

# 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**

### Principals' Message

The school is partaking in a whole school approach to Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is an educational process that brings together the whole-school community to contribute to developing a positive, safe and supportive learning culture. The PBL framework assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and young people.

PBL is a process, not a program.

When PBL is implemented well, teachers and students have more time to focus on relationships and classroom instruction.

Students and staff benefit from:

- reduced problem behaviour
- increased time focused on instruction
- improved social-emotional wellbeing
- positive and respectful relationships among students and staff
- better support for teachers to teach, model and respond effectively to student needs
- a predictable learning environment where staff and students know what is expected to deliver effective practices that can be sustained over time.

Staff have commenced initiating this program and parent/carer and community input will be sought in the coming months.

If you have any questions about, or would like to discuss your child's learning - please make an appointment to speak to your child's classroom teacher at the front office. We are more than happy to have these conversations.

### P & C News

#### **P&C AGM**

Our next **P&C AGM** will be held on **Tues 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020** in the school library @ 3.30pm.

Everyone in the community is welcome – please come and join your local P&C – new members are always needed & appreciated.

The P&C Purpose:

- "To promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close cooperation: and
- To assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school"

Our P&C assists with resourcing the school, assisting with excursion costs and being advocates of our successes.

The P&C is only as strong as its' membership. The P&C meets twice per term, focuses primarily on fund raising and promotions. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the Month and start at 3:30pm in the school library.

Sharing thoughts, ideas, enthusiasm are all steps toward enhancing our school within our community. Come and share a tea or coffee at the meeting.

**Centenary celebrations 11<sup>th</sup> April 2020** – please notify the school if you are willing to assist with this function.

The P&C are also starting organisation for the **Annual Fireworks on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020** – please notify the school if you are willing to assist for this function.



## Tell them from me

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 survey. 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. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our 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 9 March and 8 May. 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 13 March 2020. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

## Easter Raffle

We are holding an Easter Raffle as a fundraiser for our students' Brisbane Excursion and are asking all school families and friends to donate something yummy to add to our basket of goodies. Raffle tickets will be sent home in the coming week. Tickets

will also be available to purchase at the school, Post Office and various businesses around Bonalbo.

Please return ticket butts and money to school prior to the 8<sup>th</sup> April. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 8th April at the school Easter Fun Day.



## Kitchen Garden Program – Shared Table

The students have planted snow peas as part of the Science unit they are studying – Living Things. This week has shown the peas starting to pop up out of the garden bed. These peas will be a great snack for the students as well as a great ingredient for our salads.

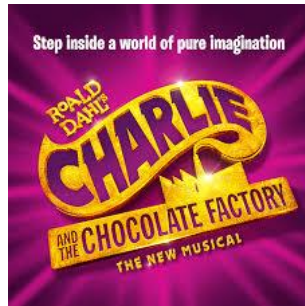
Our next shared table is for **the students only on the 19<sup>th</sup> March**. Students will be creating, making and cooking their own individual pizzas. Please ensure you send your child to school with **\$2** for the day. This money goes back into the program so we are able to purchase ingredients and gardening tools and seeds.

This program enables students to have a further appreciation of produce to plate as well as having students practise skills such as preparing a meal to eat - also serve, setting and clearing tables, planning a menu and socialising with the broader community.

### Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Excursion

Notes have gone home for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Excursion. Could I please have those notes in as soon as possible. Money is due by **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. Thank you to those parents/carers who have already brought back notes and have paid for the excursion.

The P&C Association has subsidised \$20 per student for this excursion. We thank them for their continued support in helping to provide experiences for our students.



### Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February Old Bonalbo Public School participated *Clean Up Australia Day*. The students walked the block around our school cleaning up rubbish and then our school grounds. The students reported that their community and school should receive an award for how clean the area is. They had minimal rubbish to clean up with the rubbish they did collect being glass and food wrappers. Keep up the great work of keeping our local area clean. Well done everyone.



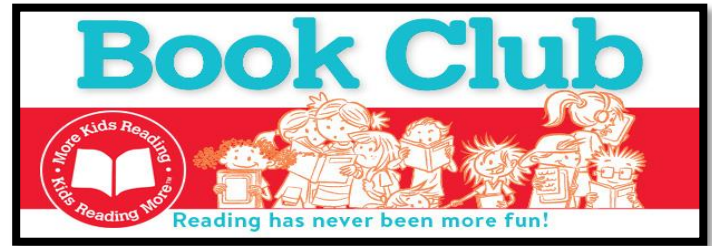
### School Uniform

We have a full stock of uniforms in all sizes. This includes a new stock of hats. We are a sun safe school and that means students are required to wear a wide brim school hat. If you require additional uniforms please see Miss Clarke in the front office on Monday through to Thursday mornings.



### Book Club

Students are welcome to add any books, from the book club catalogue, they would like for the library to the list on the library door. When you purchase a book from book club the school receives a reward that we can use to purchase books.



### School Banking

The School Banking program provides a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good saving habits.



