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Coffs Harbour Excursion

What a wonderful time we had during our Coffs Harbour excursion. Our students visited some great attractions and learnt lots during the excursion. Our accommodation at the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre was excellent and the food was fantastic. To those students who behaved so well throughout the excursion – congratulations.

A big thank you to our bus driver, Max Watson. A special thank you to the adults who accompanied us on the excursion and helped in so many ways. Thank you to Wendy, Cheryl, Cindy, Belinda, Emma, Rhonda, Geraldine, Dunja, Shannon & Luke, Clive and Mr Pierce.

Please make sure you read the recounts our students have written about the Coffs Harbour excursion in the next few editions of our Newsletter.

Northern Rivers Zone Athletics

On Friday 14th August Danielle & Lachlan Guagliardo, Beau Whittaker, Annaleise Barrett, Katie Robertson & Lachlan Makejev represented our school at the Northern Rivers Zone Athletics Carnival in Lismore. Danielle, Annaleise, Lachlan G and Lachlan M ran really well in the P5 relay. Lachlan Makejev also competed to the best of his ability in the Junior Boys 200m and 800m. Beau Whittaker threw 8.55m in the Senior Boys Shot Put to finish in second place and will represent our school in the North Coast Regional Carnival today.

Congratulations Beau on a great effort.

Katie Robertson won six blue ribbons in the Senior Girls AWD events. Katie also broke two records, one in the 200m and one in the 800m. Katie will now represent our school at the North Coast Regional Carnival in Lismore. Katie was also the Senior Girls AWD champion. Congratulations to Katie on this outstanding achievement. We are all very proud of you Katie.

I would also like to thank those students who have helped Beau and Katie with their training in recent weeks. This has been great to see. Good luck to Beau and Katie in Lismore today.

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.

Rural Fire Service Visit

The Rural Fire Service will be visiting our school on Friday 11th September. The RFS will be talking to our students about various aspects of fire safety. The RFS will be providing lunch for our students on this day. Students will need to bring some food for recess.

Performing Arts Festival

Our students will be participating in the Performing Arts Festival in Casino on Monday evening 14th September. A big thank you to Mrs Weston, Madeleine and Isabella Barrett for the time and effort they have put into the preparations for this event. Our dancers will be performing at our Assembly on Thursday 10th September. Tickets for the Performing Arts Festival will cost $10 for adults and $5 for students. These tickets will be available in about a week. Please let Mrs Weston, Mrs Tart or me know how many tickets you would like early next week. If you have any questions about the Performing Arts Festival please contact Mrs Weston or me at school.

NAPLAN

This year’s NAPLAN results were sent home this week. If any parent would like to discuss these results please contact me at school.

Bonalbo Central School – High School Orientation Day

Beau Whittaker will be attending a High School Orientation Day at Bonalbo Central School next Monday. We hope you have a great day Beau.

Big Room Awards

Annaleise Barrett – Excellent Writing Skills
Travis Fairfull – Great progress in Maths

Star Spellers

Star spellers for the Big Room this week are Travis, Emily, Lachlan M, Savannah, Danielle, Tess and Korban. Well done!!
Lost Clothing
The school has accumulated lots of jumpers and other clothing items. Could parents please have a look in our lost property items next time you are at school to see if you own any of these items. Could parents also please have a look at home to see if clothing has been accidentally taken home that may belong to other students.

Little Room News
Coffs Harbour Excursion
Thank you again to Mr. Gray for organising such a fantastic excursion to Coffs Harbour last week. Coffs Harbour lived up to its expectation as having a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, spectacular coastline and its many attractions and events that we were so lucky to experience as a school. Thank you to all parents who attended the excursion, for your assistance in all areas and for the positivity you brought to a great few days away.

Pet Day
The SRC Pet Day will now be held on Thursday 3rd September, 2015. (One day earlier than previously scheduled). Categories include: * Most Interesting * Funniest * Look-alike-Award, * Cutest * Smartest * Best Pet Owner.

