Old Bonalbo Public School

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Well Done Beau
On Wednesday this week Beau Whittaker represented our school at the NSW PSSA State Athletics Championships. Beau threw 9m 74cm. This is a wonderful achievement by Beau and we can’t wait to talk to him about his experiences in Sydney. Congratulations Beau, we are all very proud of you.

School Evaluation Meeting
The school will be holding a School Evaluation Meeting on Wednesday 28th October commencing at 2pm. Parents and community members are invited to attend this. This is an extremely important meeting and we would like to see as many people as possible at this meeting.

School Evaluation Survey
We have included our School Evaluation Survey in this edition of the Newsletter. Parents can complete this survey and return it to school by Tuesday 27th October. Parents are still encouraged to attend the School Evaluation Meeting on Wednesday 28th October. If you have any questions please contact me at school. Information we gather from this survey will be combined with information gathered at the School Evaluation Meeting and used to help write the Annual School Report and next year’s Management Plan. Some people may not be able to attend the Evaluation Meeting and this survey will provide parents with the opportunity to comment on the improvements and achievements of our school. The survey is not compulsory and will be anonymous.

Student Benchmarking
Our students will have their reading skills benchmarked in the next few weeks and this information will be used to update student placements on the literacy continuum. Parents are encouraged to contact their child’s teacher to discuss the benchmarking results and placement on the literacy continuum.

Big Room Awards
Korban Newton – for a consistent effort in PE
Danielle Guagliardo - for an excellent effort in Word Quizzes

Big Room Star Spellers
Star spellers for this week are Beau, Braeleigh, Travis, Danielle, Emily, Lachlan M and Annaleise. Well done!

Little Room News
Pure Worm Juice
Worm juice is available from the school – 50c per litre. Feel free to ask any of the Year 6 students for assistance.

School Garden
What a better place to ‘grow’ with teachers, fellow students and parents than to access our small school ‘No Dig’ garden. Gardening with the kids at school not only provides the tangible benefits of exercise and fresh food, it also fosters communication, builds strong relationships, and offers an opportunity to work towards a common goal. We look forward to regularly accessing fresh healthy food from our school garden and enjoy hearing feedback about our produce.

Kindergarten – Addition & Subtraction
This term students have been completing Addition and Subtraction activities filled with colouring activities that assist in teaching addition and subtraction to 20. Children solve sums and then use the colour code to complete a picture.

Year 1 – Counting to 30 and Beyond
These lessons and activities are to assist students to recognise and count 1 to 30. Activities include tracing and writing the numbers from 1 to 30 (numerals and words), counting objects to 30, recognising more than, less than and equal to as well as completing simple addition sums to 30.

Year 2
This term some students have been completing times tables where they have been completing interesting worksheets for learning multiplication tables. Lessons include timed tests, mixed problem activities and access to templates which can be used for classroom displays and as a learning resource.

Halloween Theme/School Camp Out
On Friday 30th October the SRC students have elected to hold a Halloween Theme Dress Up Day we well as a School Camping Experience on our soccer field. Events for the day include:
  9-11am – Parade and Photos
  11am – Recess
  11-30 – 1pm – Halloween Theme Lessons
  1-2 pm – Lunch
2-3 pm – Halloween (Art & Craft)
3-3:30pm – Afternoon Tea
3:30 – 5pm – Halloween Games
5-7pm – Set up Tents and Dinner (BBQ)
7-8:30pm – Halloween Activities
9-10pm – Sleep in either tent or classroom
Saturday 31st – 7:30am – Breakfast, pack up and students can return home.

Halloween is the spookiest night of the year, the perfect time for a sleepover. Stay up until late (hopefully not too late) with all your friends, then try to catch some sleep – if you dare. Our Halloween Sleepover Party is sure to be a great one! Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Big Room Science
This week students 3-6 were asked to Design, Make, Apply (DMA) a children’s toy or exhibit using recycled materials. All students created a range of different interesting and well-constructed items that could be used as a play item or placed on a shelf to view from a distance. All students persevered with their tasks and students who worked together in a small group demonstrated impressive skills when discussing and creating their items. Highlights included: Korban’s – Ned Kelly, Annaliese, Braeleigh & Emily’s – Farm scene, Lachlan G’s – car garage and ramp with a sliding door & Latrelle’s – Toilet.

Year 6 Leaders
I would like to commend all or our Year 6 leaders for their contributions as role models for younger students particularly in recent months. These leadership qualities include:
* Being positive role models by continuing to exhibit school values
* Being respectful of school rules and procedures
* Displaying ongoing leadership qualities
* Showing initiative and contributing to the promotion of student needs
* Continuing to possess communication skills with both peers and adults
* Having an interest and demonstrating the importance of representing the school in sporting events
Well done to Danielle, Beau, Annaleise and Katie for your ongoing ability to demonstrate these skills and guidance to younger students. Keep up the great work!!

Benefits of Student Leadership
Students with leadership skills develop a range of leadership skills including:
* Speaking in public
* Speaking with a range of adults in the school and the community
* Leading other students
* Gain recognition and status in their role as a leader
* Develop confidence and resilience
* Opportunity to engage in activities reserved for student leaders

Little Room Awards
Student of the Week – Layne has displayed a good attitude and worked hard to complete units from our Beginning Reading Program.
Hailey - for impressive work with letter blends
Jasmine – for sight words progress
Briannah – for effort with single sounds
Jordan – for sight words progress

Star Spellers
Star spellers for the Little Room this week are Layne, Erika, Sharlynn and Hailey. Well done!

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT HEAD LICE ARE ABOUT.
PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD’S HAIR AND IF FOUND, TREAT BEFORE SENDING THEM TO SCHOOL.

PLEASE HAVE CORRECT MONEY FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS AS THE SCHOOL DOES NOT HAVE CHANGE.
IMPORTANT DATES
Wednesday 21st October – School Photos – 9am
Wednesday 28th October – School Evaluation Meeting – 2pm
Friday 30th October – School Sleepover
Monday 9th – Friday 13th November – Special Swimming Scheme
Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance Day
Tuesday 15th December – Presentation Night

Important Dates
Friday 26th June – Last day for this term
Monday 13th July – School Development Day
Tuesday 14th July – Students term three
Tuesday 14th July – K-2 Dental Hygiene Visit
Friday 24th July – Urbenville Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 28th July – University English Comp
Friday 31st July – District Athletics at Tabulam
Tuesday 11th August – University Math