Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week I had the pleasure of working alongside class teachers in classrooms. With the focus on engaging students in literacy and numeracy to improve student outcomes, I was not only very pleased to see the individual contributions from many students but also the quality teaching being demonstrated in lessons. Early in 2015 teachers at Bonville undertook Action Research in an area of their choice aligned with the School Plan. The Action Research conducted by teachers in the areas of: Visual Learning Goals, Mindfulness, Differentiation and Project Based Learning has increased teacher knowledge and will drive continued improvement in student outcomes. I would like to congratulate all the teachers for their commitment to providing for Bonville students.

Last week some students took home a note explaining their participation in either a support program in Literacy/Numeracy or in the Extension Maths program. These programs have been funded through the additional resources provided through GONSKI funding. The Literacy/Numeracy Support program targets 23 students (16.5% of the school) from K-6 across 2 days. The Extension Maths program targets 16 students (27.5% of the Stage 2/3 students) across 1 day. Additionally, the GONSKI resources have enabled Bonville teachers greater access to professional training/support.

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.

Bouquet of Flowers

Thank you, Bettina and Matilda (Liam’s mum and grandmother) for their kind donation for the Easter raffle and ongoing support of Bonville Public School.

1/2B Assembly

Next week class 1/2B will be hosting the school assembly from 2:20pm.

P&C AGM

On Wednesday the new P&C executive were voted in. Bonville Public School would like to sincerely thank all outgoing P&C members for their involvement. A special thanks to Heidi Winter, Megan O’Connor, Andrea Cocks and Tim Karrasch who have stepped aside from executive positions.

The 2016 Executive are:

President – Trish Isles

Vice President – Naomi Buckingham

Secretary – Belinda Maunder

Treasurer – Cindy Dodd

Canteen Coordinator – Lisa Lucas

Fundraising Coordinator – Nat Cuthel

Easter Hat Parade and raffle

Just a reminder that the Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 24th March from 9:15am. We hope you can join us. There may also be a visit from the Easter Bunny. Students will make Easter Hats at school.

Please keep selling the raffle tickets. The tickets are $1 each. Prizes include: Easter eggs and chocolates. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of 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.

P&C NEWS

Each year the South Coffs Rotary Club holds their Coffs Harbour Bookfest at the Coffs Harbour Showground.

In the past, Bonville parents have assisted Rotarians in the ‘set-up’ and ‘pack-up’ phases. In return, Rotary has donated thousands of dollars back to the school. These dollars have funded major P&C projects including: the shade sails, new sport shed, iPads and solar panels.

Bonville P&C NEEDS YOUR HELP!

If you can lend a hand to help ‘set up’ on Monday 28th March (Easter Monday), Tuesday 29th March, Wednesday 30th March, Thursday 31st March or Friday 1st April please contact Trish Isles (P&C President) on 0431611243 ASAP.

Assistance is ALSO required to ‘pack up’ on Sunday 10th April.

RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFIT CARD - REMINDER

Richies Community Benefit cards have been distributed to families. Please support the school when shopping at Richies IGA by using your cards.

Bongil Bongil Musicale

Congratulations to the Bonville students who are joining a cast of 150 Primary School students and 90 High School Students across the Bongil Bongil Community of Schools in the 2016 Musicale. Rehearsals are underway with the choir rehearsing on Tuesday afternoons and drummers rehearsing every second Thursday. Our dancers have been to Boambee School for a dance workshop where they have begun learning the exciting dances choreographed by our talented teachers across the Bongil Bongil Community of Schools. They will be rehearsing with Miss Sarah.

Tickets will soon go on sale. Don’t miss out on this fantastic singing, dancing, acting and drumming show.

Cast members must return their contracts before the end of this week.
2017 High School Expression of Interests forms
Year 6 students going to high school in 2017 should return their Expression of Interest forms ASAP.

P&C Bunnings BBQ
Thank you parents who attended and helped out at the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday. A special thanks to Zane Boyle (Remi’s brother), past Bonville PS student who assisted at the BBQ all day. On first count a net profit of $1070.50 was made. Well done Trish and her band of merry helpers.

School Photos are coming!
The School Photographer will be at Bonville Public School on Thursday 28th April. This is Week 1 of next term.
It is expected that order forms will go home within the next week with payment details.
There are a number of payment options including: pay prior to the day, on the day payment, pay after photo day, by credit card payment over the phone, online payment or money order payment. Please note: cheques are no longer accepted due to changes in bank policy.

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ANZAC Day NOTICE
It is traditional that students march on ANZAC Day as a school group. Bonville Public School always has a very solid turn out of students who march in full school uniform at the Sawtell community parade. Again, all Bonville students are encouraged to march as a school this ANZAC Day, 25th April. Please note. This date falls in the school holidays. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

Book Club
Please be reminded that Book Club is due back to school by 1st April.

International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS)
ICAS competitions are closing soon. If your child is participating and payment has not been made please contact the office ASAP.

Small school, big family, great results!

Bonville kids use their heads, shoulders, knees and toes!

Have an enjoyable week!

Michael Hepi
Principal