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Assembly

What a fantastic assembly we had yesterday. All the ingredients were there - great items, great awards, great food, great audience and great weather.

Firstly the Little Room. Everyone loved the rock n roll – Toast & Jelly. Well done Mrs Weston and Mr Elvis Pierce. Congratulations to the Little Room dancers.

The Bollywood dancers from the Big Room were wonderful. You looked amazing and danced beautifully. A huge thank you to Madeleine and Isabella Barrett for their excellent choreography. Thank you also to Mrs Weston, Mrs Codrington, Mrs Tart and Mrs Thamm for organising the costumes. This dance will look spectacular under lights on Monday night at the Performing Arts Festival.

Well done to our weekly award winners and those students who received a Reading Eggs award. I will talk more about our other award winners later in the newsletter.

Finally thank you to our parents, grandparents, great grandparents and community members who attended. It truly is wonderful to see you all supporting our students at the Assemblies. The food, how about the cooking, just marvellous. Many thanks to everyone who brought cooking and helped with the clean-up.

These Assemblies are part of the life blood of our school. Long may they continue!!

Congratulations Danielle

Danielle Guagliardo was presented with a special book award at our Assembly yesterday. Danielle received this award for her outstanding achievements in English this year. Danielle is an exceptional writer. This book award was donated to our school by Mr Kevin Hogan – Federal Member for Page. We would like to thank Mr Hogan for this award and for taking an interest in our school. Mrs Narelle Gotting presented this award to Danielle on behalf of Mr Hogan who was unavailable to attend our Assembly. Thank you to Mrs Gotting. Danielle Mulholland, Mayor of Kyogle Council, also sent her apologies as she was unable to attend our Assembly.

University of NSW Competition

A big congratulation to Braeleigh Newton who achieved a Credit in the University of NSW Science Competition. This is an excellent achievement and goes with the Distinction Braeleigh achieved in Science two years ago. A great effort Braeleigh. Danielle Guagliardo was awarded a participation certificate in Science and Spelling. These are challenging competitions. Well done to both girls.

Sports Champions

Katie Robertson was presented with her trophy for being the Senior Girls Northern Rivers Zone Para Athletics Champion at our Assembly. Katie is also the North Coast Senior Girls Para Athletics Champion. Katie won all her events at the North Coast Regional Carnival. Amazing Katie!

Beau Whittaker is training hard for the shot put finals at the State Carnival next term. Beau is now throwing over 9m. A great effort Beau.

You can support Beau by buying PSSA raffle tickets. Every dollar raised goes to help Beau in getting to Sydney. These tickets are available at the front office.

Performing Arts Festival

Next Monday night our Dance Team will participate in the Casino/Kyogle Performing Arts Festival at the Civic Hall in Casino. We will be leaving school no later than 11:30am. Could all students please wear their school uniforms on Monday. Good luck everyone!!

Rural Fire Visit

Thank you to all the volunteers from the Rural Fire Service who visited our school today. The RFS spoke to our students about fire safety, provided a delicious BBQ lunch and demonstrated how different parts of a fire truck works. A huge thank you to Jeff, Jackson and Cheryl Whitney, John Tart, Brian Burke, Barry Marshall and Charlie Taikakara.

Big Room Awards

Student of the Week – Annaleise Barrett – for an excellent effort in all subject areas

Savannah Thamm – An excellent effort in Bollywood dancing

Lachlan Guagliardo – An excellent effort in Bollywood dancing

Korban Newton – 125 nights reading

Tess Codrington – 200 nights reading

A Great School

What a great school we have. Our students are achieving some exceptional outcomes. It is a partnership - students, parents, teachers and community members. Please read the Newsletter again and consider the achievements. Congratulations to you all!!
Term Four
Teachers and Students all return to school on Tuesday 6th October, 2015.

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

Little Room News
Teaching and Learning Programs
At Old Bonalbo PS we believe all children should enjoy learning and experience a broad curriculum. Our school programs are developed based on the National Curriculum documents, key learning continuums and the Quality Teaching Framework. The key learning areas are supported through the use of integrated technology, interactive whiteboards and use of digital cameras. There are six key learning areas including Mathematics, English, Science, Personal Development & Health and Physical Education, Human Society and Its Environment/History and Creative and Performing Arts. All students are provided with learning experiences according to their stage of development.

