Principal’s Message
As you may remember, I have been in Sydney this week. Thank you to Mrs Weston and Mrs Smith for taking the little room while I was away. I have learnt a lot about how to best serve the students, staff and community of Old Bonalbo. One emphasis of the conference was on community voice. A school is an education establishment for the people of the community. It is important to me, because it is important to the Old Bonalbo community that your voice is heard. If you would like to contribute to decisions made at Old Bonalbo PS, one way to be heard is to join the P&C. The P&C is a group of Parents and Community members supporting and working with the school to best serve the needs of all stakeholders. If you would like to become a member of the P&C please attend the upcoming meeting on Wednesday, March 2nd. It will be followed by a free sausage sizzle. I hope to see you there. Congratulations to our swim team that represented Old Bonalbo PS on Thursday in Lismore. It is fantastic to see such tremendous effort and commitment from our students.

P&C News
Our Easter hamper looks fantastic! Remember to sell your tickets and please come in and see us if you would like some more! The raffle will be drawn on the 5th March and they are $1.00 each.

Star Students
From the Little room: Isabella and Hailey
From the Big room: Lake Ainsworth

Star Spellers:
From the Little room: Layne and Charlie
From the Big room: Hailey and Braeleigh

Lake Ainsworth
Dates: Monday 14/3/2016 to Friday 18/3/2016
Total Cost: $356 (P&C Fundraising to come)
Please start making payments.
This excursion is quickly approaching! We will have the final cost of the event after the money raised from the fund raising efforts has been tallied.

Lismore Swimming Carnival News
Emily, Lachlan M, Lachlan G and Ryan attended the swimming carnival in Lismore. The school and community are very proud of our students. They came third! This qualifies them to swim in the North Coast swimming Carnival in Kempsey. The carnival is on Wednesday, March 9th. Well done to those students!
From Little Room
This week we have been having a look at mass in Maths. The balance arms have been a source of fun for all students. Each week children have an inquiry question to answer. This week I asked: Show me how you balance the equal arm balance by making a mass that is the same as different objects (like a remote)? Students were quick to investigate and discover what would weigh the same. They then furthered their thinking by determining what weighed more and less than the objects. The children enjoyed this hands on approach to learning.
We are quickly working our way through the sounds and blends in the Jolly Phonics program. It is a pleasure to watch students learning the new sounds and actions. These new strategies to identify letter sound connections assist students when spelling, reading and writing. Please encourage your child to practise their actions and sounds with you. It is a great guessing game when everyone knows the actions!

From Big Room
This week has been very busy in the Big Room. In Math, we have examined subtraction & addition as well as mass. During literacy we have studied parts of speech and have complimented that knowledge by writing a narrative with the beginning sentence “Max was a very different alien.” The students have enjoyed writing their stories and I look forward to reading them. James and the Giant Peach has been an interesting book so far and we have used it to study similes and metaphors using the two cantankerous Aunts. On Wednesday some students were put in the hot seat as their ‘made up’ Aunt; these students did very well portraying an irritable Aunty.
We have made a great start to our HSIE assignment. During the week we have practised using email and sending attachments to help students feel more confident when sending me their assignment.

The students are also enjoying the BTN activity, with many wows and hmmmms being heard while watching the episode. This week we learnt about the New Horizons satellite, please ask your child about this for more information.

Swimming
We have enjoyed our first swimming afternoon. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to transport students to the pool for this worthwhile activity. This week was an assessment lesson, to see where each student is at. Next week children will be grouped according to their ability and confidence in the water.
SRC
Or first SRC meeting at school was very successful. We have a dynamic SRC that will assist all students at Old Bonalbo PS to be heard and contribute to decisions in our school.

Community Sausage Sizzle
On the afternoon of the P&C AGM Wednesday the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of March at 4:30pm, the school would like to invite school and community members to a free sausage sizzle. Thank you to the P&C for donating the sausages. 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.

P&C Meeting - AGM
The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March at 3:15pm. Membership is $2.00 and all positions will be open for nominations. All welcome.

Bonalbo Show
On April 8\textsuperscript{th} – 9\textsuperscript{th} the Bonalbo show is on. We have been offered a space to show case our student achievement. Students will be able to enter the events listed in the program as well as display pieces of work in the display. This exhibition will give us the opportunity to showcase the wonderful things happening in our school. If there is something you would like to see included in this presentation, please come in and talk to us about your ideas.

School Expectations
Students are:
Be Respectful
Be Safe
Be Responsible
Be a Learner
Students have been unpacking what ‘be a learner’ looks like, through role plays.

NSW Department of Education Policy
I would like to make the parents, carers and community aware of the policy surrounding volunteers working with young people. These policies are designed to keep children in a safe environment when they are in the care of the school. If you would like to volunteer at the school at any time you will require a Working With Children Check (WWCC). The check is free for unpaid volunteers. The school will help you obtain this document. Please be aware you will need a WWCC to attend all school excursions.
If you are volunteering to transport students to and from events, there is additional essential information needed. The school requires a copy of your current driver’s licence, car insurance and car registration details.
This is common practice in Australian schools. If these documents are copied and left at the office on a yearly basis it would assist the school. Please remember these policies are not intended to deter volunteers, but designed to keep your children safe.

Uniforms
It is excellent to see so many students wearing broad brimmed hats! As a sun safe school, it is necessary for all students to wear a hat rather than a cap. There are new hats arrived if you would like to purchase one.
**Seniors Celebration**

On March 24th at 2pm we are holding our annual Senior Celebration. Students will entertain guests and take them on a tour of our classrooms. There are invitations available from the office if you know someone that would enjoy this event. Afternoon tea will be provided.

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**ICAS – University of NSW Competitions**

We are offering our students in Yrs 3-6 the opportunity to enter these competitions. They are very challenging and there is a cost involved. Please see below for assessment information. A permission note is attached.

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