



Student of the week



Student Growth through Excellence in Teaching and Partnerships for Success

Big Dreams, Small School, Strong Community



Every Day Counts- Our focus on attendance for Term 3 has us aiming at achieving an average attendance rate for our school of 90%
As of last Friday we had an average attendance rate was 90.83%
Children's learning is enhanced by uninterrupted full days of school.

Lower Division

Week 6 – Isaac G – being helpful in digital technologies.
Week 7 – Brock Z – trying his best in class.



Upper Division

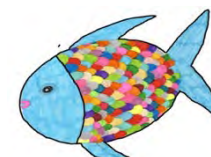
Week 6 – Olivia G – great reflective writing.
Week 7 – Lloyd H – great effort - HOOTTs Master in Yr 3.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

- 8-10 Sept Stage 3 Creative Arts Camp
- 19 Sept Western PSSA Athletics - Dubbo
- 22 Sept Scripture
- 23 Sept Touch Football finals - Sydney
- 25 Sept Wilbertroy Lagoon- Local Excursion
- 26 Sept BEDGERABONG TALENT SHOW/ End term 3
- 14 Oct Term 4 starts for kids
- 18 Oct Bedgerabong Community Trivia Night
- 22 Oct NSW PSSA Athletics
- 23 Oct NSW PSSA Athletics
- 16 Dec Presentation Night
- 19 Dec Last Day Term 4



27th & 28th March 2026 - Bedgerabong Sesquicentenary



2025 school term dates for kids

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Hello everyone- I hope this newsletter finds you well. It was so nice to have so many dads and grandfathers be able to join us for breakfast last week. I hope all of our dads had a great day yesterday and wish everyone a terrific week ahead.



Royal Far West community support- Our school is involved with Royal Far West's Community Recovery Service. As part of our Service, they offer parent group programs which take place online and are delivered by trained facilitators. **The groups are free for any parents/carers of the school to join and they usually offer these groups each School Term.** For school Term 4, they will be offering 2 different Online Parent Group Programs – 'Tuning in to Kids' (TIK) and 'Circle of Security' (CoS). Later in this newsletter you'll see a brochure that contains further details about the Term 4 Online Parent Groups, with the dates/days/times for the group and information about how you can enquire. It's a very valuable opportunity for us. Please take some time to look at it and even share with your neighbours/friends. I think it'd be a great chance for us as a group of teachers and parents to get together and participate together.

A favour?? – Our school has recently invested in some exciting new resources for our school library and classrooms. Before the boys and girls will have a chance to enjoy them / take them home we need to cover them. If you are able to help out- please contact the school and we can sort the best and easiest way for that to happen. If you have some time to yourself, you may like to come and join us for a bit, have a cuppa and get through some. Maybe line up a friend and enjoy some time together covering the books. If that doesn't suit you -we can send home some books and contact.

Bedgerabong School Sesquicentenary– Our school turns 150 next year. Our celebrations are planned for March 27/28 next year. Our staff are working tirelessly reading, researching, scanning and planning. We do have some tasks that we just can't get to along with our regular daily tasks of teaching– some simple things, like collating photos, documents etc. If you could help....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. We've been able to track down a few stories that the kids are enjoying recording for next March. I know there are lots of stories in our community about significant events or fond memories that need to be shared. Give the school a call and we will arrange to help you to share those stories ready for our 2026 celebrations.

Bedgerabong TALENT QUEST – is rapidly approaching. Most of our kids have started preparing at least one item, some kids have two. Be sure to mark Friday 26th September in your diary. Talent Quest to commence at 11.40am and we will have a BBQ lunch after. Any offers of support to help with BBQ would be greatly appreciated. Be sure to let me know in advance if you can help out. Thanks to Zoe for the offer- any others more than welcome.

Bedgerabong TRIVIA NIGHT – is also rapidly approaching. Designed to be a pretty casual affair for all of our hard working community that work behind the scenes at community events like the Show and Races, and don't necessarily get to enjoy the day or socialise. Get a team together or just come along by yourself. BYO drinks and nibbles. I've been working furiously collecting prizes, questions and challenges to mark **October 17** in your diary and perhaps also reply to our Facebook event posts- just to help plan logistics etc.

HPGE (High Potential Gifted Education) – At our school, every learner's potential is our priority. We foster a culture of high expectations and equity in excellence, ensuring every student, regardless of background, has the opportunity to develop their potential.

Our school offers a range of opportunities across the 4 domains of potential: creative, intellectual, physical and social-emotional.

We continue to provide opportunities for our students through programs/ opportunities such as-

Marimba Program	The FISH! Philosophy	CWA Public Speaking
Sporting Opportunities	Tootie Fruity / Kitchen garden	ICAS competitions
Art Workshops	Creative Arts Camps	Excursions
Boys to the Bush	The Resilience Project	

- Our offerings engage and challenge every student, including a strong focus on talent development for high potential and gifted learners.
- You can learn more about high potential and gifted education at our school, and how we find high potential and support talent development on our website and the results on our Facebook page.

