Principal’s Message
Congratulations to our swim team that represented Old Bonalbo PS on Friday in Woodenbong. They swam well and are a credit to our school.
I will be attending a Principal’s Induction Conference on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. While I am away we are lucky enough to have both Mrs Weston and Mrs Smith on the junior class. This conference will enable me to better fill the role of Principal for Old Bonalbo Public School students and community.

P&C News
Just reminding everyone that the P&C has organised a sausage sizzle and cake stall at Bonalbo News on Saturday 5th March. Please indicate if are able to help. Our hamper is looking great! We still need donations for the Easter Hamper, please bring those items in ASAP. The raffle will be drawn on the 5th March they are $1.00 each.

Star Students
From the Little room: 
From the Big room:

Tristan
Lachlan M.

Star Spellers:
From the Little room: Sharlynn
From the Big room: Emily, Lachlan M, Korban, Lachlan G

Lake Ainsworth
Dates: Monday 14/3/2016 to Friday 18/3/2016
Total Cost: $356 (P&C Fundraising to come)
Please start making payments.
We still have a few parents that have not seen Mrs Tart about the online medical form required for students to attend the Lake Ainsworth camp. If you have registered online, please print out the information and give it to the office. If you have registered but not printed the form, please let Mrs Tart know. This will finalise our numbers for the camp.
We are lucky enough to be attending the camp with other small schools from our region. The schools that will be attending are, The Risk, Rukenvale, Wiangaree, Afterlee, Collins Creek and Urbenville. There will be approximately 33 students in our small schools group.
We will be raffling a handmade rug donated by the CWA to raise funds towards the cost of this excursion. Those tickets will go out shortly and will be $2.00 each. We are fortunate to have such wonderful community support in Old Bonalbo.

Night activities (top photo) and cook out at Lake Ainsworth in 2014
School Banking
School banking has begun again this year. Bring in your savings each Friday to collect tokens that you can use to cash in for prizes. If you would like to set up school banking for your child, please come in and ask Mrs Tart.

K-2 Information Afternoon
Thank you to the parents who attended Monday afternoon. If you couldn’t make it and would like to take a Jolly Phonics tour, please contact Mrs Blackburn to arrange a time.

Woodenbong Swimming Carnival News
Emily, Lachlan M, Lachlan G and Ryan attended the swimming carnival in Woodenbong last Friday. They had a very successful day. They all returned with smiles and ribbons. Ryan won 11 Years Old Boy Champion and the relay team came 1st! This means they are off to Lismore on Thursday the 25th of February to compete in the next level of competition. They have been training at the Bonalbo pool to improve their time. Good luck next Thursday. The school and community are very proud of our students.

Community Sausage Sizzle
On the afternoon of the P&C AGM Wednesday the 2nd of March at 4:30pm, the school would like to invite school and community members to a free sausage sizzle. The afternoon will give the community an opportunity to come into the school and meet new members and catch up with others. Our school values the community members of Old Bonalbo and hopes everyone can make it for a sausage and a chat.

Little Room News
This week students are enjoying learning Jolly Phonics actions to accompany sounds for letters. This will give students more strategies towards fluent reading, writing and spelling. It is great to see so many students reading at home and recording their books in their reading journal.

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

Students are enjoying an educational electronic game that links with the Jolly Phonics program. It reinforces letter sound relationships and practises blending those sounds into words. There are different levels to cater to student ability.

We have signed up for the online mathematics program Studyladder. I will send home log in details of each student in their homework books for students to access their accounts at home. Children who cannot access the program out of school hours, will not be disadvantaged in any way. It is a fun way to reinforce concepts introduced in the classroom.

In Math Year 2 have been investigating inverse operations. Here are some photos of their findings while looking at the relationship the numbers on a domino have.
Milk at School
There is chocolate and strawberry milk available for students to buy for $1.30 each. Milk is delivered on Tuesday mornings and is offered all week until it is all sold out.

Emirane Morning Tea
Thank you to the parents who have donated food for our Wednesday morning tea. Next week’s host is Deborah. Please remember to bring in 50c to help our sponsor child gain an education and buy needed resources to make that education possible.

Swimming
Our school will be having swimming lessons at the Bonalbo pool on Thursday afternoons at 2pm. We will begin lessons on Thursday the 25th February. The cost will be $2.60 for pool entry. We require parents to transport students to and from the pool. Parents will need to be available to leave the school at 1:45pm and return to school at 2:45pm each week. Please indicate on the attached note if you are able to assist with transport. We are going to continue swimming in Term 1, until the pool becomes too cold for students.

Big Room News
The students in the Big Room joined Studyladder this week. Studyladder is an online educational program which allows students to study at their own pace. There are games based around numeracy and literacy. At this stage we are concentrating on numeracy. I set tasks for students to complete with these tasks based on the topic of the week. I am able to monitor their progress and see where they are achieving at a high level and where assistance is needed. A note went home yesterday explaining Studyladder, if you did not receive this note please come and see me for a replacement.

Students were given an assignment in HSIE this week on Australian Celebrations – the assignment sheet will be sent home today. This assignment is to be completed on a word document and emailed to me. I will allow sufficient time during class to complete this task and show the students how to send an attachment via email. Please reinforce this at home as I know they are a little concerned about how to do this.

In art we are looking at artists who use the environment in their art work. Some of the artists we will be discussing and using as inspiration are Ken Done, Albert Namatjira and Reg Gregor.

I introduced a new segment into our weekly routine – we will be watching significant articles on BTN, students are improving their note taking skills to find the relevant information.

Remember my door is always open and you are welcome to come and see what your child has/is working on at any time.

CWA Afternoon Tea
Don’t forget to support our local CWA. They are holding a fun afternoon tea. There are lots of great food and prizes up for grabs. Please see the attached leaflet to confirm your attendance.

Happy Birthday to
Ryan – 20th February
**School Expectations**

Students are:
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be a Learner

Students have been unpacking what ‘be responsible looks like.

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**Dates to Remember**

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**Relay Team at Woodenbong Pool**

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**Afternoon Tea**

Join us as we hold an Afternoon Tea to raise funds for Ovarian Cancer Australia and awareness of the signs and symptoms of the disease.

Host: Old Bonalbo CWA
Date: 27th February 2016
Venue: Soldiers Memorial Hall, Old Bonalbo
Time: 1.30pm

Come and join us for ‘High Tea’ and enjoy something Tasty. Please bring a Raffle, Lucky Door Prize, Games and lots of Party Food!