Old Bonalbo Public School

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CWA International Night
What a great time we had at the CWA International Night in the Old Bonalbo hall last Friday night. I would like to congratulate our students for their posters, items, and behaviour. I would also like to thank the CWA ladies for their hospitality, book prizes and delicious supper. Everyone at our school was impressed with the guest speaker Gianiero Battista and his wife Rebecca. Both Gianiero and Rebekka spoke really well. Finally thank you to our parents and community members who attended last Friday night and supported our students. I’m hearing rumours that Mrs Whitney, Mrs Weston and Mr Pierce have been offered roles in a Broadway Comedy later this year. I can understand why!!
Poster winners for 2015 were:

- Kindergarten: Jasmine Bradshaw
- Year 1: Sharlynn Newton
- Year 2: Layne Whittaker
- Year 3: Korban Newton
- Year 4: Lachlan Makejev
- Year 5: Braeleigh Newton
- Year 6: Annaleise Barrett

A big thank you to Mr Pierce who spent Saturday morning returning items back to the school from the hall.

'H' Day
Today our students came to school dressed as characters beginning with the letter H. There were hunters, horses, hipsters, Hawkeye, hairdresser, horse rider, horse breaker, Harley Davidson rider, hearts (deck of cards), horse fan, honey bee, hip hop dancer, Hawaiian girl, hikers, halo member, handsome, happy and hoarse. Everyone dressed differently. We would like to thank our parents for their help in organising our costumes.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thank you to all our parents who attended Parent/Teacher Interviews this week. These are important events for parents, students and teachers. If you were unable to attend an interview this week please see your child’s teacher to arrange an interview early next term. Always remember that our teachers are happy to talk with you about your child’s progress at any time.

Last Day of School
Today is the last day of school for this term. I would like to thank all our parents for their support this term. Next term our Literacy/Numeracy groups will resume. Mr Pierce and Mrs Weston will be teaching K-2 in these groups. At this stage we plan to have groups of four students in K-2. Mr Gray will be teaching Yr 3-6 during these groups. These groups will be running for three days each week.

Term Three
Teachers return on Monday 13th July. All students return on Tuesday 14th July.

A Sad Day
I would like to express my sympathies to the Bailey, Makejev and Gambley families on the recent passing of Marnie Bailey. I knew Marnie as a student and a teacher. She was a wonderful teacher and will be sorely missed.

Big Room Awards
- Latrelle Hickling – A much improved effort in PE
- Emily Weston – An excellent effort in Writing
- Korban Newton – 75 nights reading

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

Little Room News
The Learning Journey
This semester your child has become part of a rich learning environment designed to improve their skills and knowledge in the areas of reading, writing, numeracy, science, technology, art, PDHPE and HSIE. K-2 students have spent time sitting on the floor during structured activities and lessons, working at their desk, working in small groups, with the teachers setting aside set learning times for each subject area.
In the K-2 class we plan for a balance of activities based on the learning needs of your children and specific to the new Australian Syllabus. This year we will continue to provide specific teaching in student ability groups to best cater for your child’s learning needs and to allow them to reach their full potential this year.

Friends
* Good friendships are very important for your child at school.
* Maintaining old friendships can be just as important.
* At school we encourage all children to make and maintain friendships.
* We support children to make friends. Some ways include identifying their skills in making friends: seeing which children are chatty, confident and good at interacting with other children and those that are a little more cautious.

Friendship Skills for Kids

1. Ability to share possessions and space
2. Ability to help others
3. Accepting others mistakes
4. Listening to others
5. Bringing others into the group
6. Saying no to other’s who pressure you

Homework
No homework will be handed out for the holidays. Enjoy the break and thank you for your effort this term.

Extra Resources
Feel free to ask for any additional resources to assist your child’s learning and development. These resources may include books, booklets, interactive CDs, sight words, spelling activities, sample
assessment activities and much more. The school is happy to provide any supportive learning materials to benefit your child’s learning.

**Term 3**

Next term, we are looking forward to extending on your child’s reading and writing skills. We will continue to encourage all children to develop good relationships with others in their class and in our school, and to understand themselves as well.

During morning fitness and sport we will continue to develop your child’s co–ordination skills by encouraging them to play, run, jump, catch, balance, skip and extend their physical activity through games and sport.

During mathematics and science learning by describing things that are similar, using size, shape, colour and weight; using everyday objects to identify and describe points, lines, edges and surfaces and comparing objects using terms such as longer, heavier, fuller and hotter.

**Athletics**

Training for athletics will commence early next term in preparation for upcoming carnivals. All students are encouraged to start some individual training for their favoured event during the holidays.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

It was great catching up with most parents for interviews this week. Less formal meetings and discussions can be held at any time during the school year.

**Dental Hygiene**

On Tuesday 14th July (first day back, term 3) K-2 will be having a visit from a dental health care educator. Tips on keeping teeth clean, dental checks, thumb and finger sucking and teeth-grinding will all be addressed in the Dental Hygiene lesson.

**Mobile Library**

Mobile library is here each Monday – 12 to 12:30 from Term 3, Week 1.

**Healthy Sleep Patterns**

* Getting a good night’s sleep helps stay settled, healthy, happy and ready for school the next day
* Positive habits and routines assist children to feel sleepy and ready for bed at the right time
* Helping your child relax before bedtime may reduce the frequency of bad dreams and nightmares.

**Little Room Awards**

Jasmine Bradshaw – for working with numbers 0-20
Hailey Bradshaw – for completing ‘Phonics Extension’ activities

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**Important Dates**

- **Friday 26th June** – Last day for this term
- **Monday 13th July** – School Development Day
- **Tuesday 14th July** – Students return for 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 14th August** – University Maths Comp
- **Thursday 13th August** – Life Education Van
- **Wednesday 19th August** – Friday 21st August – Excursion to Coffs Harbour