**Old Bonalbo Public School**

**NEWSLETTER**

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District Athletics
Last Friday our students participated in the Upper Clarence District Athletics Carnival at Tabulam. This proved to be one of the best days we’ve had this year. Our students tried their hardest in every event and deserve congratulations for their effort and behaviour. We had students participating in two or sometimes three relays. Well done to you all. Your teachers and parents are very proud of your efforts. A huge thank you to our parents who provided transport and a wonderful cheer squad. The support from you all was amazing. Beau Whittaker, Danielle Guagliardo, Katie Robertson, Annaleise Barrett, Lachlan Makejev and Lachlan Guagliardo will represent our school at the Northern Rivers Zone Carnival in Lismore on Friday 14th August.

Touch Football Game
Our Big Room students have been invited to play a game of touch football against Bonalbo Central School next Wednesday 12th August at Bonalbo Central School. Full details of this event are contained in the attached permission note.

Life Education Van
The Life Education Van will be visiting our school next Thursday 13th August. All of our students K-6 can participate in this program. Full details of the Life Education Van’s visit are contained in the attached permission note.

Safety Lights Installed
This week flashing safety lights were installed in front of our school along Duck Creek Road. These lights will be in operation from 8:00-9:30am and 2:30 – 4pm on school days. The speed limit in school zones is 40kph.

Performing Arts Festival
Big Room students will again be taking part in the Casino/Kyogle Performing Arts Festival. The Festival will be held at the Civic Hall in Casino on Monday 14th September. Our students will be performing a Bollywood dance item at the festival. I would like to thank Madeleine and Isabella Barrett for their assistance with the choreography of this dance. We will begin regular rehearsals at school shortly. If you have any questions about the Performing Arts Festival please contact me or Mrs Weston at school.

Big Room Awards
Tess Codrington - for a great effort in Athletics
Lachlan Guagliardo – for a consistent effort in Maths
Tess Codrington – 175 nights reading
Special Principal’s Award
Erika Mansfield – for running in THREE relays at the District Athletics Carnival
Layne Whittaker – for running in the Senior Boys relay at the District Athletics. Not a bad effort for a 7 year old!

Lockdown Procedures
Our school practiced its Lockdown Procedures this week. These procedures are enacted in the case of an emergency. Congratulations to our students for their sensible behaviour throughout this process.

Excursion Meeting
We will be holding an Excursion Meeting at school next Thursday 13th August. This meeting will provide parents with an opportunity to ask any questions about our Coffs Harbour excursion. The meeting will begin straight after school.

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

Little Room News
Life Education Van
On Thursday 13th August our school will be hosting the Life Education Van and Healthy Harold the giraffe. Life Education is the largest, Australian Health and Drug Education provider for school aged children 5-13 years old. K-2 lessons will take place for approx. 1 hour with yrs 3-6 for 1 1/2 hour sessions. Please fill in the attached permission note asap.

Tabulam Athletics
Congratulations to all students who participated at the Tabulam Athletics Carnival last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many students performing at their best and representing our school. Good luck to all students who have progressed to the zone carnival.
SRC Pet Day
SRC Pet Day will be held on Friday 4th September (Week 8). We are looking forward to seeing a wide variety of pets!!

Communication between Parent and Teacher
At Old Bonalbo School we provide a good open communication between parent and teachers by:
* Two written reports each year on student progress
* Regular information about the school via the newsletters
* Parent/Teacher interviews (either formal or informal)
* Anecdotal records taken of individual student’s strengths and weaknesses
* Individual Education Plans to cater for individual students learning needs
* Display of children’s work
* Run weekly assemblies and senior assemblies
* Host special events and celebrations
* Provide P&C and parent information sessions
* Regularly discuss the learning journeys of all students K-6.
You are welcome to talk to any of the teachers whenever you need to. Making an interview is also encouraged to discuss any aspect of your child’s learning and development.

Information Available from our School
* Information on Department and school policies
* Excursion details
* School Dress Code
* School charges and fees
* Student behaviour management
* What is expected in relation to homework
* Information about participation in P&C and Aboriginal Student Support.

Coffs Harbour Excursion
Only a few weeks now until we arrive at Coffs Harbour for an action packed, fun filled excursion for 2015. I am particularly looking forward to the Dolphin Marine Magic!! I still have great memories of being kissed by a dolphin, watching the seals do some amazing tricks, feeding the penguins and viewing a wide variety of marine animals including some massive fish (bigger than I’ve ever caught that’s for sure!!) What a great experience this will be for all students and parents attending.

Home Reading
Please continue with home reading each day of the week. Every minute counts. We also have access to a variety of new texts for both beginning and advanced readers so feel free to ask for these additional resources if you would like to try something new with your child.

Awards

Student of the Week: Briannah for showing a good attitude towards class activities
Jasmine – for great work in all areas
Erika – for great spelling results
Izack – 75, 100, 125 nights reading award
Briannah – 75, 100, 125, 150 nights reading award

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

Important Dates
Tuesday 11th August – University Maths Comp
Wednesday 12th August – Big Room Touch Football Game at Bonalbo Central School
Thursday 13th August – Life Education Van
Friday 14th August – Zone Athletics Carnival in Lismore
Wednesday 19th August – Friday 21st August – Excursion to Coffs Harbour
Friday 4th September – SRC Pet Day
Casino Performing Arts – Monday 14th September
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 11th August – University Math

Tabulam Athletics 2015