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CWA International Night
Tonight is CWA International Night in the Old Bonalbo Hall. We have a large number of activities planned and we really do need to begin by 7:00pm. Students are encouraged to wear red, white and green, the Italian colours, if possible. The cost of the evening is adults - $5, high schoolers $3, Primary and under – free.

Student Reports
Student reports were sent home today. Please take the time to read these reports in readiness for next week’s parent teacher interviews.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent teacher interviews will be held next week. Please contact your child’s teacher to arrange a time for your interview.

Last Day Activities
Next Friday 26th June is the last day of school for this term. We will be holding a ‘H’ day to celebrate the arrival of the holidays. We invite all our students to dress up as a character beginning with the letter H. We will be holding a gold coin collection for Inthya also on this day. We will have our “H” parade at 9:00am. Please bring your camera to gain some great photos.

Coffs Harbour Excursion
We will be holding a whole school excursion to Coffs Harbour from Wednesday 19th August to Friday 21st August. Parents are welcome to attend. At this stage I cannot give you an exact price for this excursion. I can assure you all I will try to keep the cost at a reasonable level. We will be staying at The Beach School – where we stayed four years ago. We will be travelling with Watson’s Buses of Woodenbong. We will be visiting the Butterfly House, Clog Barn, Pet Porpoise Pool among other locations. As soon as I know the exact details I will let you all know via the Newsletter.

School Holidays
School finishes for this term on Friday 26th June. Teachers return on Monday 13th July. Students return on Tuesday 14th July.

Big Room Awards
Student of the Week – Danielle Guagliardo – for being an excellent role model
Savannah Thamm – for excellent progress in reading cards
Lachlan Guagliardo – for great work in Art

Interests Afternoons
Yesterday was our final Interest Afternoon for this year. Our school would like to thank Mr & Mrs Tart and Dunja Thamm for volunteering to run a group for Interest Afternoons. A big thank you also to Mrs Weston and Mr Pierce for organising a group.

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

Little Room News
Story telling
Story telling is a great way to extend your child’s language and listening skills, as well as expanding their imagination. Story telling might be about:
- A favourite character from a book or television program
- Another family member
- Your child’s favourite toy

Reading together
- Encourage your child to select the books, magazines, catalogues, multimedia stories or dvds.
- Discuss the pictures in the book and encourage your child to talk about the pictures
- Re-read favourite books and stories
- Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books

CWA International Night
Well done to all the boys and girls for all their hard work and effort towards the study of Italy in recent weeks. All posters have been completed at a high standard and look fantastic!! We look forward to presenting these posters, talking about the facts we researched and performing the K-6 item for everyone tonight. See you all at the Old Bonalbo Hall!! Tonight at 7pm.

Coloured Folders
K-2 students have been sent home this week with their completed classroom activities from this term. Please feel free to go through these activities at home and discuss them with your child.

Life’s Ups and Downs
Everyday your child is experiencing new demands and challenges. To deal with these demands, your child needs resilience. You can help develop resilience to these demands.
As the end of Term 2 approaches, your child may be becoming quite tired from going to school every day. You may be observing some different behaviour such as being happy one moment, unhappy the next. Resilient children have learned to develop their ability to solve problems and make decisions and are more likely to view mistakes and obstacles as challenges rather than as things to avoid.

Strategies include:
- Be empathetic
- Making a ‘special’ time to do things as part of your routine. eg reading a story before bed
- Positive statements
- Discuss things they enjoy
- Teach to solve problems and make positive decisions.

**Play Is Important**
- Play is very important for children’s development
- There are many different types of play
- The most important thing is that children are in a safe and secure environment
- When we play, we live happier, healthier lives and have a more positive outlook on life

**Homework**
No homework will be allocated during the last week of this term. Thank you to all students and for parent’s support during the completion of all home activities this semester.

**Quote of the Week**
By getting involved in your child’s learning, you will make a big difference to their future. A little bit today will help them to shine.

**K-2 Numeracy - Learning Numbers 1-30**
This term students K-2 have been working specifically on numbers from 1-30. They have been tracing and writing the numbers using both numerals and the words.

Skills and Activities have involved:
- Counting and colouring objects to 30
- Recognising more than, less than and equal to
- Counting forwards and backwards
- Completing simple addition sums to 30
- Completing colour by number activities

**Literacy Activities – Word Families**
Next term we will continue to provide a comprehensive programme to introduce and consolidate word family phonic patterns.

Activities will include interesting activities that will provide practise of the visual, oral and aural recognition of these sound groups. (From the new Australian Syllabus).

The sounds include ab, ad, ag, am, ap, an, at, ib, id, ig, in, ip, it, ob, og, op, ot, ub, ug, um, un, ut, ed, eg, en, et.

Revision of these word families will be continued all year.

**Mobile Library**
From Term 3, Week 1 the Regional Mobile Library will be stopping at Old Bonalbo School from 12:00 to 12:30pm. This changed time will continue until the end of the year.

**Home Reading**
Please continue with home reading until the end of this term and collect enough readers to last for the holiday period. 10 nights = 1 dip from the dip box. Keep up the great effort!

**Parent Helpers**
Thank you to all parent helpers who have assisted the school in any way this semester. Your help is greatly appreciated and a key component towards achieving our goals and supporting our students development and progress at school.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**
Interviews can be held any afternoon, Monday to Thursday, after school from 3:15 pm onwards. I look forward to making an appointment soon.

**Awards**
- Erika – 125 nights reading
- Layne – 100 nights reading
- Sharlynn – Improved Writing Skills
- Charlie – Consistent Effort in All Areas

**Star Spellers**
Star spellers for the Little Room this week are Sharlynn and Erika. Well done.

**South Australian Spelling Test**
All students K-2 have been sent home with a copy of the South Australian Spelling Test. Please feel free to test your child on these words as part of their homework tasks each week.
Important Dates
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
Friday 26th June – ‘H’ Day
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