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Coffs Harbour Excursion

Next Wednesday 19th August we are off to Coffs Harbour. This should be an excellent excursion. If anyone has any last minute questions about the excursion please contact me at school on Monday or Tuesday. Could everyone please remember that the bus is leaving on Wednesday morning at 8:00am. Could everyone please be at school by 7:45am so that our gear can be packed with everyone seated on the bus ready to leave at 8:00am.
A huge thank you to Cindy Chivers for lending us a fantastic esky for the excursion.

Touch Football Game

On Wednesday afternoon the Big Room students participated in a ‘Festival of Football’ at Bonalbo Central School. Our touch football team played the primary students from Bonalbo Central School in a very entertaining game. Our students played to the best of their ability and displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the game.
Annaleise scored 5 tries, Danielle and Lachlan G each scored 4 tries and Lachlan M scored 2 tries. Beau, Katie, Latrelle and Emily played really well supporting our attacking players. Congratulations also to Tess, Korban, Savannah and Travis who ran straight and defended so well. It was a great team effort and I’m very proud of all of you. Thank you to our parents who provided transport and an excellent cheer squad. I would also like to congratulate the Bonalbo team who played really well and never gave up.
Finally I would like to say I’m glad I didn’t play in the Open tackle football game that followed ours. I thought you were very brave Mr Barrett.

Life Education Van

Our students visited the Life Education Van yesterday. Big Room students learnt how to use emails and the internet carefully. It was an excellent session. Well done to everyone for their behaviour and attitude in the Life Education Van.

Northern Rivers Zone Athletics

Today Katie Robertson, Annaleise Barrett, Danielle Guagliardo, Lachlan Makejev, Beau Whittaker and Lachlan Guagliardo are representing our school at the Northern Rivers Zone Athletics Carnival in Lismore. We wish them all the best of luck.

Assembly

Our school will be holding an assembly on Thursday 10th September commencing at 2pm. Students from the Big Room and Little Room will be presenting items. The Big Room will be presenting their Bollywood item they are dancing at the Performing Arts Festival. This will give parents and community members who cannot attend the Performing Arts Festival an opportunity to see this dance. We will also be presenting a number of important awards to our students at this Assembly. There will be tours of classrooms and a delicious afternoon tea available. Could parents please bring/send along a plate of goodies for afternoon tea. We would like to invite everyone from the Old Bonalbo Community to come along and share this day with us. Could our parents and students please invite as many people as you can to come along and enjoy the items and displays.

Big Room Awards

Latrelle Hickling – For an excellent effort in touch football at Bonalbo
Emily Weston – For an excellent effort in touch football at Bonalbo
Korban Newton – For 100 nights home reading

Star Spellers

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

Little Room News

School Rules

Please feel free to remind children about school expectations and rules in and out of the classroom. Regular discussions help to keep our school a safe and healthy environment for all students to enjoy.

School Rules Include:
* All students have the responsibility to remind others to pick up their rubbish and put it in the bin
* Wear a hat outside
* Sit on seats properly
* Walk around buildings and watch where you are going
* Always persist before asking for help
* Keep going and never give up
* Use the playground safely
* Go to the playground only after eating
* Keep the school tidy
*Show resilience

**Honesty**
*Eat your own food and don’t waste any time
*Stay out of classrooms at recess and lunch breaks unless pre-arranged with staff
*Let the birds and animals find their own food
*Leave valuable things and special toys at home unless pre-arranged
*Play games in appropriate areas
*Take care of equipment and use it properly
*Use the step railings for hand support only
*Leave other people’s things alone unless you have permission
*Leave natural items on the ground
*Stay seated until the play bell goes and you have eaten your food
*Tell the truth

**Friendliness**
*Use friendly language at all times
*Play nicely and fairly
*Smile, laugh and be happy!
*Be helpful and kind
*Look after grounds, plants, animals, people and buildings
*Give eye contact when speaking and listening to people
*Give people clear rules and play by them and only change rules when everyone is there listening.
*Include others in games and encourage them
*Welcome and include new people

**Display Boards**
Class Teachers and students take pride in displaying finished work in and around the classrooms. Parents are most welcome to come in and look around from time to time. The children appreciate their parents showing interest in their work. Items of interest and coming events are also displayed on the outside notice board under the verandah.

**Wearing a Hat**
Our school uniform includes a wide brimmed hat and students are encouraged to wear one. Our “No Hat, No Play” rule requires children to wear hats during all outdoor activities all year. These hats can also be purchased from the office for $9.45.

**Helping At Home**
Parents and teachers form a unique partnership in the child’s development. At home parents can help by:
*Ensuring your child has adequate sleep
*Discussing news events – all knowledge is valuable
*Involving your child in appropriate decision making
*Ensuring some daily quality time with each child
*Reading to your child while he or she is sitting on your knee
*Encouraging and praising your child’s attempts and achievements
*Showing a love of books

**Helping at School**
Parents help at school can have a very positive effect on children. At school parents can help by:
*Supporting the reading programme
*Attending working bees
*Assisting at fundraisers
*Being involved in P&C Committees

**Reading Time**
Being a reader means reading for yourself. Each child should regularly be given the opportunity to read, at his or her own pace, material of his or her own choice. The more practice children get the more they are likely to read.

**Head Lice**
It is important to realise that anyone can catch head lice. It is not a disgrace or a health hazard and it is not related to the cleanliness of the home. If you discover your child has head lice or eggs please notify the school and exclude the child from school until the day after being treated. There is a large amount of information available on the internet to remove head lice.

**Fitzroy Readers**
We have recently purchased the complete set of Fitzroy Readers for students K-6. We are currently making copies of each text so that these books can be allocated and used during our home reading program. The Fitzroy Readers are a set of 80 story books that children read for themselves. The Readers take the young learner from simple sounding words like cat and mat (in the 1st story), through to words like appreciative and consciousness (in the final story), in 80 easy steps. Fitzroy
Readers aim to assist students in reaching a higher standard of literacy by the time they enter early secondary schooling. Their literacy opens the door to all other subjects.

**Homework**
No homework will be allocated this week due to the Coffs Harbour Excursion taking place next week.

**The Benefits of Learning Phonics for Young Children**
This year K-2 have spent a lot of time completing activities on phonics both during the Reading Eggs and Express Program as well as extension classroom activities. The teaching of phonics is popular among most schools in Australia. Whilst there are alternative methods for teaching children to read and write, phonics is widely regarded as being one of the most effective. As a teaching method it is thought to provide many benefits to children who are just beginning to understand how sounds are associated with individual letters, groups of letters and full words. We have also placed emphasis on more challenging and phonics extension for our more advanced readers.

**Sight Words**
Please continue to practice sight words a few times each week. We now have quite a few students K-2 who are making great progress with sight word recognition. Keep up the great work kids!

**Healthy Harold**
I would like to thank all students for their excellent behaviour and listening skills during yesterday’s Life Education Van visit. Sharlynn and Charlie were chosen to disguise themselves as super heroes and solve some mystery tasks. We got to meet and pat Harold and Layne was chosen to feed him a carrot. Well done everyone.

**Awards**
Hailey – For pleasing comprehension skills
Izack – For improved spelling and writing skills
Sharlynn – For improved writing skills

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