Principal’s Message
I would like to celebrate our school collaboration! The funds raise by parents and the community have made the Lake Ainsworth excursion affordable for families. The final cost of this tremendous event is $100.00 per student.

Fund raising efforts (approx) are:
- Cake Stall: $420.00
- Raffle: $550.00
- P&C contribution: $350
- CWA: $100.00
- Lions Club: $500.00

The cake stall was very successful; parents and students cooked, manned the stall and sold raffle tickets. Josh Weston kindly came to the stall and cooked the sausages for us, Thank you Josh!

After the cake stall some students attended the ‘If the Halls Could Talk’ event at the Bonalbo hall.

Star Students
- From the Little room: Tristian, Jasmine, Charlie, Isabella, Layne & Briannah.
- From the Big room: Braeleigh, Tess & Korban.

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Lions Club
Thank you to the Lions Club of Bonalbo Upper Clarence Incorporated. They have generously donated $500.00 towards the cost of the Lake Ainsworth excursion.
**New Headphones**
The school has purchased 20 sets of new headphones. The headphones have a volume control to ensure students’ hearing is protected. Our students understand that to ‘Be Responsible’ they must care for school resources. Each student has been assigned one pair and must use and care for their own headphones. It is great to enable more students to happily use computers at the same time.

![New Headphones](image)

**P&C News**
Congratulation to the winners of the Easter raffle.

1st – Narelle Gotting
2nd – Len Gotting
3rd – Foodworks Bonalbo

![Easter Raffle](image)

**The NutCracker**
The school has secured seats for the Queensland Ballet production, The Nutcracker. The school will hire a bus to transport people to and from Brisbane. While we are there we will visit another exhibition at South Bank. Parents are welcome to attend. The cost for parents is $85.00 per seat. There is a limited number of adults seats available, so if you would like to come please indicate to the school as early as possible. **You must have a Working With Children's Check (WWCC) to attend.**

![The Nutcracker](image)

**Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC)**
The PRC began on Monday, it is fantastic to see students engaging in reading! If students have read any books from the list, please send the list to school so we can register them on the site. The rules and other information can be found at: [https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html)

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**Regional Swimming Carnival**
Lachlan M, Ryan, Lachlan G and Emily represented Old Bonalbo in Kempsey on Wednesday. They came third, making it onto Sydney! Their relay event is on the 7th April. Thank you to Dave Whitney from the Bonalbo pool for volunteering to coach our team! Lots of hard work ahead for them.

![Regional Swimming](image)
Swimming
Please remember the cost of weekly swimming is $2.60 per student per entry. Please pay the office each Thursday before swimming. **There will be no swimming next week (Thursday 17th March).**

Lake Ainsworth
Thank you to the parents and Mrs White that have volunteered to transport students to Lake Ainsworth on Monday.

Voluntary Contributions
Voluntary contributions have been set at $30 per student or $50 per family. This money helps the school supply resources in the classroom for your child. The P&C have added an incentive: if you pay your fees by the end of Term One you will receive 10 free raffle tickets in the Mother’s Day raffle per family! Fantastic prizes to be won.

Harmony Day
In preparation for Harmony Day I have asked students to question their parents and carers about their cultural heritage. This information will launch conversations towards embracing cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. We have planned to endorse diversity by investigating celebrations in different cultures. We have asked community members to join us to cook with the students.

From Big Room
Studyladder is working well with students keen to complete set work to have a look at what I have set for them this week. Some students have already received merit awards from the studyladder site. Lake Ainsworth here we come. Just a reminder to check the list so your child has all they need for the five days. This is a fun filled excursion and I am sure all students will come home tired and full of stories. I have left work for the students in years 3-4 so they will be kept busy while I am at Lake Ainsworth with 5-6.

Seniors Celebration
Don’t forget! On Thursday, March 24th at 2pm we are holding our annual Senior Celebration. Seniors and guests are asked to wear their best Easter Bonnet! There are prizes up for grabs. Invitations are available from the office if you know someone that would enjoy this event. Afternoon tea will be provided.

From the Little Room
This week we have been busy dividing and multiplying groups of teddy bears, dinosaurs and horses. These hands on activities assist students to transfer that knowledge in real life experiences.
A message from the community! Thanks for your support Danielle.

Thank you to Belinda and Mrs Weston, who drove the students all the way to Kempsey.

**Easter Hats**
We are going to begin to make our Easter Bonnets next week. If your child would like to decorate their own hat, please send it in on Monday (or the next week, if your student is at Lake Ainsworth). If students do not bring in a hat, we will provide them with the materials to make one. The Easter Bonnets will be created at school, with school supplies.

**Dates to Remember**

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**Happy Birthday to:**
Izack 6th March

**Bookclub closes on Monday 21st March, 2016**