It has been another exciting week at Bolinda Primary School. I am very proud of the way the students have started this term. It is great to see all the students wearing their broadbrim hats this week. Hopefully we will see a lot more sunshine in the coming weeks and we will get a chance to enjoy some real spring weather.

A note went home this week seeking consent from parents regarding the use of Facebook in the school. As mentioned in the letter, it is a great way to maintain a link with our community to share the events and activities that our students are exposed to in the classroom and in the yard. This will add another exciting layer to our schools methods of communication. Permission forms are due back tomorrow – Friday 14th October. This will then allow us to begin posting items on Facebook for you to see. The new Facebook Page can be found at https://www.facebook.com/BolindaPS.

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) is a prominent space in our school. The students and staff are very eager to see the garden transform. This Friday will see the students spend time in the garden from 9:30am to remove the weeds and work on the soil. We will also be using this time to give the kitchen a ‘Spring Clean’. If any parents have time to assist us, we would love to see you.

As mentioned at Assembly on Tuesday – we are beginning to enter into snake season. Whilst we do not want any snakes at the school, we must be vigilant and prepared for snake activity. Staff have spoken with children about expectations at school if a snake is seen. Can I also encourage parents to reinforce the message to their children of staying away from snakes and informing an adult if one is seen. All staff have begun wearing an orange fluro vest whilst on yard duty this week, so students will have no trouble seeing us in the yard.

At Assembly each week, the students have the opportunity to recite the School Oath. It is a great way to reinforce an excellent message. Here are the words –

We are Australian, we stand here proudly, brave strong open and tolerant.

We stand here, equal, fair, true and free.

Together we’ll build the future, but not forget the past.

We stand together, we are Australian.
The last week has seen the Senior students tackle additional jobs and responsibility in the school. It has been pleasing to see their positive attitude towards tasks and they have proudly been completing their jobs. Some of the tasks have included raising and lowering the Australian flag each day, Deck and Doorway cleaners, Sports Equipment Monitors and even Bell Monitors. It was great to see Talitha showing pride in her school by sweeping the paths during lunch time – Thanks Talitha!

I wanted to take this opportunity to recognise the outstanding achievements of Lili. This week she was proudly sharing her trophies and ribbons that she was awarded through her horse riding activities. This is what Lili had to say about her award – Last night I received the Junior Rider of the year trophy at Assumption College. To receive this award I had to ride at my best and show good sportsmanship.

On Wednesday the students in the grade 3-6 classes had a visit from Cricket Australia through the Sporting School Grant. The coaches name was Emily and she will be here for the next 4 weeks, she had a lot of great activities and drills for the children to learn. Unfortunately, the weather was not on our side and due to the rain we ended up in the Bolinda Hall. At the end of the session all the children were provided with their very own cricket bat, cricket ball and bag which is theirs to keep. Students are reminded however to remember bring their bats with them every Wednesday as they will be using them each session.

It has been great to hear the students talking about health food choices and discussing what are excellent sources of Brain Food. Any parents wishing to challenge their children with alternate healthy food choices are encouraged to look at the website http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/schools/healthy-lunchboxes

Some parents may have realised that there is a new sign at the front of the school advertising that we are an ‘eSmart School’. Our work towards achieving eSmart status involved the whole school community – for example, we integrated cybersafety into our wellbeing policies, established clear procedures to deal with incidents and delivered curriculum around the smart, safe and responsible use of technology. eSmart is funded by the Victorian Government and is an initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, a national charity committed to protecting children from violence. We’ll regularly update you on our progress through this newsletter and will keep you posted on any parent information sessions coming up. More information is also available at www.esmart.org.au.
Today some students helped insert the plaque to acknowledge Mr Mackintosh and his commitment to Bolinda Primary School. As you walk along the path you will have the opportunity to see the plaque which reminds the community of the outstanding work he completed for the school.

A final REMINDER: School Council will be held on Thursday 20th October at 7:15pm.

Have a great week
Stuart Telford
Acting Principal

**Prep – 2 Room**

This week in Grade P/1/2 we have had Max get an award in assembly for being a respectful class mate. He uses positive words during literacy games. Also we are doing show and tell. This week the topic is weather events. Emmie told us about the cycle of rain and Nathan told us some interesting things about lightning. We also did the Big Write. Michael wrote about his weekend with Dad and going to the pool and bowling.

By Seb and Mikaela

**This week in the 3/4 class!**

It’s been a busy week in the 3/4 class, lots of fun and exciting things have been going on. In Literacy we have been working on Mystery writing and Humorous Fiction, the children have been having a blast writing about sneaky thieves and a cheeky kangaroo.