The stages of learning are:
- Early Stage 1 – Kindergarten
- Stage 1 – Years 1 & 2
- Stage 2 – Years 3 & 4
- Stage 3 – Years 5 & 6

As a staff we are continually provided with updated courses and are engaged in Action Learning Projects to enable us to become familiar with newly developed syllabus documents and various programs implemented in our school. We aim to provide all children with a quality education by catering for their individual learning needs. This year we have used a balance of teaching styles throughout the school day to cater for the student’s individual differences and preferred learning styles. Some of the ways we teach include whole class, group work based on ability, mixed ability groups, working with a partner, team teaching, individual learning programs, interactive whiteboards, computers and bookwork.

At Old Bonalbo PS the wider community are extremely important as partners in learning and we welcome grandparents, parents and community members openly into our classrooms.

The following areas are our key focus for 2015.

**English**
* speaking and listening
* reading and viewing
* writing and representing
* grammar, punctuation and vocabulary
* spelling
* responding and composing
* handwriting and using digital technologies
* thinking imaginatively and creatively
* expressing themselves
* reflecting on learning

**Mathematics**
* number
* measurement
* statistics and probability
* 2D/3D space
* activities taken directly from numeracy continuum K-10
* numeracy K-10 syllabus

**Science and Technology**
* living things
* physical phenomena
* products and services
* earth and its surroundings

**Creative Arts**
* visual arts
* dance
* music

**PDHPE**
* dance
* active lifestyle
* games and sports
* safe living

**HSIE**
* environments
Sport
As recently acknowledged at our assembly we have had 2 recent outstanding achievements at the latest athletics carnival including Beau Whittaker for shot put and Katie Robertson for athletics. Both students performed brilliantly and have been offered the opportunity to participate at State Level – Sydney later this year. Old Bonalbo PS is so proud of this and other outstanding achievements of our students in individual and team sports. We aim to continue our strong and proud sporting traditions.

School Sport
Each Friday we continue to look forward to our afternoon sport sessions which have focused on providing a variety of activities for children with an emphasis on fitness, skill development, sportsmanship and enjoyment. Children in the Little Room have engaged in Fundamental Movement Skill (FMS) development including all 12 skills. The FMS include static balance, sprint run, vertical jump, side gallop, catch, kick, hop, skip, leap, overarm throw, two-hand strike and dodge. The children practise these skills in a safe and supportive environment and are learnt through game based situations.

Get Active Each Day
Did you know?
In NSW, only about a quarter of children aged between 5 and 15 years do at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each day.

Why get active?
Regular physical activity is an important part of getting healthy and staying healthy. Encouraging kids and teens to be active from a young age sets good habits early on and helps them develop the skills they need to stay active throughout their lives.

Regular Physical activity helps kids and teens:
* with healthy growth and development
* build strong bones and muscles
* improve balance and development skills
* maintain and develop flexibility
* achieve and maintain a healthy weight
* improve cardiovascular fitness
* reduce stress and feel more relaxed
* improve posture
* boost confidence and self-esteem
* have fun with friends

Tabulam School Visit
This week Mrs Weston and I travelled to Tabulam to participate in a skills and knowledge building day. We were both lucky enough to watch practical activities taught in the K-1 classroom as well as network with experienced and quality staff members from Tabulam. It was a very rewarding school visit and I would like to thank Mr Gary for the professional development opportunity and for teaching K-6 for the day. All K-2 students were excited about being in the Big Room for the day, working alongside older positive role models and impressing Mr Gray with all their skills, qualities and talents.

Spelling & Homework
This will be the last week that spelling and homework revision tasks will be sent home for Term 3. Thank you to all students for their tireless efforts when completing these home activities consistently throughout this term. Home reading can be completed during the break. Ten nights reading dips are awarded as normal.

Awards
Sharlynn – 125 nights reading
Jordan – Improved reading skills
Layne – Improved skills in Creative Arts

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

Important Dates
Monday 14th September – Casino Performing Arts Festival
Friday 18th September – Last day of Term 3
Tuesday 6th October – Students and Staff return for Term 4
Wednesday 14th October – Beau competes in Sydney
Wednesday 21st October – School Photos – 9am

Fire Permits are now required. Please contact Cheryl Whitney - 66653175 or Laurie Taylor - 66653146 if you require one.
Important Dates

Friday 26th June – Last day for this term
Monday 13th July – School Development Day
Tuesday 14th July – Students 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