Dear Parents,

Another great week at Bolinda!

Exciting NEWS!!
I am pleased to inform the community that Bolinda Primary School has been allocated a $15,000 maintenance funding grant as part of the Victorian Government priority in investing in education and school infrastructure. On Wednesday I attended the ‘Planned Maintenance Program: Bricks & Mortar Training’ in Coburg to develop an understanding of the program. I was informed that the money must go towards raising the building standards of the school, as identified through a Government School Condition Report. I will be discussing this information with School Council next Thursday 1st December and I will keep the community informed with future developments.

Special Assembly
On Friday 25th November at 2:30pm we will have the pleasure of Local MP Mary-Anne Thomas – State Member for Macedon coming to visit our school. This visit is as a result of a letter written by the Senior Students requesting a new Australian flag for the school. Mary-Anne will present a Victoria State Flag and Aboriginal Flag at a school assembly. Federal Member for McEwen Mr Rob Mitchell will also provide the school with an Australian Flag. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly.

CONJUNCTIVITIS
We have had a few cases of conjunctivitis in the school recently. Conjunctivitis is a common, highly infectious eye condition that requires antibiotic treatment. Children with conjunctivitis must be kept home from school until the discharge from their eyes has stopped. This will help prevent the spread of infection to other children.

Assembly
We had a very busy assembly this week! Jenna impressed us with her playing of the keyboard. Harreson and Jenna gave an excellent report on the events of the Phillip Island camp. Lili and Bayley were able to inform everybody that the Silver Cent Coin Challenge was finishing (NOTE: it has now finished and the students will participate in activities with the coins – stay tuned for
some updates. It was hard to believe that the two buckets held 25kg of coins!!). We also thanked and recognised the work of Pre-Service Teacher Maddison Scott. We also recognised the wonderful achievements of our students. Sadly my photo of the Students of the week did not work this week 🙃. But congratulations to Emma, Thomas and Mikaela.

Emergency Management
Today we saw the school practice an Evacuation to the Basketball Courts. This is in line with the school Emergency Management Plan and OHS requirements. It was pleasing to see that all students and staff were able to evacuate the buildings and assemble on the Basketball court very promptly.

Child Safe Policy
Thank you to the parents that have approached me to discuss the Child Safe Policy documents that are found on our school website. It has been great to hear such positive feedback regarding this documentation.

This week I would like to reinforce the ‘Visitors Policy’. As per Department of Education Victoria Guidelines, Bolinda Primary School policy and procedures regarding visitors. All visitors arriving and departing during school hours must use the visitor’s book found in the Main Office. Furthermore, the policy highlights the need for all visitors working in the school to have a current ‘Working With Children’ which must be presented, photocopied and kept on record in the school. Further details regarding a Working With Children can be found at http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/ Should you require further information regarding this policy, please head to our website.

Senior Students
Our Grade 6 students will be involved in an Orientation Day at their 2017 High Schools on Tuesday 6th December. In addition to this, all our Grade 5 students have been invited to attend a High School experience at Gisborne Secondary College on Thursday 8th December 2016. Students will be exposed to four different activities – these include Performing Arts, Science, Metalwork and Woodwork. I look forward to attending this day with the students.
Our Grade 5 students have chosen their Grade 6 Graduation Jacket design. A note has been sent home seeking parent interest and sizing of jackets. Please return these notes as soon as possible so we can place orders and be prepared.
SAKG
This Friday 25th November the Middle and Senior students will get back into SAKG. We look forward to seeing what the students create! If there are any parents wanting to support this program, we will be beginning at 9:30am.

School Council
Next Thursday 1st December – School Council will be meeting at 7pm.

Have a great week.
Stuart Telford
Acting Principal

MIDDLE STUDENTS

We had to say goodbye to Miss S this week, it was a sad day, but all the students thoroughly enjoyed having her in the class, we wish her all the best in her future studies.
This weeks Big Write topic was – “Thank You letter” This brought out some weird and wacky letters, I had letters to teachers, friends, family and even the odd dog and horse.
We have also been doing some tough maths work this week, working on multi-step problem solving. All the kids did really well.

Awards
A big congratulations to Thomas Hodgson on his Responsibility award for being co-operative and caring to others while on camp. Well Done!

Reading Awards
Patrick Keogh – reading 300 nights!!
Keira Watts – 250 nights

PREP, ONE TWO BULLETIN

On Monday the orange and teal groups played money Bingo in numeracy. The rest of the week has seen us doing some more letter writing, literacy rotations and working with money. For science this week we did an experiment to see how candles need oxygen to burn. We could see the concept in action, with a little math and writing practise thrown in.

On Tuesday afternoon the juniors looked at what is a shadow. For next Tuesday afternoon if they could bring in 2 small toys (no bigger than the palm of their hand) from home for our art activity please.

Mrs Dibella Fernandes and Mrs T.
Santas Magical Kingdom – Silent Auction Tickets
We have 4 general admission tickets worth $150 to Santa’s Magical Kingdom at Caulfield Race Course. These tickets are only valid for Friday 9th December. As this is prior to our Christmas Concert we are running a silent auction. Please find the sheet to place your bids on Katie’s desk! The winner of the ticket will be announced on Tuesday 29th November at assembly. At this point we have only one bid!

Scholastic Book Club – Issue 8
Scholastic Issue 8 has gone home with students Today. This is our last book club for the year. Please either use the LOOP portal to place an order or return the form with cash by the 29th November. Thankyou for your support with the scholastic book club for 2016.

Student Movement Book
There is a new student movement book that needs to be filled out any time a student arrives at school late or gets collected early. Please ensure you fill this out. Please ensure that children that arrive late at school are dropped signed in.

Christmas Raffle
Thankyou to all parents that have generously donated items for our Christmas Raffle. Please keep the items rolling in. The box is in the office. Tickets will go home next week.

Uniform
A uniform order will be placed next Tuesday. If you require more uniform please place your order at the office by Tuesday 29th November.