

The Old Bonalbo Bulletin

Work at Life



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Be Safe - Be Respectful - Be a Learner

Principals' Message

WOW! What a time we are living in. We have been through drought, fires, floods and now a pandemic!

I would like to say a huge thank you to our parents/carers for taking on the role of not only a parent/carer but also an educator. A fellow teacher of NSW wrote this poem for the families and I would love to express that we all feel the same way.

*You stepped in when times were tough,
When things were uncertain and very rough.
When we couldn't have our classes with us,
You connected them from home, without a fuss.
You supported your children to learn and grow,
Sometimes it was hard, this we know.
We loved working hand in hand,
To help your children understand.
Now it is time to return to school,
We have missed seeing their smiling faces,
And hearing learning happening in our classroom spaces.
Although, it is our turn again.
We don't want our collaboration to end.
We know working with you is the best.
Now we are tagging in, it's your time to rest.
Thank you, families, for all you have done.
You really are number one!*

Some things to be noted

Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can't go ahead for now.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly hand washing
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

What students can do:

- Engage in learning activities as directed by staff
- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities

What students can't do:

- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Engage in contact sporting activities
- Inter-school activities
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers/visitors
- Drink from a water bubbler – **please ensure children are bringing their own drink bottle**

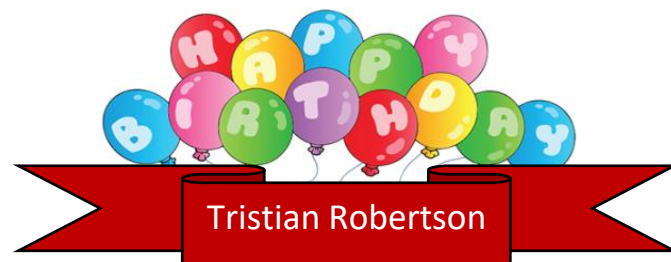
Non-essential visitors to the school are still not permitted at this stage – Student drop off and pickup at the front or back gate – but please phone if you need us and we will be more than happy to assist.

School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Schools will undertake enhanced cleaning and increase hygiene supplies. Bathrooms have hand wash and paper towels, classrooms have hand sanitiser and disinfectant wipes, and equipment, such as computers, will be wiped between use, as will their desks and belongings in the classroom.

We are grateful for your help and assistance and understanding in this time.

Please contact the school if you wish to discuss your child's situation or have any questions.



Picasso Cow Program

Dairy Australia's Picasso Cows program is an interactive educational program designed to educate primary school-aged children about the Australian dairy industry as well as the health and nutritional benefits of dairy foods.

For over 10 years the Picasso Cows program has taught primary school aged students about the Australian dairy industry, its products, health and nutritional benefits, farming practices and manufacturing processes - all while decorating a life-size fibreglass cow!

Old Bonalbo Public School has continually applied, and this year have been successful. Being a dairy community, the students, families and community are excited to see this program at our school. We will be receiving a blank fibreglass cow (almost life size!!!) in the next 2 weeks, to be designed and decorated, while learning about the Australian dairy industry.

The program is supported by a suite of FREE curriculum linked resources for teachers, found on the Discover Dairy website, across two key themes of Farm to Plate and Health & Nutrition which will tie in with the learning students will be undertaking in regular classes. The school will create a Picasso Cows learning journal, documenting and showcasing students' learning and engagement with their chosen theme and then enter into the competition for the school and students to have the opportunity to win some amazing prizes.

The cow that the school will be receiving.



Some previous entries

Kangaloon Primary School
Kangaloon, NSW



Hallam Primary School
Hallam, VIC



St Michael's Primary School
Deniliquin, NSW



Students have been working hard in our zoom sessions and now back at school learning about;

- The history of dairy farming in Australia and Old Bonalbo,
- What jobs dairy farmers have other than milking,
- What breeds of dairy cows there are and where they are suited to,
- How cows produce milk,
- What dairy products comes from cows,
- The nutrition of dairy products and the value of a healthy balanced diet.

