Dear Parents,

This is officially the last newsletter for 2016. Please take a moment to reflect on all the accomplishments of the children. We are all so very proud of them.

Concert

It has been great to watch the excitement and enthusiasm put into this year’s Lion King Concert. The students are all prepared to dazzle you at tonight’s event. Please remember to have all children at Romsey Mechanics Institute by 6:30pm, as we will begin the program at 7pm sharp.

We have a lot of great prizes on offer for this year’s raffle. Please bring money to buy some tickets.

Tonight will also recognise the Graduation of Sophie, Lauryn and Harry from Primary School. We look forward to celebrating this milestone.

END OF YEAR SWIMMING

On Monday 19th December, students will be attending the Gisborne Aquatic Centre with the students from Darraweit Guim Primary School.

Children are to be dropped off at the pool by their parents. Whilst the actual booking for the pool is between 12:30pm and 2:30pm, general activities will be held near the aquatic centre commencing at 10:45am. Please ensure your child is at the aquatic centre by 10:30am. Students can be picked up at 2:45pm.

Students will require bathers, towel, goggles, lunch and a water bottle. The cost of the swimming is $9.00 which includes use of the pool, inflatable and trained life guards to supervise students’ safety.

UNIFORM ORDERS

One uniform order has arrived. Grade 6 Jackets are expected to arrive early 2017 – please see Katie in the office to pay and pickup!
Changes to whole school timetable for 2017
This term has seen the teaching staff perform an audit of the curriculum and general delivery of content to the students. Next year we have decided to modify the format of the day slightly, so that it allows us to have consistent hour session times. Beginning as of Term 1 2017, the school day will follow this format.

- 9:00am – 10:00am – Session 1
- 10:00am – 11:00am – Session 2
- 11:00am – 11:30am – Recess
- 11:30am – 12:30pm – Session 3
- 12:30pm – 1:30pm – Session 4
- 1:30pm – 1:40pm – Students eat lunch inside
- 1:40pm – 2:30pm – Recess
- 2:30pm – 3:30pm – Session 5

Children must be at school by 9:00am, in their classrooms and ready to start the day. Classrooms will be accessible at 8:45am each day so that students can get themselves organised.

Students will be provided with opportunities to have ‘Brain Food’ between Session 1 & 2 as well as between Session 3 & 4. Remembering that Brain Food is simple prepared fruit snacks e.g. carrot sticks, celery, apple pieces etc (not juicy fruits – as it goes on work or sugary treats). All students must have access to a water bottle in this time as well.

2016 Concludes and Term 1 2017 begins
Reminder that the final 2016 school day is Tuesday 20th December. Children can be collected from school at 1pm.
Next year - The school term will begin with a Curriculum Day for teachers on Monday 30th January 2017. The first day for all students is Tuesday 31st January 2017. The school is still accepting Enrolments for next year. If you know of any families wishing to have their children join our school please encourage them to call the school and make arrangements for a tour.

Over the school holidays there will be a little bit of work being done. We will have the support of a gardener (Dave) to help maintain our school gardens, plants and general weeding. The school will be able to fund this service through the voluntary ground maintenance money that parents generously donate to through the School Fees.
On the 25th and 27th of January we will have an arborist in the school to complete some well needed pruning of trees as well as auditing the condition of the larger trees as part of the schools OH&S processes.

SAKG News
On Friday 9th December the Middle and Senior students were able to have their last SAKG session of the year. Students were provided with an opportunity to vote on this year’s favourite meals. The students really enjoyed the array of pizzas, fresh bread rolls, homemade chips and apple crumble. MMMMMMMMMMM! Yum.
Prior to the students accessing the kitchen and garden, we were very lucky to have a special guest. Lyn from Sunbury Bunnings responded to the letter that the senior students wrote earlier this Term. We were overwhelmed by Bunnings generosity of garden hand tools, rakes, shovels and gloves. Lyn was most impressed by what the school was doing with SAKG and mentioned she would love to return early next year to support the school with future garden developments. Thank you Sunbury Bunnings!

I would also like to thank the families that have offered to support the school with watering the SAKG Garden during the holidays. The schedule is –

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I will leave the original roster on the window over the holidays. All students have been shown how to fill the water tank after watering. Once again thank you for keeping our garden looking great!
Fees and payment plan for 2017
At our recent School Council meeting the topic of school fees was discussed. Whilst we strive to keep school costs as low as possible, it was decided that the following price increases would be introduced as of next year to ensure we can continue to provide the students with excellent curriculum opportunities.
School Essentials - $120
SAKG - $50 (This works out to approx. $3 per meal).
At the beginning of next year, we will provide all parents with a complete overview of school costs and details for payment.
I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise the support and commitment of our 2016 School Council members. We appreciate your work in this role. Thank you!

REMINDER: School Uniform
Last week’s newsletter had a copy of the Bolinda Primary Schools Uniform Policy attached to it. It can also be found on our school website as well.
Please familiarise yourself with school uniform expectations, as staff will be enforcing the set requirements as of Term 1 2017. If you are requiring additional uniform for next year, please see Katie in the office on Tuesday or Thursdays for orders. She also has quite a large number of Second Hand that can be purchased.

Reports
All student reports will be sent home tomorrow - Friday 16\textsuperscript{th} December.

REMINDER - Special Afternoon Tea
All parents are welcome to attend our special Afternoon tea from 2:30pm tomorrow. This is our little way of saying thank you for all the support you have offered the school throughout the year. Students who have been a part of this years Music Program will also get an opportunity to perform. Hope you can make it!
The students will also be setting up a stall at the SAKG to sell beetroot, lettuce and eggs. Please bring a long some gold coins if you would like to purchase some of these items.

Assembly
Congratulations to all students who received Students of the Week and Mathletics Awards this week’s. It was also Harry, Lauryn and Sophie’s last Primary School assembly! It was great to see them holding the Australian Flag. Thank you to Bayley for playing some tunes!

I hope that you all have a fantastic Christmas and New Year.

Stuart Telford
Acting Principal