

The Old Bonalbo Bulletin

Work at Life



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Week 6 Term 1

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Be Safe - Be Respectful - Be a Learner

Principal's Message

We are already at the end of week 6 in the school term. Children have settled well into the classroom this year. If you would like to check in with your child's learning, please drop in to see the teachers.

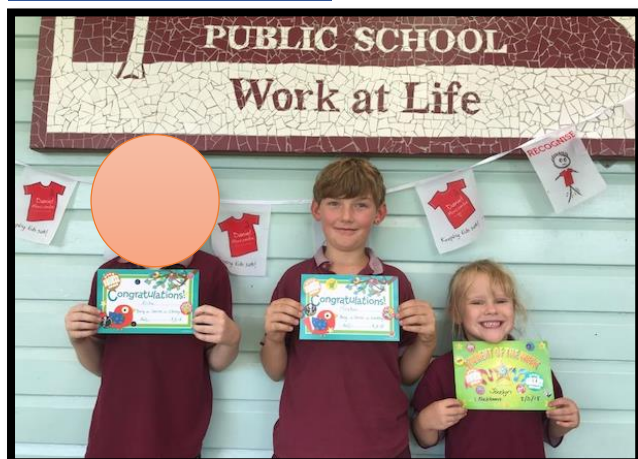
Please remember to return medical and permission forms, even if there are no changes to arrangements or permissions. If you have misplaced them, please see Mrs Tart for new forms.

Most students are returning their homework and home reader books each Monday, please remember there will be a reward morning tea at the end of the term, for those children that can show they have read for at least 25 nights in the term. Keep reading and recording!

Bronze Awards Week 5



Bronze Awards Week 6



Gymnastics

This week was our final gymnastics session for this term. Thank you to North Coast Gymnastics for a fun learning experience.

Bonalbo Show

This year, on Friday the 13th April, the last day of term 1, Old Bonalbo PS will be travelling to Bonalbo to attend the Bonalbo show. We will begin in Bonalbo learning about the working dog statue and its history. Then we will go to the show ground to have lunch and watch the dog trials. We will then tour the pavilion and see our entries. Thank you to the show representatives for making this possible. A permission note and final arrangements will be sent home closer to the date.

Basketball Hoop

The new basketball hoop is a big hit. Thanks to the sporting schools grant, we were able to purchase a new basketball hoop. Mr Roffey has assembled it securely near the paved area. Thank you, Mr Roffey. Students have had fun using the hoop.

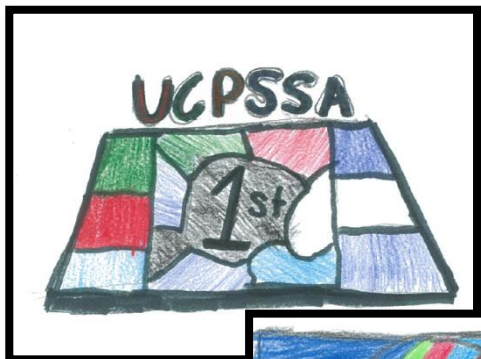


P&C AGM

The P&C AGM is on Monday 12th March. All positions are open and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Upper Clarence Primary School Sporting Association (UCPSSA) Poster Competition

The UCPSSA has asked students to design a logo to represent our Upper Clarence District, the towns and area around Bonalbo, Drake, Old Bonalbo, Tabulam, Urbenville and Woodenbong. The winning entry will be featured on the UCPSSA banner. The banner will be flown at district sporting events. The winner will be announced later this year. Here are some of our entries.



Responding to Disrespectful Behaviour

The Federal Government is urging schools to take action against bullying. They have released a new program that will be delivered through the Healthy Harold platform later in the year. Relate, Respect, Connect is an anti-bullying program teaching children how to develop healthy relationships with their peers. Parents and carers play an important role in their child's learning and development. I have included a tip sheet giving parents and carers ideas when responding to disrespectful behaviours. You can help your child understand the differences between respectful and disrespectful behaviours by encouraging them to behave respectfully towards others. Please read the flyer and have a conversation about how to treat others, with your children.

Let your children know that:

- you strongly disapprove of any type of disrespectful behaviour and you expect them to treat other people with respect
- it is their right to be treated with respect and feel safe and comfortable at school and when they are engaging in other activities they should expect other people to treat them respectfully.

Model the use of respectful communication in your family and discourage your children from behaving towards or speaking to other family members in disrespectful ways.

P&C

At the last meeting, the P&C decided to purchase and sell Cadbury Chocolates as a part of this year's fundraising efforts. We have Easter eggs in 125g packets, large Freddos and Caramello Koalas, Honey Logs and Summer Rolls available for purchase at the front office. (Please see attached flyer).



Please come and purchase your Easter chocolates from us.

