We hope everyone had a great break as we begin a very busy term four.

Welcome to Renee Tanaskovic and the return of Janine Dibella-Fernandes as the teachers of the P-2 class. Janine will work Mondays and Tuesdays while Renee will work Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Last Friday all the teaching staff met at school and worked through a number of issues so that the beginning of the term would be smooth. I thank all of our teaching staff and Meg Haycox who gave up part of their holidays to attend this meeting.

Over the holidays the kitchen floor was sealed which will make sweeping and mopping much easier.

The deck outside the P-2 & year 3/4 classrooms was given a coat of oil by me.

As the weather is now on the improve we will schedule some working bees. The first will be Monday 12th October straight after school. We wish to remove all the current vegetation in the garden bed outside the art room and staff room. At a later working bee we would like to then put down weed mat, put in new plants and put down some bark, woodchips or similar.

If we have any green thumbs with ideas for plantings please see me.

Congratulations to the following students:
Jenna 100 nights  Keira 150 nights
Chloe 150 nights  Nysa 150 nights
Grace 175 nights  Patrick 175 nights

School Council has approved the camp at Campaspe Downs from 25th - 27th November. The cost will be $210. As the camp is just outside Kyneton we ask that parents make their own transport arrangements to save on bus costs which would have added about $15 to the cost for each student.

Find a permission form attached to the newsletter. We ask for a $50 deposit for each student by Friday 30th October. The balance should be paid by Tuesday 17th November.

Happy birthday to Chloe for last Saturday and Declan for next Saturday. We hope you had/have a great day.

The school obtains funds from the Education Department to run the school in two baskets. Credit which is predominately to cover salaries and cash which comes to the school at the beginning of each term which can be used at the discretion of the school.

It may be used for things like resources, maintenance, computers and other planned initiatives.

Principals have the capacity to change credit into cash or cash into credit.

After storing credit away for the last couple of years and after discussion with School Council, we have decided to turn $20 000 credit into cash. This money came into the school Monday.

Council has a wish list of projects to complete including fences for the chicken run, concreting paths from the back of the year 5/6 classroom so students don’t walk through mud. Also in and around the vegie garden and the kitchen. Sealing of the kitchen floor has already been completed. We will start on the
As part of our Sunsmart Policy, all students should be wearing broad brimmed or legionnaire style hats when in the playground.

Students without appropriate hats will need to stay in the green area undercover. Students are also encouraged to use sunscreen which is available in each of the classrooms.

The postponed ‘Parent Information Evening’ will now be held on Tuesday 27th October at 7.00 pm.

We would like some feedback on the June Reports, parent, teacher, student interviews, the changing to a new reporting package Accelerus and our NAPLAN results.

We should have the Parent Opinion and Student Attitudes to School Survey to discuss. We would also like to have discussion around student welfare approaches demonstrating ‘Positive Behaviour Management’ and ‘Restorative Practise’. These sessions usually take a little over an hour.

The cake stall at the Bolinda Spring Fair raised just under $350. One of the items on our list of projects is to repair and reseal the toilet floors.

At present the large blue container of sports equipment is pushed in and out of the boys toilets daily. The floor is very scuffed because of this.

After consultation with the staff and executive of School Council we have decided to purchase a supermarket trolley with the proceeds from the cake stall. All the sports equipment can be stored in the trolley and wheeled in and out without damaging the floor. It has been ordered and should arrive shortly.

We regret to inform parents that ‘Music Stars’ has informed us that we need to have a minimum of 24 students for the instrument lessons to continue. At present we have 19.

This is the first we have learnt about quotas for this program.

After discussion with staff and the executive of School Council, we will not be continuing lessons with this company. They have been extremely unreliable, difficult to work with and not delivered what they promised time and time again.