## Important Dates

- **Saturday 6th June** – P&C Fireworks Spectacular – Bonalbo Show ground
- **Tuesday 16th June** – University Spelling Competition
- **Friday 19th June** – CWA International Night – 7pm

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P&C Fireworks

Thank you to all the committed families who made the time to help make our Fireworks Spectacular, SPECTACULAR. Without your hard work prior to, on the night and the Sunday clean up, this one yearly fundraiser would not take place. A huge THANK YOU to the many members of our community who always turn up to lend a hand, they don’t have children at Old Bonalbo but are always willing to help, the members of the Old Bonalbo Rural Fire Brigade and also ‘the high schoolers’, most who are ex Old Bonalbo students. Thanks also to all the very generous businesses and individuals who donated items for the Chocolate Wheel. Funds raised help the students at Old Bonalbo School, your children. So next time it would be lovely to see some of you that couldn’t make it this year.

Rhonda Barrett – President Old Bonalbo P&C

Big Room News

It’s great to be back at school. I would like to thank Mr Pierce, Mrs Weston, Mrs Tart and Mrs Whitney for doing such a great job while I was away. Thank you also to the many parents and community members who have wished me well.

We have a busy two weeks left this term with student reports, parent/teacher interviews and CWA International Night. Could all parents please contact their child’s teacher to arrange for a parent/teacher interview.

P&C Fireworks

Congratulations to the P&C for organising fantastic Fireworks last weekend. A big thank you to everyone who spent so much time preparing for this event. The food was delicious and the fireworks display was amazing. Well done everyone.

CWA International Night

Next Friday 19th June is the CWA International Night. It will be held in the Old Bonalbo Hall commencing at 7pm. The cost of entry will be $5 adults, $3 High Schoolers and free for primary. Our students have been busy completing their posters and organising items for the night. The CWA will be providing a delicious supper. Please come along and have a great evening with our students. Students are invited to wear red, white and green – the Italian colours.

Congratulations Danielle

Last Friday Danielle Guagliardo represented our school at the North Coast Region Cross Country Championships in Kempsey. Danielle ran brilliantly and was in 6th position when she suffered an asthma attack. Following treatment for the asthma attack Danielle rejoined the race and finished in 20th position. This was an outstanding effort from Danielle and I’m sure everyone at our school is very proud of Danielle’s achievement. Way to go Danielle.

Student Reports

Student reports will be sent home on Friday 19th June.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in the last week of school this term. Could parents please contact their child’s teacher to arrange a convenient time for an interview. If the last week is inconvenient for an interview I’m sure another time can be arranged.

Big Room Parent/Teacher Interviews

I will make every effort to fit in as many interviews as possible in the last week of school. I am available for interviews after school on any day of the last week. I am also available on Wednesday 24th June from 12:00 onwards. I look forward to meeting with you all.

Thank You Madeleine

I would like to thank Madeleine Barrett for the after school sport sessions she organised at our school this term. I have heard so many good things about this activity. Well done Madeleine. This is another reason why our teachers and parents think we have such a great school. Our ex-students are doing great things.

Big Room Awards

Beau Whittaker – Excellent improvement in times tables
Katie Robertson – Much improved reading skills

Little Room News

Parent/Teacher Interviews

All parents or caregivers will be welcome to attend interviews this term. At Old Bonalbo PS we encourage parents to be actively involved in their child’s education and welcome discussions between teachers and parents so that everyone is working together to support your child’s learning.

A parent/teacher interview enables you to:
* discuss how your child is progressing both socially and academically
* stay informed about plans for your child’s future learning
* see examples of your child’s work
* get to know your child’s teacher

Before the Interview
* Look over your child’s report and determine what you’d like to know more about
* Ask your child if there are any areas where they feel they need extra help
* Talk to other family members and enlist their help in developing things that need to be covered during the interview
* Write a list of specific questions you wish to ask your child’s teacher.

Some topics you might like to discuss include your child’s progress in reading and writing, how you can further support any specific actions for improvement through the learning your child does at home and your child’s developing interests, discipline and social skills.

**During the Interview**
* If you want to know about a specific area of your child’s progress, such as how well they are reading, let your child’s teacher know this at the start.
* Take notes so you can share what’s discussed with your child
* Ask for suggestions or more details about how you can help your child at home

**After the Interview**
* Keep in regular contact with your child’s teacher
* Talk with your child about what you discussed with their teacher and tell them about the things you’ve agreed to for improving their learning

You can also request interviews with your child’s teacher at any time.

**Sight Words**
Please continue to go over a list of specific sight words a few times per week. In the K-2 classroom we have our ‘Animal Groups’ sight words as well as Johnston 100 word lists and Year group word lists on laminated coloured sheets. Sight words are the most common words in Literacy. Students should be able to instantly recognise the most common words ‘by sight’ without having to decode.

Learning to instantly recognise highly frequent and irregularly spelled words helps students from attempting to decode words that do not contain typical letter—sound patterns.

**School Based Jokes**

Q: What is white when dirty and black when clean?
A: A blackboard

Q: What do you get when you cross a teacher with a tiger?
A: I don’t know but you better behave in its class!

Q: What did the scientist say to the hydrogen atom that claimed it lost an electron?
A: ‘Are you Positive?’

Q: What did the maths book say to the other maths book?
A: ‘I’ve got a lot of problems’

**Coloured Folders**

Next week students K-2 will be sent home with a coloured folder containing their work from this term. Please feel free to go through this work with them, look at what they are doing in class and discuss what they are doing well and how they could improve.

**Home Reading**
Please continue with home reading each week. New reading resources will continue to be allocated to all students K-2 until the end of Term 2. Please use these to their full potential.

**CWA International Night – Italy**
On the 19th June the CWA will be hosting International Night at the Old Bonalbo Hall. All students will be presenting their individual posters, followed by reading a piece of their information.

All students K-6 will be participating in an Italian based item with some students required to rehearse their parts at home in preparation for the night. The hall will be decorated with a large variety of artworks and displays for you to view and discuss with your child. Feel free to invite as many people as possible to support the students on the night. See you all there at 7pm!

**Awards**

**Student of the Week – Jasmine Bradshaw** – Jasmine has been completing quality work, making good progress in all Key learning Areas

**Sharlynn** – for impressive spelling skills

**Erika** – for great progress in reading, spelling and learning sight words.

**Star Spellers**

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

**Important Dates**
- **Tuesday 16th June** – University Spelling Competition
- **Friday 19th June** – Student reports sent home
- **Friday 19th June** – CWA International Night – 7pm
- **Monday 22nd – Friday 26th June** – Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Friday 26th June** – Last day of school for term two
- **Monday 13th July** – School Development Day
- **Tuesday 14th July** – Students return for term three
- **Friday 24th July** – Urbenville Athletics Carnival
- **Friday 31st July** – District Athletics at Tabulam
Request for Administering Medications at School
To follow Departmental procedures, the Department of Education and Communities has requested that if a child needs to have medication at school, either prescribed by a doctor eg. antibiotics, or over the counter eg cough medicines, a ‘Request for Support’ form (5 pages) needs to be filled out. Please keep this in mind if your child needs to be medicated at school.

Working With Children Check
Just a reminder that if you are working with children at this school, a Working With Children Check needs to be done online (this can be done at school). We need to record your WWC number at school.