Renee Tanaskovic one of our prep – 2 teachers has informed me that she has been approached to return to Falls Creek Primary for term three and after much thought has accepted the position. She will resign her position at Bolinda Primary School at the end of this term.

Next week we will be advertising for a new teacher for term three. As Janine also teaches this class, the disruption will be minimal.

We will then advertise this position for a new contract in mid term three with the successful applicant to begin at the beginning of term 4. Renee has the opportunity to apply for this position but it is an open process where the interview panel will choose the best applicant. We wish Renee well in the future.

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| **P - 2** Learning  
Sebastian Keogh - For receiving high results in his maths test and working hard at open ended questions. |
| **3 - 4** Co-operation  
Seth Harris - For always working well in group situations no matter what the task. Keep it up! |
| **5 - 6** Responsibility |

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**Open Days**

Lauryn Bonnici - For taking great responsibility for the Deputy Prime Minister role in 'Earn & Learn.'

We will be conducting ‘Open Days’ with tours of the school on Thursday 12th & Tuesday 17th May from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm. If these times are not suitable arrangements can be made for a tour at a mutually convenient time by contacting the school. We can hopefully attract some new enrolments for 2017. If you have friends or neighbours with children starting school next year, please let them know.

**Photo Day**

School Photographs will be taken on Friday 27th May. The order forms are yet to arrive but won’t be too far away.

**Reading Awards**

Congratulations to the following students

Talarah Kerr 25 nights  
Michael Polster 25 nights  
Cameron Horton 50 nights  

The Mother’s Day stall last Friday was very successful with all gifts purchased. This is about ‘Mums’ being acknowledged by their children for everything their mum does for them and being spoilt for the day….we hope! Thanks you to Ann Honeychurch and Sarah Harris for organising this once again.

Last Wednesday’s working bee only had about half the worked completed due to only three parents attending. Having said that, we all worked really hard and not a complaint was made. Thanks to Stephanie Coy, Patricia Polster and Dannielle Keogh.

I have a consultant coming to school tomorrow to give advice on the design and planting within Department guidelines. A big thank you to Macedon Garden Supplies for providing this service free of charge.

We propose another working bee on Thursday 19th May to complete the second garden bed. If we can get five adults with shovels it would take less than an
The school will be supporting the Cancer Council's 'Biggest Morning Tea' on Thursday 19th May from 10.00 am - 11.30 am.

We would like as many parents, grandparent, friends, neighbours and people from the local community to attend. We intend to use the hall and have the biggest morning tea we can possibly muster. A 'what to bring' list and invitations you can give to others is included with the newsletter. See Meagan if you have any questions.

If attending please let Meagan know. If you are bringing friends or relatives let Meagan know how many for catering purposes.

We have a new student teacher Chloe Brownstone who began at our school yesterday. She will be predominately with the Prep - two class. Chloe will be with us until the end of the month. Please make her feel welcome.

On our website under the communication tab is an events calendar which has not been activated in the past.

Now it is! Everything is up to date until the end of term. We will be adding term dates and other information in the coming weeks.

So if you aren’t sure about something, jump on and find out.

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I had a discussion with Scott Taylor a week or so ago and we both agreed that the gas smell was still around. He offered to find a company that would establish the cause of the smell. He got back to me late last week with a contact which I called last Friday to make an appointment.

They arrived today and confirmed there is a gas leak under the art room. There isn’t space to get under the room so finding and repairing would be near impossible and potentially extremely expensive - $310 call out fee and $31 per 15 minutes on site. (The cost for today was $372)

The gas bottles have been shut off and there is now gas now detected.

After discussion with the serviceman we agreed that the most cost effective solution would be to scrap the gas heaters in the art room and library and (which are at least 20 years old) and replace with electric space heaters or split systems.

Our plumber Dean Burley is coming out to service our split systems in the P/2, 3/4 & 5/6 classrooms next week. I will speak to him about this issue then.

Again, thanks to Scott Taylor for following this up, it is very much appreciated by our school community.

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