**Old Bonalbo Public School**

**NEWSLETTER**

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I would like to welcome everyone back to Term Three. We have lots of events planned for this term and I would ask everyone to make sure they receive their copy of the newsletter each week as it will contain details of these events.

**P&C Meeting**

There will be a very important P&C meeting at school next Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} July. The meeting will commence at 3:15pm. Among many important items to be discussed will be the Coffs Harbour excursion & the amount of financial assistance the P&C can contribute to the excursion. Could one member of each family please make a special effort to attend this meeting.

**Reading Benchmarking**

On Thursday 23\textsuperscript{rd} July and Thursday 30\textsuperscript{th} July, Lauren Hankinson, the Principal of Urbenville Public School, will be benchmarking our students to determine their present reading levels. We greatly appreciate Ms Hankinson’s assistance with benchmarking. Parents will be informed of their child’s results.

**Literacy/Numeracy Structure**

For three days each week our school will operate with three literacy/numeracy groups. This will occur on Tuesday from 9:00→12:00, Wednesday 9:00→12:00 and Thursday 9:00→1:00.

Mr Gray will be teaching stage 2 and stage 3, Mr Pierce and Mrs Weston will be teaching stage 1. They will have 4 students in their class for literacy and numeracy. This structure will maximise the student/teacher ratios at our school helping to achieve the best possible outcomes in literacy and numeracy for our students. This is the structure we had operating in term one.

**Urbenville Athletics**

Our students will be taking part in an Athletics Carnival at Urbenville next Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} July commencing at 9:00am. There are events for all our students at this carnival. Full details of this event are contained in the attached permission note.

**Coffs Harbour Excursion**

Our excursion to Coffs Harbour will be held from Wednesday 19\textsuperscript{th} August to Friday 21\textsuperscript{st} August. We will be travelling with Watsons Buses of Woodenbong and will be staying at the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre – this is where we stayed four years ago. As soon as I know the final cost of this excursion I will inform everyone and send home a permission note. All students can attend the excursion. We would ask that a parent accompany Little Room students on this excursion. Parents are welcome to attend this excursion. If parents/carers have difficulty meeting the cost of the excursion they are encouraged to see me as there is some financial assistance available for such events.

**Work Experience**

Next week Joshua Weston will be completing a week of work experience at our school. Joshua will be assisting in both classrooms and we hope he has a great week.

**Big Room Awards**

- **Student of the Week:** Tess Codrington for an excellent attitude
- Annaleise Barrett – Great progress in reading
- Travis Fairfull – Excellent effort and attitude in PE and sport

**Star Spellers**

Star spellers for the Big Room this week are Danielle, Annaleise, Lachlan G, Emily, Lachlan M, Travis, Savannah, Korban, Katie and Latrelle. Well done!!

**Get Well Braeleigh**

Braeleigh Newton broke her wrist in the holidays. We hope she makes as speedy a recovery as possible.

**Little Room News**

**Communication to Families**

Our School Newsletter which is sent home each Friday is our main form of communication. This year we will continue to provide information about school events and achievements of our students. Class notes will be sent home by teachers to inform or gain permission regarding special events or to keep parents informed about class programs. Assemblies are held every Friday afternoon in the K-2 classroom. This is an opportunity for parents to find out more about what is happening in our school as well as celebrating the achievement of our students.

**SENA Test – Numeracy**

This week students have been completing class assessments based on numeral identification, forward and backward number word sequencing, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. These tests allow us to recognise student’s strengths and areas to improve. If you would like to know more details about this process please feel free to discuss these results with either myself or Mrs Weston.

**Our Community**

A co-operative partnership between the school, the home and the community supports a quality learning environment. Parents and interested citizens are welcome to participate in activities organised by the school and to contribute their skills and knowledge. Our school supports community activities and approaches individuals, businesses and organisations for assistance.
**Student Absence**
It is necessary to provide an explanation whenever your child is away from school. This can be in the form of a phone call to the office, verbal explanation or a note to the teacher.

**Library**
All children are encouraged to borrow from the school library on a regular basis. Children are encouraged to return books on time. Accounts are sent out for overdue, lost or damaged books.

**Benefits of Parent Involvement**
* Children perform better at school when their parents are involved in their education  
* Children feel valued and important when their parents take an interest in their lives  
* Children observe and learn positive interactions through watching others interact.

**For Parents**
* Involvement gives parents the opportunity to discuss your child’s interests with staff and to have some input in different programs within the school  
* Parents who are familiar with programs feel more comfortable about raising concerns and negotiating solutions with staff  
* Positive partnerships with staff can relieve parent stress

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

**Awards**
Erika – 150 nights reading award  
Jordan – Improved phonics skills and knowledge

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**Important Dates**

- **Wednesday 22nd July** – P&C Meeting 3:15pm  
- **Thursday 23rd July** – Student Benchmarking  
- **Friday 24th July** – Urbenville Athletics Carnival  
- **Thursday 30th July** – Student Benchmarking  
- **Tuesday 11th August** – University Maths Comp  
- **Thursday 13th August** – Life Education Van  
- **Friday 14th August** – Zone Athletics Carnival in Lismore  
- **Wednesday 19th August** – Friday 21st August – Excursion to Coffs Harbour