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**Education Week** is a wonderful opportunity for our great school community to celebrate the fantastic achievements and activities that occur in our fine school every day of the year. I am always extremely proud and honoured to be a teaching/principal at Bald Blair Public School. Our school is outstanding because all students, staff, parents and the wider school community combine and work together to achieve magnificent results in the academic, sporting, social and cultural arenas.

On Monday afternoon I was delighted to attend the Highland Learning Network Education Week Awards with the recipients from our school who were to receive Education Week awards. Black Mountain hosted this event at the Anglican Church Hall and schools came from Ebor, Chandler, Black Mountain, Ben Lomond and Bald Blair Public School.

Outstanding Student Achievement: **Sophie McKemey**  
Outstanding contribution to Bald Blair PS by a staff member: **Mrs Debra McIntyre**  
Outstanding contribution to Bald Blair PS by a member of the P&C: **Mrs Katherine Hickey**  
Outstanding contribution to Bald Blair PS by a member of the P&C: **Mrs Sophie Wright**  
Outstanding contribution to Bald Blair PS by a community member: **Mrs Lorraine Brazier**

Many thanks to the Mrs Belinda Baker for hosting the awards afternoon.

**IPads**

Our school's technology has been enhanced by the hard work that the P&C do for our great school. By parents all joining together as a team and providing lots of delicious country style cooking and volunteering to help out at a variety of catering activities and street stalls has enabled the P&C to donate over $3,000 to our school for the purchase of seven I-pads. This is simply outstanding and it was a sheer delight to attend the last P&C meeting and the P&C executive Mr Sam White, president and Mrs Katherine Hickey handed the new I-pads to the school. The students have been enjoying the I-pads and they are looking forward to being able to design and make lots of movies for the multi-media sections of the new English Curriculum.

**Highland Fling**

Thank you to all of the parents who are transporting students to the Highland Fling on Friday the 1st August. The day will be full of fun activities and most of them will be outside so please remember to wear your sports uniform and wide brimmed hat and also pack a warm jumper or coat along with morning tea, lunch if you haven't ordered and a water bottle.

**School Web Site**

Our school is so lucky to have Mrs Davidson because she is truly amazing tucked away in her little office on the hill. She is our school's school administrative manager SAM, school photographer, nurse, prepares and cooks hot lunches, chases up notes and is jack of all trades. Nothing is too much trouble for her. She always ensures that our school web site is awesome and if you ever need a copy of a newsletter, annual school report or need to find a note just check out the web site. The photos that she puts on the site showcase what our fantastic school is all about. Thank you so much Donna for taking the time and pride in always ensuring that our web site is relevant and up to date and that our school's office runs like a well oiled mach
Leadership Luncheon
On Tuesday I had the privilege to accompany our year six leaders Sophie McKemey and Yousef Elyassa to the annual Highland Learning Network Leadership luncheon at Rafter's. Mrs Sue Brown, Director, Public Schools NSW, Northern Tablelands and the member for Northern Tablelands Mr Adam Marshall addressed the school leaders and school principals on being a leader and what attributes leader aspires too. The speeches were inspirational, quite entertaining and enlightening and then the students were allowed to ask questions.
All students and staff enjoyed their delicious lunches and time with fellow students and guest speakers. Our students were congratulated on their fine manners and on how wonderful they both looked wearing their new year six jumpers.

NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge Leadership Day
Last Friday our students in years five and six combined with fellow students from Drummond Memorial, Sandon, Ben Venue and Duval in the annual NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge Leadership Development Day at Duval High School. The weather was magnificent and our senior student leaders shone like bright stars. Their enthusiasm, commitment, manners, sportsmanship and ongoing desire to complete all leadership activities at the best of their ability was truly amazing. I was so proud of our leaders and they certainly demonstrated how our leadership programs at school are developing them into confident and respectful young leaders.

New computers
This week I put in our school's order for nine new Lenovo computer monitors and nine new 21" monitors. These computers will be put in the two main classrooms and the old computers will be put into the library when they arrive early term 4.

P&C Street Stall
Congratulations to our schools highly dedicated, committed and supportive P&C for conducting another successful street stall. They raised over $800 and the wood raffle was won by Steve Garrett and he kindly donated it to Holy Smoke. Our school community received many positive comments due to the excellent presentation and quality of the home style cooking. Some people said that it was the best display of food that they had ever witnessed on a street stall. The beautiful ribbons, bows and even letters saying words like delicious all showcased the pride that we all take in our fabulous school.
Good luck catering for the Bald Blair and Wattletop Bull Sales next Tuesday and Wednesday.

What is your child/children doing for our school’s Talent Show Wednesday 17th September?

3-6 News With Mrs Purvis
The students in 3-6 have settled into term 3 well and are working very hard on their new units of study. In music this term the students are learning the song "Fireflies", in marimbas they are learning "When the Saints Go Marching In" and in dance they are beginning to develop a dance routine to the song "Happy", a very popular choice with the class.

In "You Can Do It!" the students are undertaking activities to develop their confidence in themselves and how to eliminate negative thoughts through role plays and class discussions. In art we are continuing to create artworks around the theme "Winter" and we have also started looking at one point perspective.

In poetry we have continued to create poems around the theme "Winter". In poetry the
students have been required to present their poems without the use of a computer. It has been pleasing to see the improvement students are making in ruling borders and ruling lines to write on and the care taken with their handwriting. It was disappointing last week that only half of the students in years 3-6 handed in their homework on Friday. This term the students are a week behind their Maths text book at school to make sure that they have covered the topics in class first. Therefore this week students are up to Unit 20 in their maths homework.

REMINDER 3-6: Could students please bring their homework with them to the Highland Fling tomorrow to hand in to me.

The classroom and hallways are full of beautiful artwork and poetry that the students have created at the end of last term and the start of this term. Please feel free next time you are at school to come in and have a look. The students are very proud of their work and I am sure they would love to show you.

Congratulations to Mac Finlayson who won this fantastic swag at the recent Pallamallawa Polocrosse Carnival. Mac won this Memorial Award for his enthusiasm and enjoyment of the game over the weekend. Well done Mac!

Wacky Science Wednesday’s

Bucket Spinning with Yousef

What you will need:
A bucket half full of water
An open area

What you do:
First get a bucket half full of water and step in an open area so you don’t soak your viewers. Then you start spinning your bucket around in a circle as long as you like until you get tired of spinning. Did you notice that none of the water had fallen out here’s why.

When you spin the bucket the water stays in the bucket because of the force of the circular spinning motion which creates a fall proof barrier. It’s exactly like the atmosphere when something hits the atmosphere it will spin and spin till earther it burns to smithereens or gets flung out by force.

Working Bee

Friday 12th September 2pm at school.
Camp Oven at “Kolora” James & Belinda Lyon’s place afterwards.
More details to follow closer to date...

Thank you to those families who have returned their notes for the upcoming Bull Sale Catering.
Reminder that all cooking is to be at the school Monday afternoon or early Tuesday morning.