Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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The Art Exhibition

Last year each student developed a particular piece of art at school for the purpose of sale as a P&C fundraiser and a Bonville community event. The art exhibition was a resounding success. We hope to repeat this success again this year. The P&C seek your support and donations of artwork for auctioning and sale. If you have an artistic talent or know someone who does and would like to showcase this talent at the art exhibition please contact Trish in the office and leave your contact details.

The art exhibition will be held on Wednesday 20th August in the Memorial Hall.
All art donations can be left at the office.

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The Bonville Public School Athletics Carnival was held last Friday in blustery conditions. Thank you to the many Bonville PS community members who were able to come along and support the children. The Toormina District carnival will be held on Monday 28th July for those students who were successful at the school carnival. Notes will be issued as early as possible. Also, many thanks to Megan O’Connor and her active band of volunteers who, with short notice, ensured there was plenty on offer in the canteen for adults during the carnival.

Our parent race!

Jack launching a discus!

Senior Boys and Girls!

Earlier in the year the school established a ‘School Improvement’ committee comprising of staff and community members. The committee will be meeting this term to discuss and work on the new 3 year school plan comprising of the 5 Ps – Purpose, People, Processes, Products and Practices. Please keep an eye out in the newsletter for the impending meeting. New committee members are always welcome.

The Touch Football Gala-day will be held this Friday at Geoff King Park, formerly Advocate Park. The children have been training for a number of months and we hope to give our opponents greater competition this year.

English ICAS is coming up on Tuesday 29th July. Practice tests will go home this week for those students who are competing.

P&C News
Don’t forget the Coffs Bike Challenge meeting this Wednesday 23rd July in the library from 6pm.
Education Week Activities
Education Week is held in Week 3, next week. To celebrate this event, Bonville Public School invites you to attend a BBQ breakfast from 7:30-8:30am on Tuesday 29th July and visit the Book-Fair in the library. Grandparents are also invited to attend morning tea and have a picnic with their grandchildren.

Advance Notice
Please be aware that the school will be closed this year for the half day gazetted Public Holiday for the Coffs Harbour Race Day on Thursday 7th August. Students will need to be collected BEFORE 12 noon as the school will be closed. Bus companies have advised that they WILL NOT be picking students up at 12noon and alternative transport arrangements will need to be made.

Term 3 Class News
Kindergarten is continuing our unit of work about Personal and Family Histories. We are looking at photographs of family life past and present and comparing them. We are also learning our songs for our school production at the end of the term. We have a busy term ahead.

In Term 3 Year 1/2 will study ‘The Past in the Present’. The children will identify and describe significant people, events, places and sites in the local community over time. They will study Bonville Public School, identifying historical features present in the school and their significance to today. The children will also examine a local Aboriginal site, the Bongil Bongil National Park.

This term Year 2 will be investigating reading and writing large numbers, addition and subtraction strategies, the calendar, half and quarter turns, chance and data and graphing. Year 3 will be continuing with multiplication, addition and subtraction strategies, time, angles, chance and data and graphs. In HSIE we will be continuing our unit on First Contacts and starting work on celebrations. Our Art will be based around indigenous art in preparation for our Art Exhibition and we will be working hard learning the songs for our musical, “What A Knight”.

Class 4/5 are continuing our study of the First Fleet and Aboriginal Australia. Students have enjoyed researching what life was like in London prior to the colonisation of Australia, as well as gaining an insight into the lives and perspectives of the convicts, first settlers and Aboriginal people in the early colonial days. We are investigating the diverse culture, traditions and dream time stories of Aboriginal Australia, as well as exploring continuity and change in Australia as a nation. This term we are writing imaginative texts and learning to use digital technologies such as animation and movie making to publish our creative writing. As part of our resilience program, 4/5 have also embraced the 7 Habits of Happy Kids and Highly Effective people.

This term Class 5/6 will continue studying Aboriginal people, places and events as part of HSIE. In English, the focus on writing will be Imaginative Texts, writing dream-time stories. All students are currently reading the novel ‘Two Hands Together’ by Diana Kidd with emphasis on the Super 6 Strategies – monitoring, visualising, making connections, summarising, predicting and questioning. Maths will cover topics including: working with decimals, solving addition and subtraction problems, consolidating the understanding of time, and using written methods for multiplication. There will also be a very strong emphasis on timetables. Additionally, some students will benefit from having visual posters of timetables up in the home somewhere. The children will be representing Aboriginal art in preparation for the Art Exhibition. 5/6 students are also required to learn their lines for the school musical ‘What a Knight’ which will be performed in Week 10 this term.

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Stay warm!

Michael Hepi
Principal

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