

# BOLINDA BULLETIN

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Week	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
9	6	7	8	9	10 Prep-2 return to school	11	12
10	13	14 School Council 6pm	15	16	17 Last day of term. 2:30pm finish.	18 HOLIDAYS	19 HOLIDAYS
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Term 4 Week 1	Day 1 term 4. Rules/ permitted year levels to be announced.						
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# *Principal's Message*

Hi Everyone

A wise person once told me that you can only do what you know. When you know better, you can do better.

This seems to be how we are managing these swift changes in the delivery of our programs which we have once again managed over the past 48 hours. Welcome back again P-2s.

I received the updated Operations Guide this morning at 7:00am, less than two hours before we welcomed students back onsite. This aside, we do feel ready to support students to continue achieving their learning goals over the next week before the school holidays in a mix of onsite, remote and blended learning.

The spring weather has been a nice change and is symbolic of the hope that we all have that the vaccine rollout will bring life to our world again.

At school, small projects are still in play. Sharon has been renovating the empty garden beds outside the office and this area will look quite effective when students return onsite. We are asking anyone with access to Gnomes if they would consider donating these for a good cause. We are hoping we can make this into a student art activity if we can manage to gather enough of them for each student. I have posted a picture below of the garden bed as a work in progress. Pity our sensory garden isn't something that we can just chip away at like these smaller, forgotten spaces.

Our focus is, as usual the wellbeing of our students. Only content and safe students learn. For that reason, even students onsite will notice a modified program over the next 6 days.

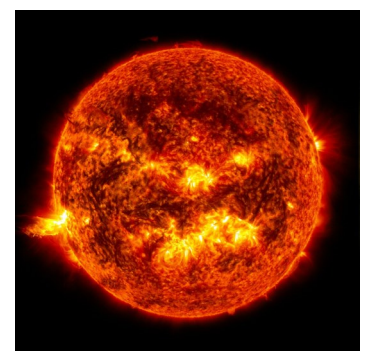
We want everyone in our wonderful community to keep up the wonderful work. You all deserve a gold star for the way that you have supported your students through remote learning and the many changes they have experienced this term and over the past 18 months. Unfortunately, gold stars are not one of the reasons we are allowed to leave home. You might have to make yourself a gold star from household products instead.

Take care and please make contact if you need new library books, readers or resources to support learning at home over the next week at least.

Jayden.

## **SunSmart in Term 4**

Term 4 is approaching and I must therefore remind everyone of our SunSmart policy. ALL students must wear a wide brimmed hat at school when outside. It is preferred that they wear a school uniform hat which are available at Beleza uniforms in Gisborne. Hoods, caps and other types of hat are not going to comply with our sunsmart policy and students will need to play under the covered area should they not have the appropriate hat from the first day next term.



*Homophones are the difference between taking your son to the park and taking your sun to the park. In both cases, hats keep us safe.*

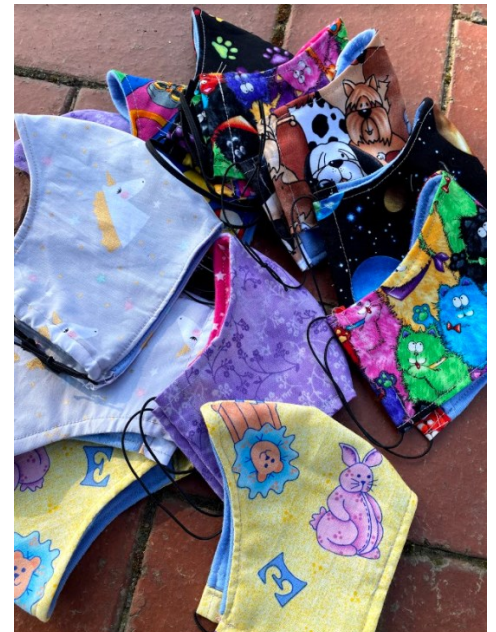


### Mask Fairies

Thank you to the families who have made and donated masks for the students and staff to wear at school. Students will not be forced to wear masks onsite but this is certainly a wonderful reason to get excited about keeping each other safe.

If you are well connected on Facebook, you may recognise the distinctive design of the left

Thank you from all of us!



### Fairy Garden

Speaking of fairies, the picture on the right is a photo of the small area outside the office.

Combine this with our edible garden near the carpark which we will use for Kitchen Garden, we are starting to make Bolinda PS a place that we are proud of.

I would like to thank every student who has been involved in each of these projects and also to Sharon who has brought enthusiasm and pride to her role and created a program that makes our school a more inclusive, accessible and beautiful place.

We are currently asking for Gnomes to put into the fairy garden.



*Work in progress*



### Camp

We will wait until the very last moment to make a decision on camp.

Families who have made a payment will, of course, receive a full refund if camp is cancelled.

Currently, the guidelines do not allow for camp. My daughter missed her first camp (year 2) last week which she was devastated to hear two days before camp was due to go ahead.

We won't be cutting it that fine I wouldn't imagine.



### End of year celebrations

Students have begun rehearsing the end of year play through our performing arts curriculum. We are hoping for the best and preparing for the worst in this situation. We are aiming to have the concert/graduation as a formal ceremony as has been the case pre COVID. If this is not possible, we will again improvise with either a digital delivery or an outdoor gathering in line with the guidelines at the time.

As I mentioned earlier. We can only do our best and when we know better, we can do better.

I hope that our current batch of 9 year 6s get the ceremony that they are so looking forward to. Some of them have (without being asked) already written and rehearsed speeches for the big night. Fingers crossed.