 3rd of November. The school is subsidising the cost of this event leaving approximately \$250 per student (plus meals) to be contributed by families. **There will be four morning SpecFest rehearsals starting in Week 3 on Wednesdays at 8:15 am. The dates are October 29th, November 5th, 12th and 19th. Students need to attend at least three of these sessions.** Might be worth a school community conversation around possible fundraising to support our kids?

Term 4 attendance goals- As mentioned at the top of this newsletter we fell short of our group attendance awards. Having said that, we did "Crown some Legends" for Term 3 with the following students achieving 100% attendance. Tom Lee, Addie Morgan, Elsie Morgan and Harriet Herbert. We have spoken with the kids and looked at what we think might be achievable and are looking at trying to obtain a group attendance rate of 90% or more this term.

Did you know Royal Far West provides NDIS-funded therapeutic services for children aged 2–12 years living in rural and remote communities?

They currently have vacancies available for **Speech Therapy and Child Psychology with immediate starts in Term 4.** Their services are designed for children with mild to moderate disabilities or developmental delays who have an active NDIS plan.

While Occupational Therapy and our Immersion Program are currently at capacity, we will have availability from early 2026 and maintain a waitlist to notify families as spots become available. Royal Far West's NDIS services support both the Early Childhood Approach (ECA, formerly ECEI) and NDIS participants.

Depending on the child's needs, services can be delivered:

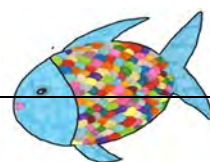
- Via Zoom in the home, school, or preschool
- Or through a week-long, face-to-face therapy program at our beautiful Manly campus

Be sure to look over the flyer attached to this newsletter and contact the school if you have any questions.

Bedgerabong School Sesquicentenary– Our school turns 150 next year. Our celebrations are planned for March 27/28 next year. If you could help with photos etc....please call the school or drop in. **We have also discovered quite a void of resources- photos, news articles etc from 1940's – 1960's.** If you know of anyone that may be able to help out or you might have some, please get in touch ASAP. Give the school a call and we will arrange to help you to share those stories ready for our 2026 celebrations.

Wishing you all an amazing week. Remember- Choose Your Attitude, Be There, Make Someone's Day and PLAY!

Regards - Paul



BIG CLASS NEWS with Mrs Faulkner

Welcome back! This week we have two excursions – The Questacon Experience in Parkes (Tuesday) and a pottery session with Mrs Morgan at Condobolin HS (Friday). Permission needs to be given asap as well as money for Friday's bus. Early this week, a permission note will also be out via School Bites for SpecFest. Notes and money need to be in by Monday, 3rd of November. Thank you again to Mr Faulkner who has offered to supplement the excursion payment for all. We will have four morning SpecFest rehearsals starting in Week 3 on Wednesdays at 8:15 am. The dates are October 29th, November 5th, 12th and 19th. Students need to attend at least three of these sessions.

LITTLE CLASS NEWS- with Miss Hanns

Welcome to Term 4! We hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for a fun and busy term ahead. There's lots coming up – keep an eye out for important dates and updates.

- Our K–2 excursion is happening in **Week 4** – more information will be sent home in the coming days.
- Please continue reading at home each night – it makes a big difference!
- Check your child's supplies – does everyone have **glue** for the term?
- We're excited for all the learning, laughter, and adventures ahead! **BRING IT ON!**



In the Garden with Miss Bayley

The garden has flourished over the school holidays, and we now have many healthy tomato plants to care for. Our cucumber, capsicum and strawberry plants are coming up nicely as well. We spent this week pulling out weeds and tidying up garden beds. We harvested a huge supply of beetroots and lettuce; it won't be long until our onions are ready. Whilst being out in the garden we have really enjoyed having beans, lettuce, spinach, celery and peas to snack on.

Tootie Fruity

Creamy Chicken Spinach Pasta

Prep: 10minutes mins Cook: 20minutes mins Total: 30minutes mins Servings: 4

250 gm uncooked pasta, 2 chicken breasts cut into small bite-size pieces, Salt & pepper to taste, Flour for dredging, 1 Tbs butter, 1 Tbs olive oil, 4 cloves garlic minced, 1/3 cup chicken broth, 1 tsp lemon juice, 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard, 1/4 tsp Italian seasoning, 1 cup heavy/whipping cream, 125gm fresh baby spinach, 1/2 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese

Instructions -

Boil a large, salted pot of water for the pasta. Cook it al dente according to packet. Meanwhile, cut up the chicken and season it with salt & pepper. Coat the pieces with flour. Add the butter and oil to a skillet over medium-high heat. Once the pan's hot, add the chicken and cook it until it's no longer pink on the outside. Add the garlic, chicken broth, lemon juice, Dijon mustard, and Italian seasoning. Return the pan to the heat and let it bubble for a minute or so. Scrape up any brown bits from the bottom of the pan. Add cream, and spinach to the

pan. Let it cook for around 5 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through. You may want to reduce the heat if it's bubbling a lot or if the sauce is thickening too fast. Drain the pasta and toss with the sauce. Stir in the parmesan. Season with more salt & pepper if needed.

