**Old Bonalbo Public School**

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P&C Meeting
Yesterday, I was present at the best attended P&C meeting I have been to in my eleven years as Principal of your school. On behalf of Mr Pierce, Mrs Weston, Mrs Tart and Mrs Whitney I would like to thank our parents, community members and CWA ladies for the overwhelming support our school received at the meeting. Thank you to the CWA ladies for attending and contributing to such a positive meeting. A special thank you also to our parents and community members who are so supportive of what we are doing at our school. This is a wonderful school and each of us who work at the school are proud to do so.

Urbenville Athletics
We are looking forward to a great day at Urbenville tomorrow. Could everyone please be at school by 8am as we would like to begin the carnival at 9am. Parents can travel straight to Urbenville if they wish. There will be a BBQ in operation tomorrow.

Coffs Harbour Excursion
A permission note will be coming home soon for our Coffs Harbour excursion from Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st August. A huge thank you to our P&C for contributing $3,500 towards this excursion. Your support is absolutely amazing.

District Athletics Carnival
The District Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 31st July at Tabulam. A permission note with details of this event is contained in this newsletter.

Big Room Awards
Korban Newton – for working well in reading cards
Lachlan Makejev – a consistent effort in Maths

Star Spellers
Star spellers for the Big Room this week are Braeleigh, Danielle, Travis, Savannah, Tess, Korban, Katie and Latrelle. Well done!!

Little Room News
Oral Hygiene Visit
Last week K-2 received a visit from the Casino Dental Clinic who provided a short program for all students and a physical teeth inspection for our Kinder students. All students displayed excellent manners and took part in the group discussions, answering and asking relevant questions.

Main points of the visit:
*Children start losing baby teeth from approx. age 6
*Showing children how to care for their teeth helps them develop good oral hygiene habits for life

*Your child should visit a dentist regularly
*Children need healthy food to eat
*Children need to maintain a consistent teeth brushing routine
We are very lucky to have had this service provided free of charge in an isolated area.

At Old Bonalbo Public School we strive to cater for all students’ individual learning needs and to develop them into moral citizens of the future. As part of a K-6 whole school approach we aim to educate all students in a strong, positive learning environment. Focus includes:
*Showing support for school rules and to help children understand the reasons for them.
*Involving students in setting rules for appropriate behaviour at school.
*Teaching children to solve problems
*Teaching the value of individual differences.
*Keeping lines of communication open.

Encouraging “Personal Best”
At school we encourage each child to do their best in all aspects of school life. Remembering that, “personal best” does not mean ‘perfect’, and not the same as high grades. Children like adults, need the freedom to make some mistakes and to learn from them.

Making Learning and Priority
Our attitude towards school attendance, education and involvement in the school makes a strong and lasting impression on children. Showing that learning is a priority is an important value to follow.

New Resources
Recently we are lucky enough to have purchased a large variety of interactive and other wonderful resources to benefit all K-6 students.

Is Your Child a Visual Learner?
If your child is a visual learner, he or she:
*learns best by seeing or reading
*does well when material is presented and tested visually, not verbally
*beneﬁts from written notes, directions, charts, maps and pictures
*loves to read, draw and write

Auditory Learner?
*learns best by listening
*does well in lecture-based learning environments
*beneﬁts from classroom discussions, spoken directions
*enjoys music, stage performances
Kinaesthetic Learner?
* learns best by doing and moving
* does well when he or she can move, touch, explore and create in order to learn
* benefits from hands-on activities
* loves sport, drama, dance, art and craft

Tips for Visual learners:
* use books, videos, computers, visual aids, and flashcards
* make detailed, colour-coded or highlighted notes
* make outlines, diagrams and lists
* use drawings and illustrations

Tips for Auditory learners:
* read notes or study materials out loud
* use word associations and verbal repetition to memorise
* talk things through
* listen to books on audio recordings

Tips for Kinaesthetic learners:
* get hands on. Do experiments & take field trips
* use activity-based study tools, model building or role-playing
* study in small groups and take frequent breaks
* use memory games and flash cards

Promoting Self-Esteem
Self-esteem is about valuing and liking yourself. It is also about believing in what you can do. Children develop self-esteem when:
* they feel they have a place in the world where they belong
* they are a part of a family where they matter
* they are encouraged to do things and succeed

Star Spellers
Star spellers for the Little Room this week are Briannah, Erika and Hailey. Well done.

Awards
Student of the Week: Erika for great progress in all areas & Participating in all school activities.
Sharlynn – 100 Nights Reading Award
Izack – 75 & 100 Nights Reading Award
Jasmine – for impressive work in Maths
Hailey – Excellent reading progress