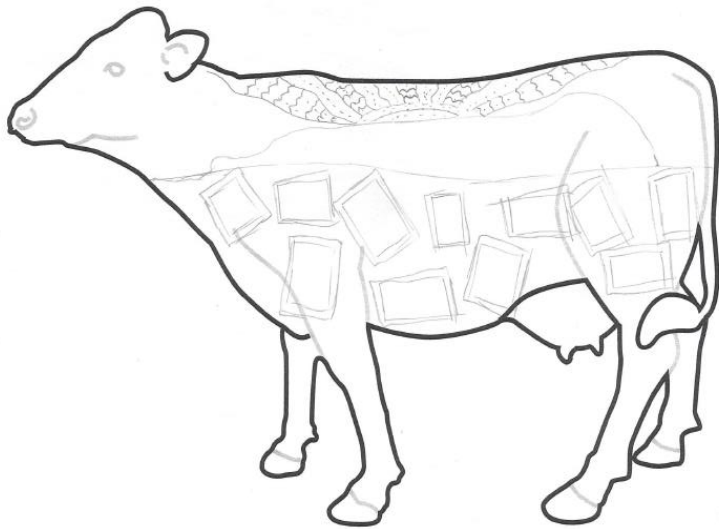
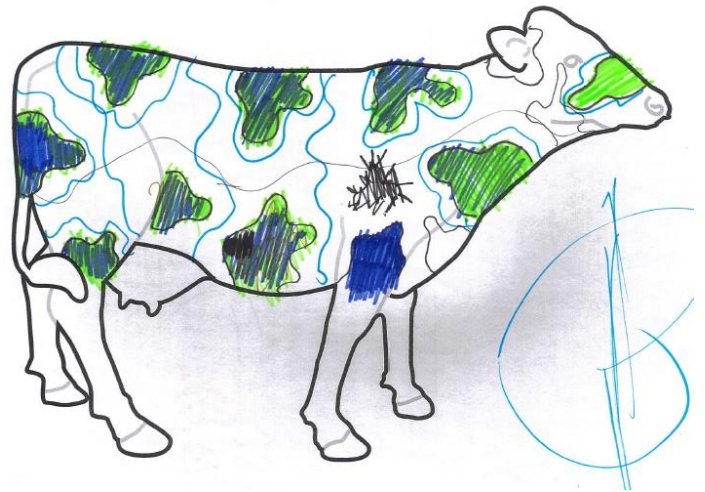
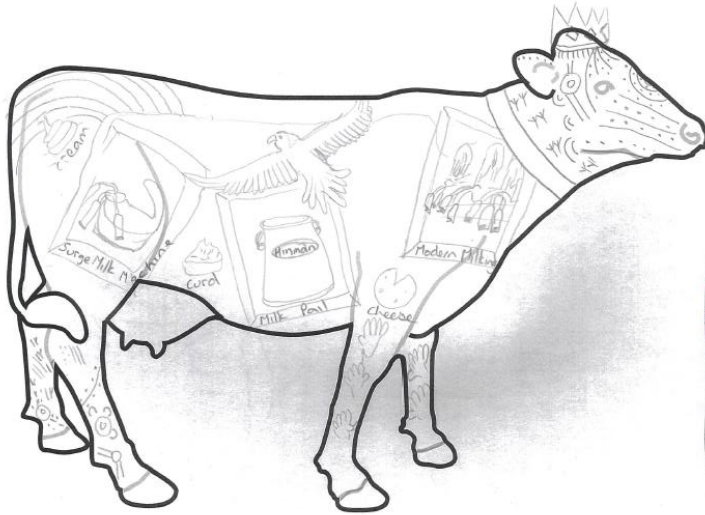
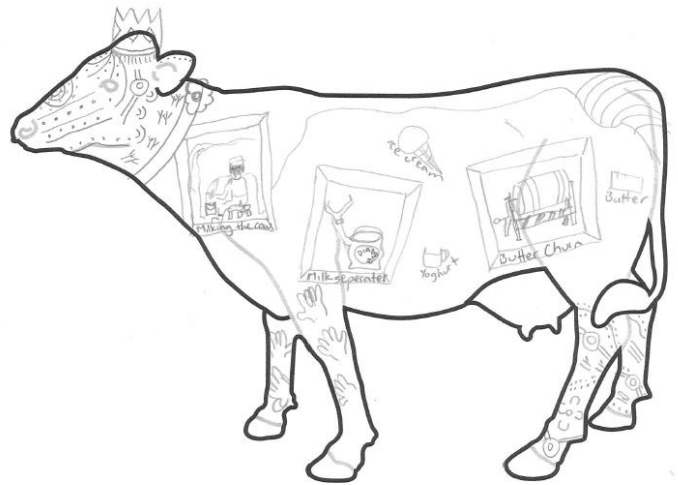
We will continue to explore this unit of work of Farm to Plate as the term continues.