Minced chicken with Thai basil

Prep 10m Cook 10m serves 4

Ingredients - 1 Tbs vegetable oil, 4 garlic cloves, chopped, 1 tsp grated ginger, 500g chicken breast mince, 2 Tbs fish sauce, 1 Tbs oyster sauce, 1 Tbs kecap manis, 1 Tbs brown sugar, 200ml chicken stock, 1 cup Thai basil leaves, 2 Tbs chopped roasted peanuts (optional), 4 spring onions, thinly sliced, Leaves from 1 butter lettuce, 4 lime leaves

Method

Heat the oil in a wok over medium-high heat. Add the garlic, ginger and cook for 1 minute. Increase heat to high, add chicken and cook, stirring constantly, for 5-6 minutes until cooked through. Add the shredded lime leaves, fish and oyster sauces, kecap manis, brown sugar and stock, and cook for a further 1-2 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in basil and nuts. Serve chicken on lettuce leaves topped with spring onion and chilli, accompanied by boiled rice if desired.

Mrs Horan

Community Notice Board



CHOOSE YOUR
ATTITUDE

Choosing a positive attitude for a day may not change your life. But months and years of choosing it will.

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PLAY

When you choose a playful mindset, creativity and lightheartedness come naturally.

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Getting to know – Mrs Horan

Where did you grow up/go to school? I was born in Temora, grew up at Fairholme and all my schooling was done in Condobolin.

Favourite pastimes as a kid- I was a typical kid in the 60's and 70's growing up on a farm doing all things farm life.

Favourite pastimes as an adult – Spending time with my family. Seeing the wonderment on faces as kids explore new things.

If I had a million dollars: I would retire and travel.

If I didn't work in a school- Always wanted a school job, or work in hospitality.



Getting to know – Miss Bayley

Where did you grow up/go to school? I was born in Forbes, my schooling was completed at Forbes Public & Red Bend Catholic College.

Favourite pastimes as a kid- Everything sport, fishing/camping, and trying to keep up with my brothers.

Favourite pastimes as an adult- Visiting and spending time with family, coaching/playing sport and gardening.

If I had a million dollars: Travel. So many places to see.

If I wasn't working with kids- I can't see myself doing anything else.





Happy Birthday to these recent and upcoming party goers.

Oct 1 Elsie M
Nov 5 Tom L
Nov 13 Mollie D

Nov 5 Addie M
Nov 9 Jeremy C



Quote of the Week

Don't wait until you reach your goal to be proud of yourself. Be proud of every step you take. – Karen Salmansohn

STUDENT SPECIAL SHOWCASE

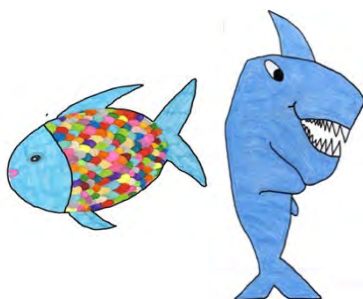
Each newsletter we'd love to share some of the kids' extra curricular achievements away from school. This time we've heard from Mr Faulker who wanted to share the experience of our school touch football team that competed in the finals of the NSW PSSA small schools knockout before the holidays. Special mention to Miss Bayley for her skills in coaching the team.

If you have something to share please contact Mr Faulker.

Please be sure to send us any achievements you'd like us to share with details and a photo (if you can)

Touch Football Team

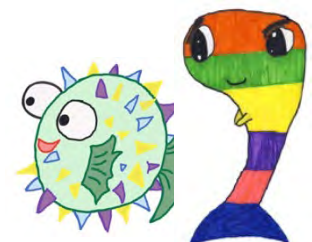
The team, with many first time touch players gave their all in each of the 3 games on the day and made everyone that supported them very proud. We've even got spontaneous touch games at school during lunch breaks now!



CHOOSE YOUR ATTITUDE

Choose Your Attitude means having an awareness of what your attitude is at any given moment, and recognizing if your current attitude isn't working for you, you can pick a new one.

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Mr Faulker
20-10-2025

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NDIS Services



At Royal Far West we are dedicated to supporting children in rural and remote locations to access the health and developmental care they need.

We are a non-government provider of developmental health, early intervention, education and therapy services for children and their families. We work collaboratively with you, your family and the professionals who support you.

Our NDIS services offer therapeutic interventions for children aged 2-12 years who have an NDIS plan.

RFW NDIS Services are suitable for children with mild to moderate disability who live in rural and remote areas. The program supports Early Childhood Approach (ECA – previously ECEI) and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Participants.

