It was reported in the media that the Federal Government is working on a new funding model for Australian schools. The media has published a table of approximately 3000 schools who would be worse off financially including ours. The Prime Minister Julia Gillard was quoted in the media as saying, ‘No school will lose a dollar.’ On Herald-Sun website Peter Garrett said this model for funding will not be used.

Last Friday I met with Macedon Ranges MLA Joanne Duncan who will be spending time with us on the ‘Principal for a Day’ initiative. We organized an agreed program which will include meeting with me to talk about what is happening in education in both the state and federal sectors and the impact this may have on our school. I will then conduct a tour of the school and spend time in classrooms with students and teachers. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions about her job and about government.

At approximately 12.30pm we will be having a sausage sizzle lunch. Parents are invited to attend. Joanne will then depart at approximately 1.00pm.

Prep—2
James Hall— For taking responsibility for doing his jobs in the morning.

Year 3-6
Tahlia Watts — Working hard to learn the joins for cursive handwriting.

The year 3—6 school camp to Log Cabin Camp at Creswick from 27th—29th August is next week. Lisa will be here Wednesday if you are not sure if you have made full payment.

Students will need to arrive at school at 8.30 am next Monday and bring playlunch and lunch. We should arrive back at school on Wednesday at approximately 3.00 pm.

Any medications must be given to Kayla Bacchetto with explicit written instructions. As I will be at camp next week, there will not be a newsletter.

We have organised an excursion to Imax to see Under the Sea in 3D and visit the Melbourne Aquarium on Wednesday 19th September. We will be departing at 9.00 am and returning to school at approximately 3.30 pm. This is part of our term four theme on the ‘Ocean’. The cost will be $25 with School Council subsidising the travel costs.

The Australian Education Union of Victoria (AEU) voted for a second Stop Work Day on Wednesday 5th September. Education Support staff who are union members will also be taking stop work action. Should there be no resolution before the 5th September and the Stop Work action goes ahead the school will be closed for the day. The School Council meeting will now be held on Tuesday 4th September. We apologise for any inconvenience.

The school will once again organise a cake stall for the Bolinda Spring Fair on Sunday 9th September. We are asking each family to bake something for the stall. A plate and instructions have been sent home with today’s newsletter. We will require volunteers to man the stall. See John if you can help.

Tonia Langdon has also volunteered to do face painting. Tickets for the face painting will be available from the cake stall.
The Coles dockets and Woolworths stickers have ended. Could all dockets and stickers be returned to school asap. We would like to send the stickers/dockets in so we can claim our prizes.

**Uniform**

We still have a small number of uniform items that we would like to sell before ordering new stock from our new supplier.

New stock of windcheaters will be approximately $30

**Fleecy windcheaters**
limited sizes—were $25 now $20

**Standard Bolinda School windcheaters**
limited sizes—were $25 now $15

**First in will grab a bargain**
limited sizes—were $25 now $15

**First in will grab a bargain**

See Kellie Bonnici—uniform co-ordinator

If we return our Paul's milk caps in September, we will receive 20c per cap instead of 10c. So if you buy Paul's milk, please send the caps to school. There is a box in the office. Ask friends and family to collect them as well.

**Art requests**

Janine would like parents to send to school the cardboard rolls from paper towels, aluminium foil and cling rap for our art activities this term.

**Year 3–6 Simple Poetry**

Twenty Million …………..

Twenty million authors
Waiting to write
Twenty million lions
Ready to bite. Cassie

Twenty million horses
Waiting for their food
Twenty million owners
In a sleepy mood. Tana

Twenty million dogs,
Feeling rather down.
Twenty million cats,
All over town. Tahlia

Twenty million whales
All in the sea
Twenty million gales
Coming towards me Molly

Twenty million cricketers
Each has a bat,
Twenty million fielders
Each has a hat. Ethan

Twenty million fat cats
Lying all around,
Twenty million fat cats
Spewing on the ground. Luke

Twenty Million kids
Making lots of noise
Twenty Million lids
Making so many boys. Rebecca