10 Benefits of Homework
* Homework teaches students the importance of planning, staying organised and taking action.
* Homework teaches students to work independently.
* Homework teaches students how to take responsibility for their part in the educational process.
* Homework teaches students that they have to do things, even when they don’t want to.
* Homework gives parents a chance to see what their child is learning at school.
* Homework allows revision of topics.
* Homework teaches students how to problem solve.
* Homework helps teachers and parents determine how well the lessons and material are being understood by their students.
* Homework teaches students how to set priorities.
* Homework teaches students about time management.

Homework Tips
Set up a homework-friendly area
Make sure kids have a well-lit place to complete homework. Keep supplies – paper, pencils, glue & scissors within reach.

Schedule a regular study time
Some kids prefer the afternoon, after dinner or a morning period.

Keep distractions to a minimum
This means no TV, loud music etc.

Make sure kids do their own work
They won’t learn if they don’t think for themselves and make their own mistakes. Parents can make suggestions and help with directions. But it’s a kid’s job to do the learning.

Be a motivator and monitor
Ask about assignments, quizzes and tests. Give encouragement, check completed homework and make yourself available for questions and concerns.

If there are continuing problems with homework, please ask for help
Feel free to discuss any homework issues with your child’s teachers. Some students may have trouble retaining some information or others might need an evaluation for a learning problem or attention disorder.

Spelling
This week’s spelling list is a repeat from week 6. All students have been given a few extra days to revise their spelling lists.

Home Reading
* Praise your child’s efforts at reading
* Read aloud and talk about the pictures. Allow your child to pick books too, and ask your child to read aloud.
* Turn off the TV and find a quiet spot to read without distraction.
* Choose books that interest your child.

Reading Quote
“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.” Dr. Seuss

Text Types - Procedures
Over the last few weeks students K-2 have been writing a variety of procedures using a specific structure and order of events. Topics have included:
*Making a sandwich
*How to cross the road safely
*Making a magical potion
*How to make a pancake

Students have been working towards the steps created when writing a procedure including:
*Writing to teach others how to do something
*Understanding that the how-to genre must enable a reader to do what is being taught
*Revising basic words

All students have gained skills and knowledge when completing these tasks and have developed their understanding of writing procedures.

**Numeracy**

All students have been working hard towards gaining knowledge, skills and confidence in all areas of Numeracy this term.

Focus has been placed on **number and place value**, working towards recognising, modelling, reading, writing and ordering numbers to at least 100. (some students are working well beyond this) Students are developing their skills with fractions and decimals including being able to recognise and describe one-half as one or two equal parts of a whole. Students have developed their skills when completing Patterns and Algebra including Whole Numbers, Fractions and Decimals, describing the rules used to create the sequence. We have also placed emphasis on knowing components of measurement, time, geometry, statistics, graphs and charts.

**Benefits of Mental Mathematics**

*Mental calculations sharpen the mind and increases mental agility and intelligence
*It enhances the precision of thought
*Mental calculation improves the memory
*Mental calculation is a delight to the mind: the intrinsic qualities, relationships of numbers and the way they create new numbers out of themselves is a source of great enjoyment.

**Sight Words**

As part of our K-2 teaching of sight words students revise 1 new sight word each day as part of their word building and repertoire of known words. Please continue to revise a small list of high frequency words each week. Sight word knowledge is essential to reading progress and development.

**Awards**

Erika – 100 nights reading award
Jordan – for improved reading and phonics skills
Erika – for learning to unjumble letters and make new words
Charlie – for impressive phonics skills

**Star Spellers**

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

**Important Dates**

- **Monday 31st August** – Yr 6 Orientation Day - BCS
- **Thursday 3rd September** – SRC Pet Day
- **Thursday 10th September** – School Assembly – 2pm ALL WELCOME
- **Friday 11th September** – Rural Fire Service Visit – BBQ lunch
- **Monday 14th September** – Casino Performing Arts Festival
- **Friday 18th September** – Last day of Term 3

- **Friday 26th June** – Last day for this term
- **Monday 13th July** – School Development Day
- **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