Our Services

Speech Pathology

- Learning to speak more clearly
- Understanding and using words and language to communicate
- Reading and writing skills
- Social communication skills to build and support friendships and relationships
- Play skills
- Key word sign and visuals to support communication

Occupational Therapy

- Building gross and fine motor skills
- Play skills
- Self-care skills to increase independence
- Sharing ideas to children who react differently to certain sensations
- Building skills and sharing ideas to support regulation, learning and friendships at school and home

Psychology

- Behaviour and/or emotional difficulties
- Mental health concerns (anxiety, low mood, poor self esteem, poor sleep)
- Social skills
- Parenting support
- Understanding diagnosis
- Adjustment difficulties e.g. transitioning to school

Special Education

- Early literacy
- Functional academics
- Visual systems and signs

Social Work

- Connection to services in your community
- Practical advice and help with benefits, entitlements and finances
- Support with managing family difficulties and crises
- Supporting you to advocate for child's needs

Eligibility Criteria

- **Child is aged 2-12yrs**
- **Child has a current NDIS plan**
- **Level of disability is mild to moderate**
- **Child lives in a regional, rural or remote location (outside of a capital city)**

RFW NDIS services are flexible and offer a range of delivery methods.

- **Telehealth** brings services via technology to your home, pre-school or school, or
- **A week of multidisciplinary face to face therapy** at RFW in Manly, Sydney.

Partnership

We work in partnership with families to develop integrated, high quality therapeutic solutions that meet the needs and goals of the child.

Flexible & Innovative

We are flexible and innovative and will utilise technology where appropriate.

Responsive to family and child's needs

We are responsive, open and easy to interact with – we use our specialist knowledge and skills to work with the family to achieve your child's goals.

Inclusive and Respectful

We believe in mutual respect and promote an inclusive environment that values everyone, no matter where they live and the services they need.



How to get started:

Call us on 1800 500 061

Email us at windmill@royalfarwest.org.au

Go to <https://royalfarwest.org.au/disability-support-services/>

Community Recovery Services



FREE Online Parenting Programs

Do you want to help your child manage strong feelings like worry, frustration and anger?

Do you want to better understand your child's behaviour?

Meet other parents and carers and talk about your strengths and challenges together.



What is Circle of Security®?

An evidence-based program to help parents better understand and meet children's emotional needs.

Best suited for parents/carers of children aged

1-6 yrs although beneficial for all ages.

www.circleofsecurityinternational.com

What is Tuning in to Kids®?

An evidenced based, emotion focused parenting course that helps parents/carers to recognise, understand and manage their children's emotions.

Best suited for parents/carers of children aged 3-12 yrs.

www.tuningintokids.org.au/parents

Who is it for?

Parents/carers living in the following NSW LGAs: *Cabonne, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Dubbo, Forbes, Gunnedah, Snowy Valleys, Glen Ines Severn, Snowy Monaro*

Where?

Online via Zoom. Access to stable internet, a computer/device, and a private space will be required.

When?

Tuning in to Kids: 10am - 12 pm, Wed 22nd Oct to 3rd Dec (weekly 2hr sessions for 7 wks)
Circle of Security: 10am-12pm, Wed 15th Oct to 3rd Dec (weekly 2 hr sessions for 8 wks)

Book now:

Email or call our team to register your interest. community.recovery@royalfarwest.org.au or (02) 8622 6808

"I am so incredibly grateful for this course!"

I couldn't be more thankful for my learning and the strategies that are making an amazing difference with both my boys" - Parent

Funded by the Australian and NSW Government



Funded under the Disaster Ready Fund – an Australian Government initiative. This program currently receives funding from the Australian Government and the NSW Government.

Bushfire danger period information for parents and carers

Fact sheet

This fact sheet provides information for parents and carers about arrangements for the danger period.

The NSW Department of Education has engaged external experts to conduct assessments of all NSW government schools, to identify schools at greater risk of impact from bushfires.

To support the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff, the department, in consultation with NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS), will direct the school to temporarily cease operations on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating has been declared for your school's NSW fire area. Alternative learning arrangements will be put in place for these days.

Schools may be made non-operational due to changing risk conditions and the relevant advice from emergency services.



What is a Fire Danger Rating?

Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger should a fire start. The ratings are determined by a combination of factors including air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought.

For further information on the Australian Fire Danger Rating System.

Fire Danger Rating sign





When will I know if my child's school has been made non-operational?

A Fire Danger Rating is issued for the following day. This means that schools, including onsite preschools, will be notified after school hours that it will be non-operational the following day. Your school will notify you as soon as possible by the preferred method of communication.

Parents and carers are requested to:

- provide up-to-date home and after-hours contact details to your school
- stay up-to-date with news and local media through the bushfire danger period.



NSW Education Parent App

Get the free NSW Education Parent App to receive operational status updates for NSW public schools.



What education arrangements will be in place if the school is non-operational?

When non-operational, your school will advise of alternative learning arrangements, including any relocation or learning from home plans.



Learn more

Be prepared and ensure you have a bushfire survival plan in place. The NSW RFS has resources for all residents to plan and prepare for the bushfire season.

Consider whether your home is safe from bushfires and grassfires, and be prepared to relocate to a safer place well in advance. Find more information and resources from the NSW RFS.

We appreciate your cooperation during the bushfire season. For further information about Fire Danger Ratings and the bushfire danger period, please refer to 'NSW Rural Fire Service'

The department's 'School operational status' webpage provides up to date information during bushfires and grassfire emergencies.

Please contact your school with any additional questions.