Welcome back to another year at Bolinda Primary School. I hope you all had a lovely New Year. It certainly sounds like the children had a lot of exciting events and adventures over the holidays. I have certainly enjoyed hearing their stories!

Welcome
I would like to begin by extending a very warm welcome to students who have started their educational journey at Bolinda. Welcome to Olivia, Isabella, James, Ryan, Alana and Caralee. We also officially welcome Erin into grade Prep. We hope you have enjoyed your first week at Bolinda.

We also welcome to the world Brayden Reid Fernandes!! Congratulations to Janine, Glen and Arabella. We cannot wait to meet Brayden.

Thank you!
It was great to see the community support over the holidays. Thank you to all the families that took the time to keep our Stephanie Alexander Garden growing. It looks great at the moment. I would also like to say thank you to the Glenn and the Stephens family for taking the time to help remove cobwebs and clean windows. The school is looking very neat.

I would also like to thank my parents for babysitting the chickens throughout January.

Max
At the moment Max is in hospital recovering from an operation. I had the opportunity to call in and see Max during the week and wished him a speedy recovery from all of the community of Bolinda. We are in regular contact with the family and continue to get updates regarding his recovery. To support Max and his family the school has decided to recognise the charity of Sweet Hearts Day on February 14th. The school has created an online connection to this charity that will allow families to make donations. We’re inspired by the work of HeartKids Limited and wanted to support them by raising money. Please help the school by giving whatever you can using the ‘Give Now’ button at https://sweetheartsday2017.everydayhero.com/au/stuart. The more people that know about HeartKids Limited, the greater their impact, so please also spread the word by sharing the page with your friends and family. Thank you in advance for your generosity, it means a lot!
This week the P-2 class have been working hard across all areas of the curriculum and incorporating their rights and responsibilities into the classroom. We had a special day on Tuesday, celebrating 'sweetheart' day. It was exciting to have Kerry in the classroom to teach us about what to do if we are the first on the scene when an accident has happened. In French we learnt how to ask and answer 'How are you going?' In STEM we have started a project based inquiry unit into 'Bats'. A big congratulations to all the students in p-2, they have all been consistently reading each night and bringing in their signed home reading journal. Well done.
FROM THE OFFICE
Can families please remember to return the following forms as they are now overdue:
- Student details, Newsletter Option and Facebook form.

Payments to the office
When making payments to the office can you please remember to put these in an envelope with your child’s name, amount and what you are paying. If you are paying for multiple items please put money and permission slips in the envelope and I will do one receipt and allocate the money to each child.

Scholastic
Thankyou to families that purchased books through scholastic issue 1. The school makes 20% of each purchase which we use to put new books in our school library. For Issue one we have received $46.50. Thankyou!

CSEF Forms
CSEF forms are due back and have been sent home to families that previously received this payment. Parents that did not receive a form can get an additional one from the office noticeboard. Please note that the form and a copy of the health care card are required prior to the form being submitted.

Conveyance Allowance Form
Conveyance allowance is a payment to families that live 4.8km away from their closest school. If you did not receive this form and believe that you are eligible please see the office noticeboard for a form. Conveyance forms need to be submitted each year.

Working With Children Checks
Volunteers to the school need to provide a copy of their working with children checks to the office, or to their teacher for photocopying. WWCC are free for volunteers. When completing your check online please nominate Bolinda Primary School. This way we are notified when your details change or your WWCC is renewed. If you need assistance please see Katie.

Student Banking
Student banking is held every Tuesday. Opening an account is easy in 2017. Youthsaver accounts can be opened online by parents who bank with CommBank, as well as those who don’t.
Accounts can be opened from a mobile, tablet or desktop device so parents will have the flexibility of opening the account on the spot at School Banking Information Sessions or from home at their own leisure. For all new accounts opened online where they have selected to participate in School Banking, a School Banking welcome pack will be mailed to their home address, including their Dollarmites deposit wallet and book.
If a student at your school would like to get involved in the School Banking program and doesn’t have a Youthsaver account, there are two simple ways for their parents to open one:

Online
Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open the Youthsaver account.

In branch
Visit any Commonwealth Bank branch and our friendly staff will assist. Parents will need to bring along identification for themselves and their child, like their Driver licence and their child’s birth certificate.

Note: Paper-based applications for new Youthsaver accounts are no longer our preferred method of account opening for School Banking.

Uniforms
As per last week newsletter the Grade 6 jackets are expected at the end of the month. Many other schools that have ordered through PWS are experiencing the same problem.