In Maths this term with will be doing a lot of S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) work, the most recent experiment we conducted was working out the composition of the soil in our garden bed, which was a lot of fun.

**Awards**

Learning Achievement - Seth H. – His outstanding work on his Mystery Story
Learning Achievement - Cameron H. – His determination and persistence with his Mystery Story.
Learning Achievement - Bailey H. – for her positive attitude towards her learning.

**Reading Awards**

Sofie P. – 100 nights
Cameron H. – 100 nights
Chiara R. - 100 nights
Keira W – 200 nights
James H – 200 nights
Patrick K – 225 nights / 250 nights

**Bolinda PS Birthdays**

Happy Birthday!! to the following students who recently celebrated their birthdays: *Emmie D*, and *Chloe B*.
Birthday wishes also go to *Miss O* and *Deb* (turned 22)!
New strain of norovirus and hand hygiene policy

The Department of Health and Human Services has identified a new strain of norovirus that may lead to gastroenteritis outbreaks.

Norovirus is characterised by acute onset of nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Other symptoms may include fever, headaches and muscle aches. Symptoms usually resolve after 48 hours, but if a parent is concerned about their child's symptoms they should seek medical attention. Throughout the year it is important to remind staff and students of the importance of good hygiene at school and at home.

To help prevent the spread of norovirus, everyone, including all staff and students, should:
- avoid attending work or school when experiencing gastroenteritis symptoms and advise the school of their illness stay away from school until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours maintain strict hand hygiene procedures at all times. Hands must be washed with soap and water, especially after going to the toilet and before eating or preparing food if staff are required to help attend to students with gastroenteritis symptoms, use of personal protective equipment such as aprons or gloves is recommended.
- Schools have a responsibility to provide soap and running water. If running water is temporarily not available, alcohol-based hand sanitiser should be provided until running water can be supplied.
- Schools must provide soap, as soap and running water have been clinically shown to be more effective for preventing norovirus transmission than alcohol-based hand sanitisers.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitisers are also not as effective in cleaning hands when hands are visibly dirty or soiled.

From the Office

Uniform Order
A uniform order will be placed on Thursday 20th October. If you require any new uniform please complete the uniform order form and money to school by this date.

Scholastic Issue 7
The latest scholastic book club catalogue has gone home to parents, and books can either be ordered online through the LOOP or by returning the form with payment to the office. Bolinda PS earns 20% off all books purchased by the school community that we use to buy books for our library. If you wish to purchase books secretly as gifts please let Katie know.

CBA School Banking Term 4
In Term 4, two new reward items from our Outback Savers range become available to redeem: Bush Fly Fan and the Wriggly Glow Worm
School Banking day is Tuesdays this term.

2016 3-6 Camp Forms
Camp forms have been sent home to students. Please ensure that the forms and payment are sent back to school by 3rd November. If you have any questions regarding payments for the camp please contact Katie.

Conveyance Allowance
The Term 3 conveyance allowance has been applied to eligible families' accounts. If you wish to use this for the 2016 school camp please let me know.
If your kids enjoyed the Olympics or Love running, jumping and throwing the read on! It’s something your whole family can do together!

Come try Athletics for FREE Friday 14th October at 5-6:30pm at Dixon Field Gisborne!

Gisborne Little Athletics season runs each Friday 5pm – 6:30/7pm till March 11th 2017. With a long break for Christmas School Holidays.

For more information see Facebook under Gisborne Little Athletics, email: Gisborne@lavic.com.au or call Steve on 0449 806 504.
CAR BOO T BONANZA

Saturday 29th October 9am – 2pm
(Melbourne Cup Weekend)
Elphinstone Primary School oval, Wright Street, Elphinstone

$20 per site per car (sites are limited so book early)
Open Day | Sausage Sizzle | Hobojo coffee van | Ice Cream Social
Stalls | Kids Activities | Raffles | Prizes | Plants | Jumping Castle
Please contact Deila 0400 581 509 or Sue 0417 553 296 to book your site
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Have you seen the magic?

Feel the snow fall in our spectacular Snowland

All new live Christmas Show

Gingerbread Decorating

Christmas Art & Craft Village

Meet Santa & Receive a Free Gift

Meet the Original Snow Queen

Amazing Rides & Attractions

Magical Enchanted Christmas Walk-Through

18 November – 23 December | Now at Caulfield Racecourse