Welcome back to Term 4, I hope all the students and families had a wonderful and restful break. Thank you to the school community for the warm welcome I have received since the start of the term. I am delighted to have been appointed Acting Principal for Term 4 at Bolinda Primary School and look forward to getting to know the school community over the coming weeks. The senior students have had an excellent week and it has been great getting to know them and challenge their learning.

I have also been able to spend time with the Middle and Junior students in their classrooms and out in the yard.

You may notice that this week’s newsletter has come out on a Thursday, which will continue for the rest of this term. This will allow us to capture events that are happening in the school and share with you.

The weather this week has not allowed the children to be in the playground during recess. However, the way they have interacted with each other has been outstanding. It was great to see Harry and Harreson accept the challenge of constructing the garden cart.

I thought you might like to know a little bit about me. I have taught at the following schools in a variety of roles. Monmia Primary School, Keilor Primary School, Parkwood Green Primary School and Taylors Hill Primary School. I have spent the last 9 years as an Assistant Principal. I am committed to quality education for all students and enjoy seeing students and teachers being successful daily. I look forward to working together as a school community to provide the very best for our students.

Term 4 is shaping up to be an exciting term, students will enjoy the many activities and learning experiences that have been planned for this term. Some of the activities include Middle and Senior School Camp to Phillip Island, School Concert rehearsal and our Pool Day to name a few.

I would like to acknowledge a few members of our community –
Damian Keogh for taking the time to mow our school grounds ready to start day 1 of Term 4. It looks great!
Glenn Langdon and Ann Honeychurch for trimming some of the trees in the car park area, the removal of some of the overgrowth has allowed for additional cars to be parked. We appreciate the time you put into trimming the branches and removing them.
Katie for taking home the Lost Property and giving all items a wash. With three loads of lost property washed and returned back to school, it is a timely reminder for parents to label all items of clothing. If its labelled, we will endeavour to get it back to you. All lost property can be in a box in the office, please have a look through it. Anything left in Lost Property by 14th October will be included in an upcoming second hand uniform stall, where all items will be offered for $5.

Now that it is Term 4, I would like to remind all parents that the students must be wearing a broad brimmed school hat for all outside activities. Despite this week’s unusual weather, it is a part of the school SunSmart Policy that all children wear a hat during Term 1 and 4. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents to please label their child's hat.

It was pleasing to hear about the Bolinda Spring Fair that occurred during the School Holidays. Those families that attended the day have spoken to me about the event and how it helps to bring the community together. Thank you to all the families who contributed to the Cake Stall by providing a selection of cakes as well as looking after the stall on the day. The school received $279.70 in donations as a result of the Cake Stall. Thank you!

Keeping young minds active and engaged in daily activities is important to all students learning. I would like to encourage parents to support this by providing their children with ‘Energy Food’ called Brain Food. Brain Food is an additional pre-prepared healthy fruit or vegetable snack. Preferably cut up into bite sized pieces will allow children to ‘graze’ at their snacks e.g. cut up carrots, apples. Please do not provide ‘juicy’ items as it will often end up on books or work. It should also not be whole pieces of fruit, as children will often get distracted by trying to finish the whole piece of food, rather than completing their work. The food provided for ‘Brain Food’ is a separate snack from what is provided for recess and lunch and should be appropriately stored (in a separate container). In addition to Brain Food, it is also important that children have a water bottle filled with water only, for use in the classroom, each and every day.
It was great to meet some of the parents at Assembly on Tuesday. Please come up and introduce yourself when you see me in the yard. The students have done a wonderful job at doing this. I’m trying hard to remember all the names.

Thank you again for making me feel so welcome at Bolinda. I certainly look forward to an exciting Term 4.

Stuart Telford
Prep – 2 Room
What a fantastic start to Term 4. It was so nice to see everyone’s smiling faces again. We started the week with a new student. Emmie slotted straight into our class and we enjoyed getting to know all about her. We are excited to have such a friendly, caring person to join us in our learning journey. All the students in P/1/2 have enjoyed learning about 2D and 3D shapes in Maths. We have been doing literacy rotations in small groups so we can all work at our own level. We created a personal collage in Art and had fun writing about ‘the snoogle’ from the ‘Adventures of the Wishing Chair’ book. Tomorrow will include some fun with a science experiment.

From the Senior Art room
Just a reminder to all the 3-6 students to be collecting bits and bobs for their own personal collage they are creating. This could be photos, pictures of favourite movie stars, postcards or pictures of favourite places. If anything can’t be cut up, we can photo copy them. We will be figuring out the composition next week on Tuesday.

Scholastic Issue 7
The latest scholastic book club catalogue has gone home to parents today, and books can either be ordered online through the LOOP or by returning the form with payment to the office. Bolinda PS earns 20% off all books purchased by the school community that we use to buy books for our library. If you wish to purchase books secretly as gifts please let Katie know.

CBA School Banking Term 4
In Term 4, two new reward items from our Outback Savers range become available to redeem: Bush Fly Fan and the Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking day is Tuesdays this term.

2016 3-6 Camp Forms
Camp forms have been sent home to students. Please ensure that the forms and payment are sent back to school by 3rd November. If you have any questions regarding payments for the camp please contact Katie.