

The Old Bonalbo Bulletin

Work at Life



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Week 1 Term 2

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Principals' Message

Welcome back to school for another term of learning and fun. We hope you all have had a lovely and safe Easter break. We have a busy term planned with lots of events occurring. Please make sure you put the *Dates to remember* on your fridge or calendar. This is updated each Newsletter.

Thank you to all those that came and assisted in the moving of the classrooms in the holidays. It was much appreciated. Mrs Moore's room is set up and looks amazing. The SMART TV was installed on Wednesday and has now completed the room. The Library is still a work in progress and we are still waiting on some furniture to arrive.

Students worked hard last term earning their DOJO dollars. This will continue this term with the DOJO Shopping day and reward lunch in Week 9.

Homework will continue this term with Spelling and Fast Maths. This term the students will also have a maths book where they are to complete a page each week. They will also have a reading log book to log what they are reading. These books go towards the Premiers Reading Challenge which finishes in August.

The CWA country of study this year is Papua New Guinea. If you are knowledgeable on this country or have visited the country I would love to hear from you.

Transition to Kindergarten will start on Tuesday 21st May. If you would like your child to attend or know of someone who has a child ready for school next year please contact the front office or see Miss Petty/Mrs Moore for further information.

Miss Kandas Petty

P & C Easter Raffle



Thank you to those families and community members who donated Easter eggs and goodies and also to those who purchased tickets. The raffle raised just over \$465! All money is being donated to help cover the cost of the Canberra Excursion.

Winners of the Easter Raffle:

1st Prize: Les Whitney

2nd Prize: Murray McQueen

3rd prize: Rod Cowley

Next P&C Meeting: Tuesday 7th May, 3:30pm in the new school Library – All welcome.

Kitchen Garden Program – Shared Table

The Kitchen Garden Program will be running this term. Dates are Thursday May 16th, May 30th and June 13th. The cost for the Shared Table is \$2 each day, \$6 for the term. We invite parents/carers and community members to come and share a meal prepared & cooked by the students. Students are enjoying the experience of cooking and trying a range of different foods.

Canberra Excursion

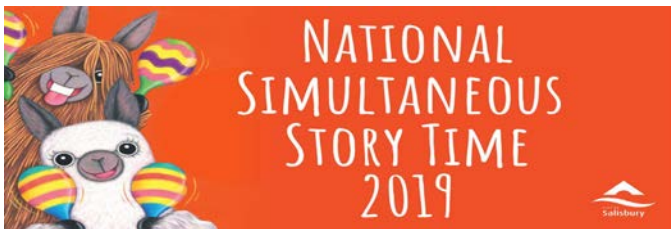
Canberra excursion is Week 10 of this term. Please see attached further information on the excursion and what will be required to pack. Parents/carers are encouraged to make weekly/fortnightly payments for the excursion to the front office. All money is required by Friday 21st June. The total cost of the excursion is \$100 per child.

NAPLAN

The assessment window for NAPLAN Online is extended from three days provided for the paper test to nine days. This is to give schools more flexibility in scheduling and accommodate schools that may have fewer devices. The NAPLAN Online assessment window starts on **Tuesday 14 May** and finishes on Friday 24 May 2019.

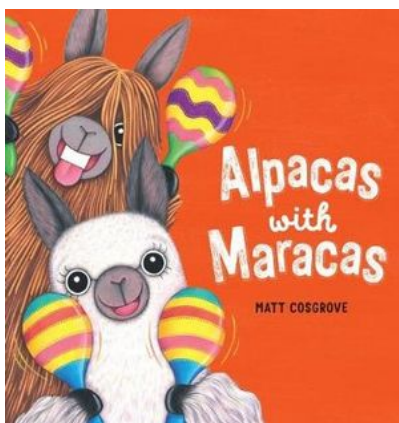
Physical Education

This term we have lots of Physical education happening. We have our district cross-country in Week 2 (10th May) which is held at Bonalbo Showgrounds. We have a touch football coach and a squash coach coming out to do sessions with us at school and then have a session at a squash court later in the term. Each morning we are having a focus on physical education as well. There will be skipping for Jump rope for heart, cricket skills for our Cricket Mascot Challenge along with some Brain Gym and Gross Motor Movements.



Simultaneous Story Time

This year our simultaneous Storytime will be on May 22nd. The story this year is Alpacas with Maracas. There is special surprise for this book, however, I am not giving it away! You will need to wait until the day.



Library

Please remember, each Monday is Library day. We will use this time to borrow and explore the wonderful world of books. Students can borrow books from the mobile library and the school library. Please have a library bag for students to put books into.

Adopt a Farmer Day

The Department of Education is supporting the 'Adopt A Farmer' initiative to be held across the nation on Wednesday 8 May 2019 (Week 2, Term 2).

As you are no doubt aware, farming communities are doing it tough with crippling drought in NSW and Victoria and both drought and flooding rains in Queensland. We have all been touched by the tough conditions farmers, their families, their animals and communities are experiencing.

