Dear Parents and Caregivers,

With Term 1 coming to a close, staff at Bonville PS wish to thank everyone for their ongoing support of our wonderful school and of the excellent programs we offer all students.

On Thursday Mr Graeme Ross, DEC Principal School Leadership Officer, visited the school. Mr Ross walked around visiting classrooms and engaging in conversation with children and staff. Mr Ross commented on the great work the staff were involved in and made particular reference to the outstanding students we have at Bonville Public School. On Wednesday, principals from across the Coffs Harbour Network were involved in professional learning around School Planning and the Performance and Development Framework. Bonville’s School Plan is currently in the final phase of being endorsed by the Director of Public Schools, Coffs Harbour. Once the Director has endorsed the school plan it will be presented in detail to the P&C and be made available on the school’s website. The Performance and Development Framework is a new way of ensuring the best teachers are attracted, inducted, developed and recognised in a high performing workforce that is ‘public education’. Bonville staff already display many of the characteristics of a high performing workforce through being collaborative, very supportive and being committed to a positive culture of ongoing learning as individuals and as a team. On Friday I attended the Clarence Coffs Harbour Principals meeting in Woolgoolga. Throughout the day principals were briefed by lawyers from Legal Aid around child custody issues and principal responsibilities. Additionally, representatives from the DEC gave an update on recent changes to the DEC Student Attendance Policy. Changes to the new DEC Attendance Policy will be distributed early next term through the newsletter.

Last Friday’s ‘MARKET DAY’ saw 3 families selling produce. What a great way of buying local, fresh fruit and vegetables and socialising with other families. We hope you can all get behind the Market Days next term.

Don’t forget, this Thursday will be the Easter Hat Parade. The hat parade will commence at 9:30am followed by the Easter Raffle draw. So far we have raised $280 from the raffle. Please keep those tickets coming in.

**Harmony Day**

On Thursday Bonville celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day is where inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone is recognised. The students looked great dressed in the costume of their ancestors. What a great display of multi-cultural and the diversity of the backgrounds of Bonville students. During the morning I told the story of Ruby Bridges. Ruby was a 6 year in November 1960 who became the first African American to desegregate an elementary (primary) school in New Orleans. November 1960 who became the first African American to desegregate an elementary (primary) school in New Orleans. Flanked by US Marshalls for protection, a 6 year old Ruby walked into the school grounds amid abuse from adults and their children. As she entered the school building Ruby was greeted with absolute silence. There were no students and only 1 teacher remained. All the students and staff stayed away in protest. What a compelling story. How lucky our students are! Today, at the age of 66 Ruby and the teacher who greeted her, Barbara Henry occasionally meet up. Ruby is now a lawyer and Human Rights activist.

**Bouquet of flowers**

Thank you Carol Sampson and Jackie (Ollie and Nancy’s Nan from England) for ensuring the Meal Deal day went smoothly. Nicole Bennett donated freshly made cupcakes to the canteen. Apparently the cupcakes were very tasty!

**P&C needs your HELP!**

The Rotary Bookfest is an annual fundraiser for the South Coffs Rotary Club. The Bookfest is held at the Coffs Harbour Show grounds between Saturday 11th April and Saturday 18th April. Over the past couple of years Bonville Public School P&C have played an active role in ‘set-up’ and ‘pack-up’ of the Bookfest. The P&C urgently requests your assistance on Tuesday 7th April through to Friday 10th April at the Norm Jordan Pavilion, Coffs Harbour Show ground, to help with set-up. Through its involvement, the Bonville P&C has been able to support the school with additional resources to improve teaching and learning. This year we hope to receive, from Rotary, funds to support iPads for each classroom. Additional support is also required for pack-up on Saturday 18th April. This is a major fundraiser for the P&C. We look forward to your support!

Please contact the school and leave your details if you can assist.

**Parent Workshop – Bonville PS A Centre for Learning!**

21st Century Learning! What is it? What does it look like at Bonville Public School? How does it benefit my child?

Please come along to the next Parent Information Workshop being held on Wednesday 6th May 6-7pm in the library.

Please keep those tickets coming in.
Congratulations Bonville Public School. Last Thursday’s School Social was the last fundraising event for Pink Stumps. The Student Representative Council (SRC) did a tremendous job running the social. The event raised $200.50. A final total of $720.70 has been raised and will be forwarded to the McGrath Foundation ASAP. Thank you to everyone who has played a role in making this total possible.

The school social was a fantastic event!

Congratulations Ben Keough
Recently Ben attended Little Athletics NSW, State Track & Field Championships at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre. He performed exceptionally well and the Bonville Public School community is extremely proud of him. Ben’s results are below.

**70m Sprint - U9**
1st in the heat out of 8 with a time of 10.77.
4th overall in Final out of 24 with a time of 10.60.

**100m Sprint**
4th in the heat out of 8 with a time of 15.20.
9th overall in the heats out of 24. Missed out by 1 place of getting into the Final.

**High Jump**
10th out of 26 with a height of 1.05.

**Long Jump**
13th out of 24 with a distance of 3.33.

**4 x 100 Junior Relay**
8th out of 8 & they got a new PB!
Ben was the 2nd runner & youngest team member.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) - REMINDER
Bonville PS has a proud history of student participation and achievement in ICAS. Permission notes and payment for Digital Technologies are **due by Thursday 2nd April** (last day of Term 1). Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics are **due by Friday 1st May** (Week 2, Term 2).

School Photos - REMINDER
A reminder that school photo envelopes have been sent home. Please return envelopes to school with payment. School photos will be held on **Friday 24th April** (Week 1, Term 2)
Small school, big family, great results!

Library Assistance Required
The school has a large supply of new and exciting books for children to borrow from the library. To give these books a greater lifespan the library seeks assistance from parents and/or grandparents who may be able to cover a couple with contact. If you’re able to assist in any way please see Trish in the office.

Chicken Pox
A couple of Bonville students have been struck down with Chicken Pox. Please keep an eye on your children

School resumes for students on Tuesday 21st April
"In some parts of the world, children are going to school every day. It’s their normal life. But in other parts of the world, we are starving for education...It’s like a precious gift. It’s like a diamond“. Malala Yousafzai

**From all of us at Bonville PS, have a lovely Easter!**

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Michael Hepi
Principal

Advertise with us for as little as $1 per week! Please contact the office on 66534250 for further details.

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