Old Bonalbo Public School

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School Water Supply
The three concrete water tanks at school are empty. In my eleven years at our school this has not happened or even come close. Thank goodness the Rural Fire Service put in a new tank last year. We were able to pump water across to one of our tanks. The Rural Fire Service was also able to supply our students with bottled drinking water on Tuesday. This was greatly appreciated by everyone at school and we would all like to thank the Rural Fire Service for their wonderful help. A huge thank you to Jeff and Cheryl Whitney who organised this help for us. We have bought a load of water and it arrived on Thursday. Everyone is now very conscious of the need to use our water carefully.

Wild Storm
Our school lost 2 large pine trees in the storm yesterday afternoon. Once again I would like to thank Jeff and Cheryl Whitney, Judith Benson and Mr Pierce for helping me construct a temporary guard around the trees. Thanks also to Mr Pierce who gallantly crawled in among the debris to rescue three baby butcher birds. Judith supplied a hanging pot that is acting as home for the birds. It’s been quite a week.

School Evaluation Survey
Could parents please remember to complete and return the School Evaluation Survey. Data from this survey will be used to write this year’s Annual School Report and next year’s Management Plan. Parents can complete the survey and attend next week’s Evaluation Meeting. It is important that parents do one or the other if possible.

School Evaluation Meeting
We will be holding our School Evaluation Meeting next Wednesday 28th October at 2pm. This is one of the most important meetings of the year. Could parents please come along, we value your input. This meeting is also open to community members. We would love to see as many community members as possible at the meeting.

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.

Special Swimming Scheme
Our students will take part in the Special Swimming Scheme from Monday 9th November to Friday 13th November. Transport for the Special Swimming Scheme will be by private vehicle. A permission note for this scheme will be coming home shortly.

School Photos
The school photos were taken on Wednesday morning. Thank you to our photographer Michael for doing a great job.

Big Room Awards
Our student of the Week is Lachlan Guagliardo. Lachlan has been completing excellent work in Maths, Mentals, Maths Quizzes, Word Quizzes & Reading Cards. Lachlan has been working to the best of his ability and that’s what counts. Congratulations Lachlan.
Tess Codrington earns an award for great work in Maths Speed Tests. Tess has worked really hard in these Speed Tests and has made tremendous improvement. Great work Tess.
Latrelle Hickling earns an award for improved handwriting. Latrelle finds handwriting a real challenge but he has tried very hard and his handwriting is certainly improving. Well done Latrelle.

Big Room Star Spellers
Star spellers for this week are Braeleigh, Danielle, Emily, Travis, Savannah Tess and Korban. Well done!

Little Room News
Australian Bass
This week the K-2 classroom has welcomed an Australian Bass to join our class in a fish tank. The Bass was caught last weekend and is approximately 10cm long. The Bass can be fed on a variety of live food including worms, grasshoppers, black crickets, smaller fish, shrimps, crayfish and most insects. The Bass will be in our classroom for the rest of this year.

Halloween/School Sleepover
Next Friday we are looking forward to holding our SRC School Sleepover. Students have been asked to come to school dressed in either a Halloween theme costume or another outfit of their choice (or something they feel comfortable about
wearing for at least some of the day). The day will be spent creating different artworks, making an extra outfit (that can also be worn on the day or night) and playing a variety of games for Halloween. After the games we will be having a BBQ dinner and then students who would like to camp out on the soccer field can set up their camp sites. Tents and swags are recommended.

- sleeping bag
- small mattress
- pillow
- clothes to sleep in
- toiletries
- torch
- closed in shoes
- clothes for Saturday morning
- some younger children may also wish to bring a Teddy

We would like to ask for some parent helpers to assist with food preparations and assist students with their camp sites. Parents are also welcome to take part in the school camp out. Breakfast will be provided in the morning from 7:30 – 8:00am. We look forward to seeing you next Friday! There will be no cost for the school sleepover.

Homework
Please continue to complete all set home activities including homework, Home Reading Program, Sight Words and weekly spelling lists. Awards and prizes will be allocated to all students who complete and return 80% or more homework tasks this year. Awards will be given at our Christmas Concert.

Thursday’s Storm
Yesterday afternoon we encountered a short but ferocious storm for about 15 minutes at the school. Unfortunately both our heritage pine trees came down faster than Jack’s Beanstalk but we were lucky to have neither of them hit any of the nearby power lines, our boundary fence or the neighbour’s fence. Mr Gray and I were able to rescue 3 young butcher birds that were still in the nest and relocate them to a suitable tree where they have been fed by their parents. The area has been fenced off until further notice and we ask that students stay out of the surrounding area until the tree has been removed. I hope that other properties or homes were not damaged in the storm.

Differentiation in both students and teachers at Old Bonalbo Public School
Teachers:
* Utilise school structures and support staff to maximise students learning
* Foster the individuality of each student to reach their full potential

Students:
* Demonstrate their learning confidently and creatively using a variety of modalities
* Make connections between the curriculum and their interest and life experiences
* Are motivated to reach their full potential
* Make connections between their prior learning

Items Brought From Home
Just a reminder that all pencils, Crayola’s, rubbers etc. are all provided at school and there is no need for students to bring these items from home. Also, could all toys from home please be left at home. A number of students have been bringing these items to school in recent weeks causing some distractions at school and in class.

Art & Craft
This week students in the Little Room have been completing a range of different activities based on Halloween. Activities completed so far include:
- Creating a tree branch project with decorative items such as spiders, ghosts, bats and pretend cob webs
- Putting together a skeleton
- Colouring Halloween pictures
- Making toilet roll ghosts
- Making bats from egg cartons
All students have shown flair and creativity when creating these small projects and have come up with some fantastic ideas for next week!! Keep up the great work kids!!

Little Room Awards
Izack – for improved number facts knowledge
Erika – for effort during our beginning Reading Program
Layne – for effort during reading activities.

Star Spellers
Star spellers for the Little Room this week are Layne, Erika, Charlie & Jordan. Well done!
Cool Facts for Kids
*The Mona Lisa has no eye brows
*Babies yawn before they are born
*The longest recorded flight of a chicken is thirteen seconds
*There are about a quadrillion ants on Earth
*A large python can swallow a goat whole
*Crocodiles often eat rocks
*A tiger’s skin is striped like its fur.

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

IMPORTANT DATES
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