If you would like a box to take and sell to your family please see Shannon, Racheal or Lisa to arrange. Your help would be much appreciated. The P&C will also be running a stall selling Easter Eggs and chocolates on Thursday 29th March at 8:45am for the students and community to buy. Prices are \$4 for 125g packet of Easter Eggs and \$1 for Freddo/Caramello bars.

** Please note that this is the only time that the chocolates will be available to purchase by the students.

Thank you for supporting the P&C.

Connecting to Country Schools Project

Our school has been included in the Connecting Country Schools (CCS) project, which is delivering upgraded wireless connectivity and internet access to more than 900 schools around the state.

Planning for installations at our school has commenced with our assigned Technical Officer from the Department's IT Directorate, who are managing this project.

CCS will deliver upgraded and reliable wireless access in all our learning spaces, assisting teachers to deliver future focused learning to prepare our students for digital age jobs.

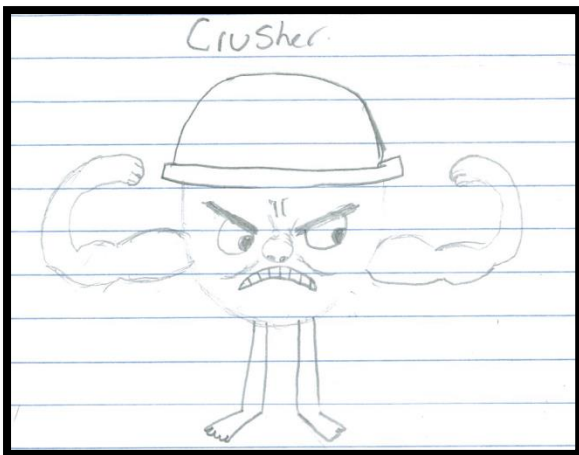
Improved wireless and internet services will also give students more chances to connect and collaborate and greater access to online knowledge databases, streaming media, educational institutions and experts.

We are working with our Technical Officer to ensure that disruptions during the installation are kept to a minimum.

Literacy

This term, the K-6 class have read 'Wind in the Willows' and 'The Magic Pudding'. In response, students have completed literacy tasks. Here are some examples:

Frog is in jail with Toad under Toad Hall. A loud crashing noise outside the jail from the police Frog and Toad were fighting. Frog and Toad are in jail for driving a stolen car. Frog is in the same room as toad. Frog has a boat parked on the canal near the bridge. Frog and Toad want to escape and get to the boat and go to Rats house. They are safe and they are staying awake so the police do not catch them. They stayed awake all night by having a pillow fight until the pillow broke "oh no," said Frog and toad. Layne



Tell Them from Me Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback for students in Year 4 – 6. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 12th March and 13th April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Monday, 12th March. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>





Old Bonalbo P&C Easter Fundraiser

The P&C has chocolates for sale at the school.

Parents, Carers and Community Members please consider purchasing your Easter Chocolates from us.

CHOOSE FROM:

- *125gram Cadbury Easter Egg Bags
- *Large Freddo Frogs and Caramello Koalas
- *Small Freddo Twin Packs
- *Honey Log and Summer Roll Europe Bars



Dates to Remember



Old Bonalbo P&C EASTER STALL

8:45am
Thursday 29th March

125gram Easter Eggs - \$4
Choose from Dairy Milk, Crunchie and Caramello

35gram Freddo - \$1
Choose from Milk, White and Popping Candy

35gram Caramello - \$1

Freddo Twin Pack - \$1
Choose from Peppermint and Strawberry

Tell your Friends and Family
Happy Easter!



Date	Event
Monday 12 th March	P&C Meeting AGM 3pm
Wednesday 14 th March	Emirane Morning Tea - Cheryl
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd March	Year 5 and 6, Lake Ainsworth camp
Wednesday 21 st March	Emirane Morning Tea - Helen
Wednesday 21 st March	Harmony Day – wear orange
Wednesday 21 st March	Shared Table
Wednesday 28 th March	Emirane Morning Tea - Geraldine
Thursday 29 th March	Easter Bonnet Parade
Thursday 29 th March	Easter Chocolate Stall at school from 8:45am
Friday 30 th March	Good Friday – Public Holiday
Sunday 1 st April	Daylight Savings Ends
Monday 2 nd April	Easter Monday – Public Holiday
Friday 6 th April	Chocolate Money Due
Wednesday 4 th April	Emirane Morning Tea - Lisa
Wednesday 11 th April	Emirane Morning Tea - Shannon
Wednesday 11 th April	Shared Table
Thursday 12 th April	Anzac Day commemoration at school
Friday 13 th – Saturday 14 th April	Bonalbo Show
Friday 13 th April	Last day of Term 1
Wednesday 25 th April	ANZAC Day
Monday 30 th April	First day back for Teachers
Tuesday 1 st May	First day for students Term 2

