Principal's Message

Thank you to all the parents and carers that came to the meet and greet on Wednesday afternoon and to everyone that has come and met myself and Mrs White at other times. It is great to meet all of you and learn more about your child.

I would like to say an enormous THANK YOU to all the staff at Old Bonalbo. Mrs Tart, Mrs Weston, Grantley, Cheryl and Mrs White have helped everyone transition into 2016 without too many hiccups. I must say a special thank you to Mrs Whitney. As you know Mrs Whitney was helping the senior room for the last few years. This year that funding has ceased. Mrs Whitney is volunteering at the school to help students in the classroom. Mrs Whitney is a fantastic asset to the school and community of Old Bonalbo. Thank you.

Our school has many resources available to students. We have a speech therapist and school counsellor accessible to us upon request. I have contacted both and they are coming out to school to check in with any students that have seen them or for new referrals. If you would like your child to see either, please contact the school to fill out the paperwork required. Both the counsellor and speech therapist will contact the parent or carer to check in about what strategies are recommended for your child.

Fundraising efforts for Lake Ainsworth

This exceptional excursion allows students to experience an array of fantastic activities, develop resilience (being away from home) and build relationships with other students. The Year 5 and 6 students have been thinking of ways to raise money towards the cost and expenses. Some ideas they have come up with are:

* Writing letters asking for assistance from the CWA and Lions clubs
* Holding a movie night at school
* Having a bush dance
* Car wash
* Sell their worm juice
* Sell unwanted clothes (market stall)

If you are able to assist us with any of these efforts please let the senior class know. We are trying to reduce costs for each student to make the excursion more affordable. School assistance is available and can be discussed with Mrs Blackburn at any time.

Star Students

From Little Room: Jordan for Being Respectful!

Star Speller: Erika

From the Big Room: Tess
Star Speller: Korban
Big Room News
Hello everyone and welcome to the Big Room News. My name is Sharon White and I will be teaching 3/4/5/6. We have settled into our new routine and the students of Old Bonalbo PS have already produced some fantastic work.

Our timetable is literacy in the morning, maths in the middle session and every afternoon we do a different subject of HSIE, CAPA (creative and performing arts), Science, PD and Sport.

Our spelling and grammar work comes from the Jolly Phonics program, and maths following a scope and sequence to cover stage outcomes. Science we will be looking at earth’s place in space, and we have already had a debate about: how do we know the earth is not flat. HSIE we are looking at Values and Identity starting with celebrations. CAPA in term 1 is art and we will be looking at how artists use and portray the environment. We have had some very interesting leaf drawings. In PD we will be looking at Daily Choices and for sport we will cover such things as movement and safety in sport.

Lastly, homework will be sent home on Monday’s and due on Friday’s. Homework is made up of spelling list, maths sheet, reading book, and a writing exercise.

So as you can see our students will be very busy during term 1. Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have with either myself or Mrs. Blackburn.

Inthya/ Emirane Morning Tea
Next Wednesday is the first Morning Tea for the year to raise funds for Emirane. Please bring your 50c to buy some delicious treats and support our sponsor child. The roster is on the dates to remember.

School Uniforms
It is great to see so many students in uniform. Mrs Tart has just completed an order for any uniform items that were out of stock. That order should arrive at school in the near future.

Library
Students enjoyed visiting our school library on Monday. They were able to borrow from both the mobile library and our school library. We will continue to have library on Mondays at 12 noon. The mobile library is open to the public as well as school students. Please remember your library bags to keep our books safe and clean.

K-2 Information Afternoon
We would like to send an open invitation to all parents, carers and extended family of any students in Year One and Year Two, to attend an information afternoon with Mrs Blackburn on Monday 15th February at 3:00pm. During the course of the afternoon, Mrs Blackburn will cover daily routines in the classroom, the Jolly Phonics program, homework, and the Literacy and Numeracy Continuum. This would be a great opportunity to become familiar with some new routines being introduced to the Little Room.

Old Bonalbo Progress Association News
Families in the Old Bonalbo area will be pleased to know that Fixed Wireless Broadband is scheduled for the area early next year. Preliminary planning has begun, with expected speeds and costs similar to ADSL 2. This important adjunct to education will benefit the entire community.

Register your interest online at http://www.nbnco.com.au or call 1 800 687 626.

For updated information and assistance please come to the March meeting of the Old Bonalbo Progress Association at the Memorial Hall.

Rick Hough
Old Bonalbo Progress Association
School Expectations
Students are:
Be Respectful
Be Safe
Be Responsible
Be a Learner
Yesterday we unpacked what ‘be respectful’ looked like. This will be our focus for week 3.

SRC
The SRC for this year are:
Jasmine, Jordan, Tess, Korban, Lachlan M and Emily. Congratulations to these students.

Photos
Geoff Bateman has taken some fantastic photos of students at the Christmas concert last year. The photos are available for purchase from Geoff and can be ordered at school. They will be on display until Wednesday.

Snack Foods
The students have been enjoying their fruit snack and in keeping with healthy eating here are some guidelines from the Education Department for healthy snacks for children:
Children need to eat a range of different foods to provide nutrients to meet growth and energy needs. Snacks need to be everyday foods rather than sometimes foods.

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P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 10th February at 3:15. The (AGM) Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday the 2nd March at 3:15pm. At this meeting the committee is nominated. All welcome.
This year Old Bonalbo Public School will participate in the PRC. The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

The 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge will open on the 7th March 2016. It closes on the 19th August. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Reminder
Don’t forget to send in your child’s Annual Permission Note and Allergy forms please.

Happy Birthday to:
Latrelle – 14th January
Braeleigh – 27th January

Swimming
Swimming club has begun for the year. It starts at 4pm on Thursday afternoon at the Bonalbo pool.