There are a few things I would like to bring to your attention this week –

**Mozzies**
Recent heavy rainfall across the state has led to ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes. Current and predicted weather conditions, particularly in the northern part of the state, suggest that high numbers of mosquitoes will continue well into the summer months.

In recent correspondence from the Department of Education, all schools are advised of important protection measures to prevent spread of diseases. While the overall risk is considered low, some mosquitoes carry viruses, so an increase in mosquitoes may increase the risk of mosquito-borne diseases. Most mosquitoes found in Victoria do not carry diseases, but are more of a nuisance. Diseases that can be spread by mosquitoes in Victoria include Ross River virus and Barmah Forest virus, or very rarely Murray Valley encephalitis virus.

There are simple steps students can do to help protect from mosquito-borne diseases.

1. Wear loose-fitting clothing when outdoors. (school uniform is also important)
2. Cover up as much as possible.
3. Applying mosquito repellent that contains picaridan or DEET to exposed skin (to be applied at home prior to coming to school – no aerosols are to be bought to school by students).

For more information on protecting against mosquito bites, Google:

Better Health Victoria - Beat the Bite
Child Safe Policy
In 2013, the Victorian Parliament held an inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Non-Government Organisations, resulting in the Betrayal of Trust Report. As a result, the Victorian Government has developed Child Safe Standards for organisations that work with children, including schools.

At Bolinda Primary School, we are responsible for keeping all children safe. This term has seen us develop the appropriate policies to ensure we have documented all legal requirements for the care, safety and welfare of students as outlined by the Child Safe Standards. School Council met on the 27th October to discuss the Child Safe Policy and supporting policies. All policies discussed at this meeting have been ratified by School Council and now appear on the School Website under the ‘Communication’ drop down menu. I would like to encourage all families to take the time to look at the policies and documentation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak with me.

Each week I will include some information from the policies. This week is the Anaphylaxis policy.

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention. The most common allergens in school aged children are peanuts, eggs, tree nuts (e.g. cashews), cow’s milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, sesame, latex, certain insect stings and medication. The key to prevention of anaphylaxis in schools is knowledge of those students who have been diagnosed at risk, awareness of triggers (allergens), and prevention of exposure to these triggers.

Reducing the risk of exposure to an allergen is the most effective way to avoid anaphylaxis. Partnerships between schools and parents are important in ensuring that certain foods or items are kept away from the student while at school. As a result, it was endorsed by School Council that parents are no longer allowed to provide food treats for students (other than their own children) as gifts or recognition of celebrations. In the event of parents wishing to recognise their child’s birthday in the classroom, we ask that no food, cakes, lollies or edible treats. As an alternative, parents may choose to provide balloons, bubbles, books, colouring books, stickers, pencils, textas or a small gift (from a $2 Shop). Should you require further information regarding this policy, please head to our website.
At assembly we handed out our Students of the Week awards, French poetry awards and certificates to the girls that participated in last week’s interschool cricket. Congratulations! Assembly also saw Chiara impress us with her keyboard talents. Well done!

Assembly concluded with a SURPRISE! We have introduced 6 new chickens for the school. This would not have been possible without the support of Sunbury Stockfeeds who have provided us with chicken feed and containers to hold the grains. Taramaede Market & Poultry Auctions in Plumpton were also able to support us with the chickens. The students are now looking forward to naming the chickens, looking after them and working with them.

This Friday 11th November the Middle and Senior students will get back SAKG. We look forward to seeing what the students create!

**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY – Remembrance Day**

On Friday 11th November the school will be holding a Special Assembly to recognise Remembrance Day. The Senior Students will be leading the ceremony. This will include explanations of the day’s significance, historical poems, some poetry created by the Senior Students and official proceedings. If parents would like to join us for this ceremony, it will begin at 10:50am.

Next week will see our Middle and Senior Students head to camp at Phillip Island from Monday 14th November to Wednesday 16th November. We hope they have a great time and we look forward to hearing the wonderful stories on their return. If you are wanting to keep updated on how the camp is going, please connect to our school Facebook Page and Facebook Group.

Have a great week.
Stuart Telford
Acting Principal
It’s back to business as normal in the 3/4 class, all our testing is done and it is back to the fun stuff. The kids had a Cold Write this week, and they were asking to write about the “Best/Worst day of their lives” We had some wonderful and somewhat farfetched stories come of this, all the kids all did really well.