School Banking encourages children to regularly deposit money into their Youthsaver account and earn silver Dollarmite tokens, which can then be redeemed for an exciting reward through our School Banking Rewards Program. Please see Miss Clarke if you would like your child to bank. Friday is banking day.

### Centenary Celebrations

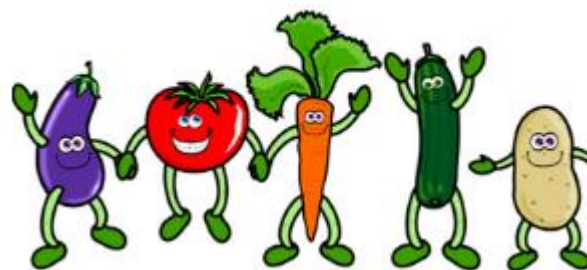
Only 5 weeks until the School Centenary Celebration. Students will be practising songs which we will perform on the day. Attached to this newsletter is the flyer for the day as well as the Commemorative Centenary paver order. This order is for individuals or families that wish to purchase a paver that will be part of our school forever in our Centenary Commemorative Area. This area will be unveiled on the centenary celebration day. Pavers ordered from this point on will be placed after the school holidays.

Could you please also complete the flyer page and return to the school so we are able to determine numbers for the day for catering purposes. If you would like extra flyers/forms please see Jenny in the front office.

**Next Meeting Saturday 21st March  
10am at the school library**







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### Advertisement

If you have an upcoming event and would like to advertise in the school newsletter, please have information to the front office by Thursday each week.



### Harmony Day

Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. The message of Harmony Day is '**everyone belongs**', the Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.

On **March 20<sup>th</sup>** students can dress in their cultural attire or orange. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. Wearing orange, shows support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.



### Stem Share VR Systems

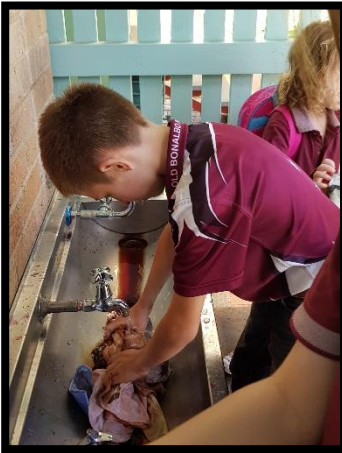
This term the students have had the opportunity to experience Virtual Reality Headsets through the Departments Stem Share Project. We have had some technology hiccups along the way, however the students have been very patient with this and with the teachers learning about this new technology as well. Students have been able to have such experiences as visiting other countries, exploring the depths of the ocean as well as a range of World War Tours. These experiences add to the learning of the students in a way that is engaging and informative. The kit unfortunately will need to be returned but we are able to book it again later in the term.





## Tie-Dyed Art

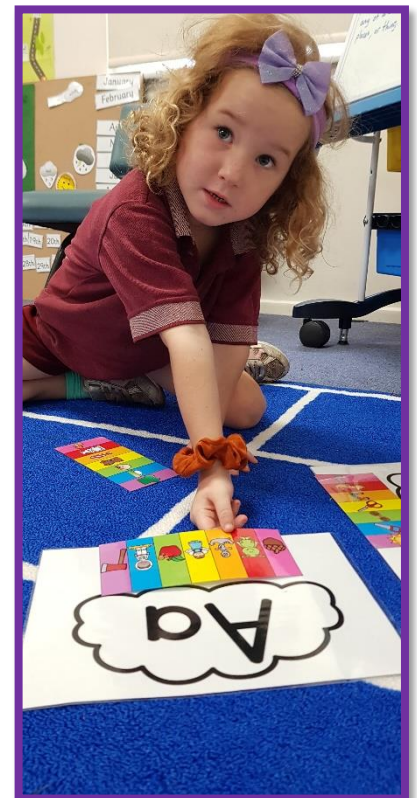
In Art the students have been studying the art of tie-dying fabric. The students researched and watched videos on how to section fabric and bind it tightly with thread or rubber bands in order for the fabric to resist the dye solution. The way in which you section off the fabric and tie it determines the pattern that is created once the dying process has been completed. The students then trialled the technique on their Library bags. The results were amazing.





### Learning in the Junior Room

The students have been working very hard in the Junior Room. There has been lots of fine motor activities such as making playdough into the letter of the day, their name and the numbers they are learning. They have been sorting Numbers 1-10 in order and using animal counters to work on one to one counting. As well as completing some amazing reading and writing activities. Well done and keep up the great work!



## What's On this Term

Date	Event
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	P&C AGM Meeting – 3:30pm in school Library
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Transition to Highschool Pool Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Shared table – students only
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Harmony Day – dress in your culture or wear orange
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Centenary Meeting 10am in School Library. All Welcome!
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Charlie and The Chocolate Factory Excursion – K-6
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Fun Day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	LAST Day of School
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	School Centenary Celebrations
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff return
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Students return
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	School ANZAC Ceremony
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	5/6 Brisbane Camp – West of the range schools
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Life Education Van