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**From the Principal’s Desk**

A reminder to parents that this Friday is School Photos Day. We would like all students to be wearing school uniform. Individual envelopes for each student were sent home last week with a number of available packages. Payment may be included in the envelope and returned on the day of the photographs or orders may be completed online. See John if you would like a form for sibling portraits. There is also a discount for families with three or more children at the school. (Take notice McLaughlin & Watts families – see John)

**Student achievement awards**

**Year P–2**
Nea Ferarro — For her excellent effort with her ‘Thras’ work.

**Year 3-6**
Tahlia Watts — For her ability to work co-operatively in our classroom and in the yard.

**Walkathon**

We still have a few families yet to return their walkathon form and money. Could these please be returned as soon as possible.

**Camp medical forms**

Could these please be returned by the end of this week.

**It’s not okay to be late**

Thank you to those who took notice of the explanation regarding being punctual in arriving at school. There has been a huge improvement last week. It does make a significant impact on student learning and teachers and students can be settled for the days lessons. **The optimum time for arrival is 8.45 am.**

**Biggest Morning Tea**

This day will now be going ahead.

The school will be supporting the Cancer Council’s ‘Biggest Morning Tea’ on this Thursday 23rd 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.

All students will be decorating a plate each. We ask that parents make a donation if they are attending the breakfast or send a donation to the school which we will send to the Cancer Council.

If attending, RSVP Meagan O’Sullivan ASAP

If you are unable to attend on the day, and still wish to donate, please go to
http://vic.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/BolindaPrimarySchool

**Camp**

We have made a booking at Camp Sunnystones in Bacchus Marsh from Wednesday 12th June to Friday 14th June for Year 3 - 6 students. We will be attending with students from Clarkefield and Darraweit Guim Primary Schools. We are sorry for the short notice but these dates were the last available for this year.

**We are able to confirm the cost will be $175. Final payment of $155 should be made by Thursday 6th June.**

The clothing list was sent home last week

For more information go to their website http://www.sunnystones.com.au/

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**Astronomy Night**

As part of our Space theme this term we have arranged an Astronomy and Night Sky viewing at the school commencing at 7.00 pm sharp on Tuesday 4th June conducted by Astronomy Alive Melbourne’s leading astronomy presenters. The cost will be $10 per family, could you please pay on the night. They will be bringing a telescope and powerful laser. Should the weather or clouds be against us, the backup date is Tuesday 11th June.

**Woolworths**

We are once again collecting stickers for the Woolworths Earn and Learn program, it would be nice if we could get enough stickers to obtain some nice things for the school. Last year we were able to get the blow up planets now hanging in the junior room and the USB microscope.

**Vasili’s Garden**

We have arranged an excursion to Vasili’s Garden on Friday 21st June. This will complement our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program which will begin later this year. Below is a blurb from their website.

Vasili’s Garden offers you everything you need to know about creating a healthier and sustainable lifestyle for you, your friends and family. Bringing back the ways of life that people throughout the world have been living for hundreds of years, growing and preparing their own food for their family and friends. Its our passion to share the wealth of good gardening and good living knowledge, that has been handed on through generations of wonderful people, recognising the life stories of families and individuals who we hope will inspire you to take up and continue traditional ways of living and eating.

A permission form is included with the newsletter.

**Stephanie Alexander**

I have submitted the plans for the kitchen to a cabinet maker last Thursday. I hope to hear back with a quote later this week.

**Science**

Could all students if possible bring a shoe box and a torch to school on Thursday 23rd May (this week) for some science experiments.

**School Banking**

Parents are reminded that school banking is Tuesdays. See Debbie should you require further information. Debbie is here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

**Book Club**

Book club was sent out this week. Orders are due back by Monday 3rd June.

**Open Days**

Our second open day is this Thursday 23rd May, 10.00 am—12.00 noon. Appointments can be made at another mutually convenient time by contacting the Principal John Mackintosh 54 285 317

**Kids Matter**

Bolinda Primary School has recently joined the ‘Kids Matter’ program. Schools are more likely to achieve goals related to learning and academic success when students’ mental health and wellbeing is prioritised and addressed with the same enthusiasm as numeracy and literacy. Schools that promote mental health are also more likely to engage more productively with their community, reduce student behavioural issues and achieve higher levels of staff satisfaction.

Kids Matter Primary is a flexible whole-school approach to children’s mental health and wellbeing for primary schools. It works both on its own and as an umbrella under which a school’s existing programs can comfortably fit. Kids Matter Primary Schools provides the proven methods, tools, and support to help schools, parents and carers, health services and the wider community nurture happy, balanced kids.

Staff are currently engaged in training with this program with further training in July. The program will be gradually rolled out beginning in August.