As part of the program the students were required to name the cow. There was much conversation at times debating of what the cow should be called. After 4 weeks of going back and forth and eliminating names on the list, (such a process with 13 students ranging from Kindy to 6, let me tell you!), the students came up with:

Old Bonnie Queen Nooligah

We are very proud of this name and that the students collaboratively came to this decision for the name. Well done!

The students have started the design process for the ideas they have for painting the cow. We have talked about our history here at Old Bonalbo and how we can incorporate that along with the content we are learning about Dairy farming. Below are the beginning ideas for the ideas of the cow. These ideas will grow and become one idea as the term continues.



P & C News

P&C Meetings are on hold until volunteers and other personnel are permitted on school grounds. Unfortunately, our annual Fireworks is not able to go ahead this year but that just ensures that we are able to make next years' bigger and better. If you have any query or concern please phone the school.

School Pie Drive

It is getting colder and what better way to raise funds for the school and get warm at the same time than have a Pie Drive! The pies are family pies from King's Pie cart in Casino. Please find the order form attached in this week's newsletter.

Money and orders are required in by **Thursday 18th June**. Pies will be available for pickup the following Wednesday 24th June at the school.

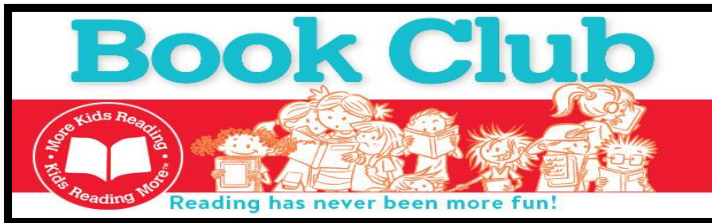
School Uniform

Winter uniforms are available for sale if required. Please phone the school or send a note in. Thankyou.



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.



Breakfast Program and Crunch&Sip

Old Bonalbo Breakfast program provides students with toast and a range of spreads as well as fruit on the arrival of students to school. Breakfast has been suggested to positively affect the learning in children in terms of behaviour, cognitive and school performance.

Crunch&Sip is a primary school nutrition program, developed to increase the quantities of vegetables, fruits and water being consumed. It is an easy way to help kids stay healthy and happy!

Crunch&Sip is a set time during the school day for students to eat vegetables and fruit and drink water in the classroom. Students bring vegetables and/or fruit and a clear water bottle to school each day for the Crunch&Sip break.

This term Bonalbo Foodworks will be sponsoring the schools' breakfast program and Crunch&Sip. We thank them for their support.

Breakfast Club and Crunch&Sip will resume next week – Week 6.



**Breakfast and Crunch&Sip Programs
Sponsored by Bonalbo**



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 Miss Clarke if you would like your child to bank. **Thursday** is banking day.

What's On this Term

Date	Event
27 th May	Simultaneous Read Day
Thursday 18 th June	Money and Orders returned for Pie Drive
Wednesday 24 th June	Pickup for Pie Orders
Monday 8 th June	Public Holiday – Queens Birthday
Friday 3 rd July	Last Day of school
Monday 20 th July	Staff return to school Term 3
Tuesday 21 st July	1 st Day of school Term 3