Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 1 is flying by and it won't be long until the school breaks for the Easter long weekend. With this in mind there will be an Easter Hat Parade for children from K-6. The Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 24th March at school from 9:30am. Children will make their own hats at school with the senior children giving their Kindergarten buddies a helping hand. Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend the parade.

Many parents choose Bonville Public School as the place for their child to build a strong foundation for learning in a formal educational setting. Bonville Public School prides itself on providing a SAFE and HAPPY learning environment for all children. This is often the focus of discussions between myself and prospective parents. Strong teacher/parent communication is a key to high expectations, solid student achievement and trust. If you have concerns about your child's learning always contact your child's teacher or alternatively make an appointment to speak with the principal.

Over the past couple of years there has been a strong focus on the 4 elements of Bonville Public School's school rules; Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. These rules were developed by Bonville student leaders in 2012.

HEADS: All students should use their HEAD. This is demonstrated by showing respect for themselves, all children, teachers, parents and the environment. Practising habits of good health, being courteous and considerate, taking care of property belonging to self and others, leaving others' property alone, taking responsibility for actions, always being honest and truthful and wearing a school hat in the sun.

Mrs Carolyn Hart, Bonville Public School's teacher/librarian, will be retiring this year. Mrs Hart is currently on leave and will not be returning to teaching. Bonville PS students, staff and parents wish to extend their appreciation of Mrs Hart for her commitment and dedication to Bonville Public School over many years. Mrs Hart will be missed by everyone and she is to be congratulated for her outstanding service to the school. The school will be giving Mrs Hart a send off. It is hoped many of the Bonville school community will be able to attend.

Farewell Mrs Hart

All students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their ‘Favourite BOOK CHARACTER’ for a Book Character Parade as part of Mrs Hart’s retirement! This is a fitting way to encourage students to continue their love of reading whilst acknowledging Mrs Hart’s work as the Librarian.

The Book Character Parade will be held on Wednesday 6th April from 10:30am.

Absences

With the flu season approaching it is timely to remind parents that they are required to explain their child’s absence to the school within 7 days from the first day of absence. If children are sick for sustained periods then the school can request a meeting with parents and/or request a medical certificate. In some cases a child’s illness may be due to anxiety about attending school which can be addressed through supporting either the child or parent. If your child is feeling anxious about school please inform your child’s teacher so that any problems can easily be resolved.

Interestingly, on social media last week I stumbled across a ‘post’ shared by others. The ‘post’ raises awareness that full day and partial absences have on time spent away from school. 1 day per month adds up to approximately 130 days over 13 years. That’s almost ¾ of a school year.

Below is an example of time missed arriving late or leaving early from school.

Parents have a legal obligation to ensure their child attends school every day.

P&C AGM NOTICE

Bonville P&C will be holding the Annual General Meeting this Wednesday 9th March from 7pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Bouquet of Flowers
Over the past couple of weeks Tracey King (Ethan and Riley’s mum) has been busy covering new library books. Thank you Tracey! Last week Alisha Gregory (Helayla’s mum) lent a hand in the garden to ensure crops were planted for KH. Thank you Alisha!

MNCPSSA Soccer Trials
This Friday, Blake and Liam trial for the MNC team at York Street Oval, Coffs Harbour. If successful they will then progress to the NC trials to try to gain selection for the NCPSSA team. Good luck boys!

Selective High School
Selective high school placement dates close this Thursday 10th March. Contact the office for further details.

School Uniforms
There is a small selection of new uniforms still available at the school, mostly larger sizes. Come up to the school and have a look. There are also new school jumpers available for only $10 each. See Trish in the office for further details.

Do you have any uniforms your child has grown out of? If so, please donate them to the school for the second hand uniform pool.

3/4C Assembly
Thank you to the large number of parents who attended the assembly. Unfortunately the USB containing the music decided not to cooperate with the sound system. We appreciate your understanding. 3/4C will have the opportunity to perform their class item at our morning assembly.

Congratulations to last week’s Merit Award recipients.

Easter Raffle
Today raffle tickets have been sent home with each child. The tickets are $1 each. Prizes include: Easter eggs and chocolates. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th March at the school’s Easter Hat Parade. Each year the school seeks donations of Easter chocolates for the raffle. Donations can be left at the office.

RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFIT CARD
Richies Community Benefit cards will be distributed to families tomorrow. Please support the school when shopping at Richies IGA by using your cards.

Small school, big family, great results!

Bonville kids care!

Have a wonderful week!

Michael Hepi
Principal

Advertise with us! Please contact the office on 66534250 for further details.

What's On This Week!

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