All the building works are now complete with the installation of new cupboards in the staffroom and replacement of the window that was smashed during the break in last term. I completed the painting of the replaced wall above the bubble taps and the new wall where the new window was installed last Sunday. The Education Department owes us $13,237 as the final instalment of the grant for the works. Amazingly, it will take them two to three weeks to make a direct debit in to our bank account.

Thank you to all the parents who helped spread the soft fall on to the playground last Tuesday. I’m not sure whether the Guinness Book of Records has an entry for spreading soft fall, but getting the job done in about twenty minutes was pretty impressive!

Our lawn mower broke a belt late last week and I was unable to complete all of the mowing. Thanks to Matt Bonnici for mowing the rest of the school on the weekend. It is very much appreciated.

Year P – 2
Liam O’Brien - For his fantastic writing on Pterosaurs. Keep it up

Year 3 – 6
Jenna Honeychurch - Her excellent result in her reading ‘On demand test’.

We have organised an excursion to the Melbourne Museum to study Dinosaurs on Wednesday 19th November. We will be travelling by bus leaving at approximately 9.15 am and will return before 3.30pm. The cost will be $20 per student. Please return the permission form and money asap. Congratulations to the following students:

Patrick Keogh 125 nights
Sebastian Keogh 100 nights

Somers Camp is a nine day residential outdoor and environmental experience for year five and six students. It is offered every second year to schools in the Macedon Ranges. In March 2015 places will be offered to our school, however places are limited as they are based on the number of students in the school. i.e. The bigger the school, the more places are offered. Two years ago we were offered two places.

More information will be available later this year.

Our Year 3 – 6 students attend an annual camp each year with Clarkefield and Darraweit Guim Primary Schools.

Next year’s camp will be an urban camp to Melbourne. The dates are not yet available but it will be later in the year to put a reasonable gap between Somers Camp and our school camp.

The prep orientation program began today with all of our students divided in to their 2015 classes.

P - 2 class Miss Haycox in the current P - 2 classroom
Year 3/4 Miss O’Sullivan in the old library, now to be known as the middle room
Year 5/6 John Mackintosh remains in his current classroom.

This program will continue over the next four weeks culminating in a picnic lunch sausage sizzle and fruit salad.
Declan completed his 5km run on Sunday in Gisborne. He left his family at the starting line sprinting off into the distance. Most of the course was through the parklands surrounding Gisborne.

As he was running around the oval in the last section of the track his family began to cheer. He then sprinted the last 800m and was one of the first 10 runners across the finish line.

Declan completed the 5km course (6.25 laps of the oval) in 27 minutes.

Declan would like to thank Miss O for her introduction to running and to his BPS friends who have been supportive and encouraging. A special thankyou also to the students at BPS who are also members of the Romsey/Lancefield Little Athletics Club. The club like BPS encourage children to improve, have fun and do their very best!

World Teachers Day 31st October 2014

This Friday is the day that we celebrate the important contribution that our teachers make in education of our children!

At Bolinda Primary School our teachers go above and beyond to ensure that our children have a wonderful learning environment.

Congratulations also to our Principal, John Mackintosh who has received a ‘Certificate of Recognition’ to commemorate 30 years service in Victorian Education.

To celebrate World Teachers Day we are asking students to make a card or a small gesture to say thank you for all that our teachers do!

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