Little Class Excursion– dates have been confirmed – Monday November 3rd & Tuesday November 4th. If you had indicated that you wished to join us, please lock those dates in. Kids will be free of charge for this experience. There will be a small fee to adults who have elected to come. Miss Hanns is working on the itinerary. Information and permission notes to come out soon.

Spec Fest – YAH! our joint application to perform at SpecFest with Grenfell & Parkes East schools has been accepted. We are now planning transport and accommodation options for us to be away November 27-30. Unlike the free major excursions for all of our students that we have been able to provide (with the support of our P&C) there will be costs for this one. I will subsidise as best I can, but I think now might be the time for families involved to start considering options for fundraising. The kids that will be going are all aware- be sure to have a chat with your child.

Maree Hodges– deserves all of the thanks we can provide. She has volunteered her services training our athletes for well over 20years, Maree is dedicating her time to train our 4 x 100m relay team. **Maree- you are AMAZING** and a perfect example of community spirit- in these busy times, donating your time to help our kids.

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

Regards - Paul

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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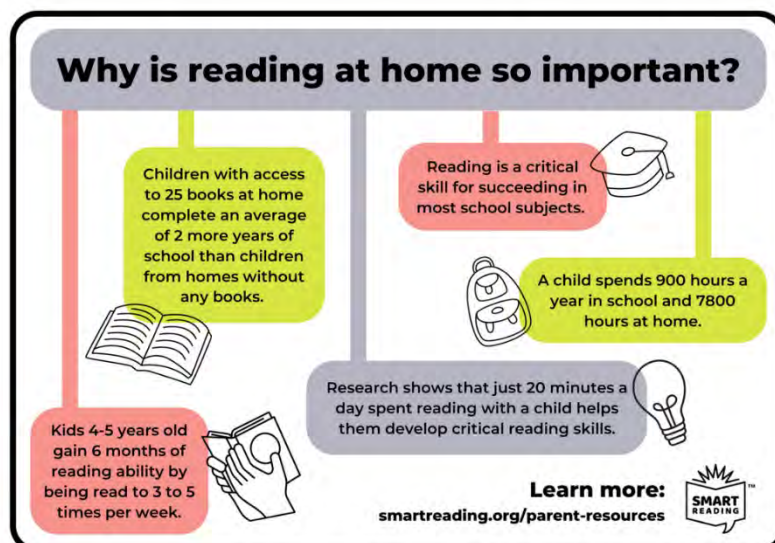
BIG CLASS NEWS with Mrs Faulkner

Stage 3 are off to the combined Small Schools Creative Arts Camp this week - we hope you have a great time. In maths we have been exploring multiplicative strategies and mass. The Run Club has run at least twice a week this term. It is great to see the children trying to increase their lap counts and improve their fitness - especially with our upcoming touch football match in Sydney. Our Term 3 text 'Wonder', continues to keep us enthralled. We just can't stop reading it! The text was also the inspiration for last week's art lesson.



LITTLE CLASS NEWS- with Miss Hanns

- **Home Reading & Sounds:** We've noticed many students are leaving their home readers behind and missing out on sound practice. A few minutes each evening makes a big difference—thank you for supporting this routine at home!
- **Glue Stick Check:** Our glue supplies are running low! This is the one item we ask families to provide. Please check with your child and send in a new glue stick if needed.
- **Maths Adventures:** In the Little Class, we've been diving into measurement and estimation. The kids are loving hands-on activities and learning to make clever guesses using everyday objects



School Leaders' Report

Hello I'm Hunter here to bring you the latest news about Bedgerabong. This week has been very good because this week we had a crazy hair day and it was so fun. The crazy hair day was on Wednesday the 3rd of September and quite a lot of people showed up. Some people were sick but the people that were here had a great time. There were so many good hair styles most of them I had never seen before. Well some of them were great like Sophie's and Georgia's and loads of other people, there were other people like Leevi and well let's just say he went all out but it didn't really go so well. That was one of the best things ever. Thank you.



By Hunter M

In the Garden with Miss Bayley

The kids have been busy in the garden planting for the summer. From trays of seeds to planting out seedlings and freshening up the beds. Bring on some rain to make it all look good.

Tootie Fruity

The past couple of weeks have seen the kids make their favourite – Curried sausages using left over sausages. Then they used the pie maker to make some very yummy pies.

Mrs Horan



Reading is the most important subject at school. A child needs reading in order to master most of the other subjects.

Teach your child to recognise his or her own name.



Research shows that just 20 minutes a day spent reading with a child helps him/her develop critical reading skills.



A child spends 900 hours a year in school and 7800 hours at home.

WHY IS READING AT HOME SO IMPORTANT?

Reading aloud is brain stimulation. The more stimulation the brain gets, the faster it develops.



PIC•COLLAGE



Read aloud to your child- books, poems, nursery rhymes, recipes, ads, signs or whatever you see.



Reading 20 minutes each day is equivalent to 3600 minutes in a school year. That exposes your child to over 1.8 million words.

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.

Community Notice Board

Looking for something to do in the School Holidays?

