**Old Bonalbo Public School**

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Big Room Star Spellers
Star spellers for this week are Travis, Lachlan, Braeleigh, Beau, Emily and Tess. Well done.

Presentation Night/Christmas Tree
At the last P&C meeting, the Presentation night was discussed. It was decided that ‘Santa’s Presents’ will be limited to $20. The P&C will also be holding a raffle with tickets to be sold on the night. This year our raffle will be a hamper of goodies. Each family is asked to provide something to go towards this hamper please.

Little Room News
Christmas Concert
The K-2 class will be performing two songs for their item at the Christmas Concert. The item is not specifically based on a Christmas theme however students are able to dress in something bright and colourful that they are comfortable with wearing on a summer’s night in the hall. I do have a number of outfits for boys and girls that are either dress up or Christmas theme clothing such as elves outfits. Students will be offered these items and can wear them on the night if they would like to.

Homework
Just a reminder that homework tasks are due in the next 2 weeks.

P&C Christmas Tree
Parents are encouraged to provide a present for each of their own children to be presented by Santa at our Christmas concert. The gift is advised to not exceed $20.

Christmas Hamper
It’s that time of the year again where we ask each family to send in some food items to be raffled at our Christmas concert. There will be no charge for entry into the hall but the P&C have asked for you to kindly purchase raffle tickets for the hamper on the night.

Christmas Decorations
This week K-2 have started decorating our classroom for Christmas. I have been quite impressed with their ability to set up small Christmas trees and decorate them.

Australian Bass
Thank you to the families who have brought in food for our pet fish. The Bass has now become quite tame and the students have enjoyed watching it strike live bait off the surface of the water.

Reading Helpers
Thank you to all parents who have assisted with reading and other reading activities this year. It is greatly appreciated by parents, students and staff and we have seen improved results in the areas of reading, sight word recognition and spelling. It would be very beneficial to continue with the same assistance next year and to keep building on the individual goals and achievements of all students K-2.

Kinder Orientation
Last Tuesday was our last Kinder Orientation Day for 2015. It was wonderful to have Courtney at our school and all staff are looking forward to her starting Kinder next year. Thank you to all the boys and girls who helped Courtney to learn about our school and make her first few days enjoyable.

Acknowledging Great Kids
Old Bonalbo is a wonderful school and has achieved so much over the years and has so many terrific attributes to build on. It has so many positive and contributing people in the community, great parents, kids who are motivated to achieve great things and a strong core of staff with everyone’s best interests at heart. I have noticed so many great things over the years that Michael has created at school and the positivity among his students. Things that Michael does that mean so much to the kids such as:
* being out the front or in the playground when the kids arrive and for being there when they leave
* playing handball and other games with the kids
* walking around and chatting with kids during lunch
* watching kids events and competitions outside of school
* asking kids questions during classroom walk-throughs
* reading to kids and having them read to him
* letting kids know that they are all important and recognised for the good things that they do at school

It’s important that we appreciate all the positive things that happen in and around the school and continue the building blocks towards making this school a special environment for the future.

Family Time
One of the benefits of the school holidays is the time that families can spend together and celebrate. Time off from school equals time to reconnect with family. While everyone wants students to be competitive, students need a break from the classroom as well. Spending large parts of the day actively learning is tiring and sometimes there are only certain amounts that students can learn. Time off can provide students with a mental break they need to be engaged when they go back to school. Some breaks encourage rest and give students the boost they need to do their best when they are back in class.
Little Room Awards
Student of the Week – Isabella Robinson - Isabella has been working well in Literacy and Creative Arts this week.
Sharlynn – 175 nights reading
Charlie – for impressive journal writing
Erika – for improved writing skills

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

Important Dates
Wednesday 8th December – Yr 6-7 Orientation Day at Woodenbong CS
Tuesday 15th December – Presentation Night

Please be aware that head lice are still about. Please check your child’s hair and TREAT if found before coming to school. We need to break the cycle!!!