Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week Bonville Public School was host to four Year 11 refugee students from Coffs Harbour High School. Nawid Ali, Grace Ruganiza, Yordanos Tesfamichael and Somaye Hamidiyan were special guests during our school’s Harmony Day celebrations. Each student had a compelling story to share about their journey to Australia via other countries including Iran and Indonesia. Nawid Ali was eleven years old when he arrived in Australia alone. He was chosen by his family in Afghanistan to leave the war torn nation with his uncle. Nawid spent 9 months in an Indonesian refugee camp in squalid conditions before arriving in Australia. These students were chosen by UN officials to leave refugee camps and be settled in Australia as they were identified as being ‘at risk’. The students assisted in classrooms with Harmony Day activities, making kites. Before the Afghan war began, Gudiparan bazi (kite flying) was a common hobby of many Afghans throughout Afghanistan. It was a form of sport that many took to the status of art. From the designs and sizes of kites to the making of unbreakable tar (wire), for many this became a matter of honour to compete in who’s who among the best kite fighters in their neighbourhood. Bonville students had a wonderful time flying their kites.

SRC School Social

Last Thursday evening the first school social for the year was held. Over $270 was raised at the social which will go towards the McGrath Foundation. Our school will be holding a Pink Stumps day on Wednesday 9th April to raise further funds. Parents are welcome from 1.50pm.

This week’s focus – TOES!

When we use our toes we are balanced. We balance our own responsibilities.

Bouquet of flowers

Thank you to the Year 11 Coffs Harbour High School students for assisting with our Harmony Day celebrations. Also we would like to thank our parents who attended the Harmony Day celebrations and assisted in the classrooms with the kite making. Thank you Jaye Gilchrist for your wonderful support of the library!

$1 a scoop ice-cream SRC fundraiser

The SRC will be selling ice-cream this Thursday at recess and lunch.

Easter Raffle

Bonville PS is holding an Easter Raffle. There are still plenty of tickets available if you require more to sell. Tickets are $1 each. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11th April. Donations of Easter Eggs are most appreciated.
AFL stars
Congratulations to both Peter and Zach for their outstanding effort trying out for the MNC AFL. Peter was successful in gaining a position in the MNC team. He will now compete at the NC AFL trials. Good luck Pete!

Kindergarten Assembly
Kindergarten assembly will be held this Thursday from 2:20pm in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Pink Stumps Family Fun Day
Our Pink Stumps Family Fun Day for the McGrath Foundation has been postponed until Wednesday 9th April (last week of Term 1). We invite parents and community to our school for a BBQ lunch followed by an afternoon of community cricket. Please keep this date free. Further information will be forthcoming!

Small school, big family, great results!
Have a wonderful week!

Michael Hepi
Principal

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