Come and join in the fun at a Tennis Coaching Clinic during the school holidays:

Week 1 – Monday 29th September to Friday 3rd October

The starting time is 9.00am and the finishing time 12.00pm.

The main aim is for everyone to have fun in a healthy and safe environment while learning how to play tennis. The clinic is open to all children 5yrs to 15yrs with beginners most welcome.

Places are limited therefore bookings are essential. Phone Peter on 0403 335 205 or message via Facebook page "Peter Cliftons Tennis Coaching" before Friday 26th September.

SNAPSHOT

@ Forbes High School



Visual Arts

Year 7 Visual Arts students are creatively making spooky Ceramic Monster Pots. They began by designing and drawing their ideas and are now working in the pottery shed, enjoying the opportunity to express their creativity and learn pottery skills. Next, they'll dry the pots before firing and painting them.



Food Technology

Stage 5 Food Technology students created unique birthday cakes for the Food for Special Occasions unit. With assistance from a 'sous chef,' they utilised various preparation techniques and decorating skills, demonstrating creativity while learning to cater for specific events and achieve curriculum objectives.



Child Studies

This term, the Stage 5 Child Studies class is focused on 'Newborn Care.' Students are acting as parents for their egg babies, including some with twins. They have daily check-ins with Mrs Morrison to ensure the babies' health and safety, along with regular journal entries reflecting on their parenting experiences.



Show Team

The show season has begun, with our Show Team having a successful day at Bedgerabong, presenting beef heifers. Students learn to handle, parade, and judge livestock at agricultural shows, gaining practical experience that boosts confidence, discipline, and knowledge of rural industries.

Getting to know – Leevi B-P

Nickname: Vi, LJ, Leevi **Grade:** Yr 5

Games I like to play: fortnite, FS23, FS22

Favourite colour: Red **Favourite food:** Burgers

Thing I like most about school: Seeing my friends

Something my parents have taught me: Farming

If I had a million dollars: I would spend it on PS4 and a TV

Fondest memory – My holiday with my family at Kiama

When I grow up I would like to: Farm with my dad

If I could change one thing about school: More maths



Getting to know – Mr Faulkner

Where did you grow up/go to school? I was born in Hornsby in Sydney. I went to Waitara Public School and Asquith Boys' High

Favourite Pastimes as a kid- I loved playing footy for the Asquith Magpies in the winter and going to Nippers at Narrabeen Beach in the Summer

Favourite pastimes as an adult I love watching footy and playing with my grandkids when I can. I also like riding my bike.

If I had a million dollars: I would have to give it to Mrs Faulkner

If I wasn't a teacher- I reckon I might have mowed lawns, or maybe have been a builder, like my dad, his dad and his dad.





Happy Birthday to these recent and upcoming party goers.

Aug 6 Hunter M
Aug 19 Phoebe M

Aug 12 Xavier M
Aug 31 Stephanie S



Quote of the Week

If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change. – Anon

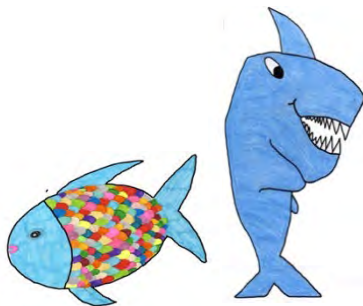
STUDENT SPECIAL SHOWCASE

Each newsletter we'd love to share some of the kids' extra curricular achievements away from school. This time we've heard from Mrs Morgan promoting - B'bong kids playing soccer in Griffith. If you have something to share please contact Mr Faulkner.

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

B'bong Soccer Kids

The mighty B'bong strikes again- winning their Grand Final on Saturday.



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 Faulkner
8-9-2025

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ROCK BAND!

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

FROM BEGINNER TO BAND IN 3 DAYS!

Forbes
Guitar
Academy

TAKING INTEREST
FOR ALL AGES.
DATES TBC.

BUCKET DRUMMING

NO INSTRUMENT REQUIRED — JUST BRING YOUR ENERGY!

BEGINS IN TERM 4

ALL AGES WELCOME

\$20/WEEK. 30 MINUTE LESSONS.
GROUPS WILL BE BASED ON ABILITY • AGE.



BEGINNER GUITAR LESSONS

LEARN IN A FUN GROUP!

PLAY GAMES!

LEVEL UP!

WIN REWARDS!



CHALLENGE YOURSELF AGAINST 50+ OTHER STUDENTS IN OUR WEEKLY LEADERBOARD.

PARENTS, WE ALSO HAVE AN ADULT BEGINNER GUITAR GROUP ON TUESDAYS!



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WWW.FORBESGUITAR.COM.AU



FACEBOOK.COM/FORBESGUITAR

ENQUIRE TODAY!

BEDGERABONG
COMMUNITY
PRESENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT

17TH OCTOBER 2025

7.30pm @

Bedgerabong Hall

\$10 per person- cash at the door
FUN & GAMES

BYO nibbles and refreshments

MARK IT IN YOUR CALENDAR

Teams of 8-10
people