Our STEM projects are back up and running again. This week we have been doing some very interesting work with Transpiration and Weather Observations. The kids were amazed to see how much water is lost through the leaves of trees, and how much water is produced from them.

**Awards**
A big congratulations to Freya Drier on her Respect award for being a respectful, kind and caring student to all members of her class.

**Reading Awards**
- Patrick Keogh – reading 275 nights!!
- Bethany McDonald – Reading 100 nights
- Freya Drier – Reading 100 nights

**MILO T20 BIG BASH COMPETITION**
Last Friday the grade 5/6 girls went to Dixon Field in Gisborne to participate in the T20 Big Bash completion. We played 3 games, against Goonawarra, Candlebark and Gisborne Primary School. The girls did an amazing job, winning one of their games, and playing fantastically against Gisborne, who went on to win overall. There was some fantastic, batting, bowling and fielding shown by all, there were also a couple of fantastic catches.

Congratulations again to all the girls involved!

For anyone interested in playing Milo T20 BLAST visit playcricket.com.au/T20blast to find out more.

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**SENIOR STUDENTS**

The Senior Students have been discussing various types of poetry, please enjoy this lovely piece.

Tidal waves cover the ocean,
Strong water crashes against the rocks.
Under the powering water, lays stones and shells.
Now all things swish around and wash up.
After a while, the water gets stronger,
Mothers and fathers trying to protect their children.
It calms after a few hours, finally, its finished.

By Jenna

P/1/2 Bulletin
Week 6 has proved to be a busy week in the p-2 classroom. We have been exercising our brains and completing all sorts of tests to show what we have learnt this year...and what big improvements we have made! Highlights of the week have been the unveiling of our cosy comfy reading corner, the releasing of our new chooks and seeing how many eggs they are laying and also learning about Remembrance Day and making wreaths and poppies for Fridays special assembly. Ryan received the student award this week with his amazing efforts in home reading, a staggering 250 nights for the year. We also welcomed Erin into the classroom for her first transition to school, she fitted in perfectly and was a great student for the morning. Til next week - Keep learning!

Happy Birthday to Thomas for Today.

CHANGES TO WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECK

From 5 December 2016, the department will introduce:

New proof of identity (POI) requirements for all Check applicants
The list of acceptable POI documents will expand, adding many commonly held cards and documents. Documents will be classified as primary or secondary, replacing the existing 100 point system.

A secure electronic verification service for Victorian applicants
Victorian applicants will be able to securely verify their identity online. This will save them time at the counter of a participating Australia Post outlet as they will need to only present one acceptable photo identification document to finalise their application.

Electronic identity verification is a secure service. The applicant's details are securely submitted to the Australian Government's Document Verification Service (DVS), which compares the identifying information with available government records.

If an applicant is unable to have their identification verified electronically, or they choose not to, in-person verification at Australia Post will still be possible. Applicants will need to present multiple POI documents at the counter to finalise their application.

Photo taken free of charge for Victorian applicants
Victorian applicants will no longer need to supply their own photo. Australia Post will provide a digital photo free of charge.

Interstate applicants
The identity verification process for interstate applicants does not change, although from 5 December 2016 interstate applicants will need to present POI documents from the new list.
**Silver Cent Coin Challenge**

This week the senior students have discussed being leaders in the school. We have decided to begin a Senior Student Council (SSC). We have decided that we would like to raise money for the school. We decided are doing the silver cent coin challenge. We are raising money for the end of year concert and to get new sand toys, a sand cover and maybe move the sand pit from under the trees. Our goal is to raise $500 for our school. We would really appreciate any support, only silver cents though.

From
The Senior Student Council. (written by Kaydence)

**FROM THE OFFICE**

**Student Movement Book**
There is a new student movement book that needs to be filled out any time a student arrives at school late or gets collected early. Please ensure you fill this out. Please ensure that children that arrive late at school are dropped signed in.

**Christmas Raffle**
Thankyou to all parents that have generously donated items for our Christmas Raffle. Please keep the items rolling in. The box is in the office.

**Santas Magical Kingdom – Silent Auction Tickets**
We have 4 general admission tickets worth $150 to Santa’s Magical Kingdom at Caufield Race Course. These tickets are only valid for Friday 9th December. As this is prior to our Christmas Concert we are running a silent auction. Please find the sheet to place your bids on Katie’s desk! The winner of the ticket will be announced on Tuesday 29th November at assembly.