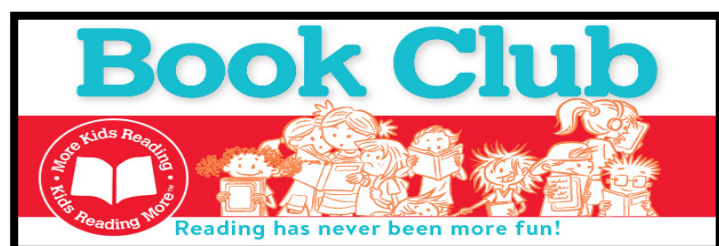
Continuing this good work, there is an ambitious goal – to have a gold coin mufti day drive on Wednesday May 8 2019, to raise \$800,000 nationally. All proceeds will go to farmers.

Registered charity, Rural Aid will collect the funds. The charity had huge success with the Buy a Bale campaign, which has distributed over \$10 million worth of fodder to farmers around Australia. Rural Aid will put \$100 on 8,000 Visa gift cards and mail them to the farmers already registered with them. The recipients can spend the cash in their local communities. It isn't just farmers struggling but town cafes, barbers and other shops in desperate need of a cash injection to help support jobs and services.

Students are invited to wear mufti to school on Wednesday 8th May and bring along a gold coin. The school will also host a cake stall on the day for students to purchase items for 50cents.

Book Club

Students are welcome to add any books, from the book club catalogue that 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.



Woolworths Earn and Learn



It is that time of the year where we are asking families and communities to collect the Woolworths earn and learn stickers for our school. These stickers assist the school in purchasing new equipment in the areas of science, technology, maths, arts and more! We would love it if you could collect these stickers and either send to them to the school or place in the Old Bonalbo box at Casino Woolworths.

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 Dollarmites tokens, which can then be redeemed for an exciting reward through our School Banking Rewards Program. Please see Mrs Tart or Miss Clarke if you would like your child to bank. Friday is banking day.

Uniforms

With the cooler weather please remember to send your children with jumpers. Please ensure their names are on all belongings. Please come and see Mrs Tart or Miss Clarke in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday mornings, if anyone requires new uniforms. Reminder that we are a Sunsafe school, therefore all students must wear broad brimmed hats when in the sun.



P&C Fireworks

Our P&C do a wonderful job of supporting our school, fundraising through many events. The biggest fundraiser is nearly upon us. The fireworks will be held on June 8th at the Bonalbo Show grounds. This is a fantastic night, with a chocolate wheel with many prizes up for grabs. The fireworks are spectacular. If you are able to assist the P&C members on the night could you please see our President; Shannon Whittaker.



Centenary Celebrations

The Centenary committee are still seeking photos and information to go in the Centenary book. If you have stories or experiences, you would like to share in the book, could you please send them to the front office. All information and photos are much appreciated.

Working Bee on the 18th May at 10:00am at the school to start sorting items for the book. All welcome!

Save the date 11th April 2020





Bonalbo Show

The 91st Bonalbo Show will be held on **Friday 3 and Saturday 4 May 2019** at Bonalbo Showgrounds. The students have entered a variety of artwork and cooking items this year. We wish all the students the best of luck with the judging. If you can it would be great to take the children to the show on Saturday. On Saturday the Kids Bouncy Rodeo will be performing 4 shows across the day, and the rodeo will be available for kids to play on between shows. The Young Farmers Challenge will be held in the Led Cattle area in the afternoon, and this is always an entertaining event.

There is also a showcasing of a range of horse events; elsewhere on the grounds is a Pen Cattle competition, Led Cattle Judging, a Poultry competition, Heavy Horse competition and a Dogs NSW judging event. Visit the Pavilion to view the exceptional local produce, cooking, handcraft and artworks, along with cut flowers and horticulture.

Market stalls with a range of items are located between the Pavilion and the BBQ and Luncheon Pavilion, where a sit-down meal is available, or takeaway food can be eaten at the picnic tables or on the stands overlooking the main ring. There is plenty to see and do, so come along and enjoy the Show.

Dairy Farm Adventure

Old Bonalbo Public School has signed up for the Dairy Farm Adventure this term. Dairy Australia's **Farm Safety Adventure** is an exciting new school-based initiative that focuses on keeping our rural communities safe through an interactive portal for students. Safety and procedures are a big part of our everyday lives, the Dairy Australia portal aims to make learning about safety fun, whilst providing a cognitive learning platform for the students. The program is intended to educate primary school students with the online portal being the focus, however there are other engaging activities for the students to get involved in over the term. The students have received cow pens and a cow keychain from Dairy Australia as part of the program. The students also have the chance to enter competitions to win prizes that we will be looking further into as the program develops.



Old Bonalbo PS welcomes all 2020 Kindergarten students to attend their Kindy Orientation Days!

Students are invited to attend school on the following days. For more information, please call the school on 6665 3124.

Tuesday 14 th May	9:00am– 11:00am
Tuesday 21 st May	9:00am– 11:00am
Tuesday 28 th May	9:00am– 11:00am
Tuesday 4 th June	9:00am– 11:00am
Tuesday 11 th June	9:00am– 11:00am
Tuesday 18 th June	9:00am– 11:00am
Tuesday 25 th June	9:00am– 11:00am