

BOLINDA BULLETIN

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Week	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 October					8 Today	9	10
2	11 Normal re-remote learning	12 Middle Grade on-site.	13 Middle Grade on-site	14 Senior Grade onsite	15 Senior Grade onsite	16	17
3	18 Normal re-remote learning	19 Middle Grade on-site	20 Middle Grade on-site	21 Senior Grade onsite	22 Senior Grade onsite	23	24
4	25 All students returned	26 All students returned School Council 6pm	27 All students returned	28 All students returned	29 All students returned	30	31
5 November	1 Curriculum Day– First Aid training.	2	3	4	5	6	7
6 Camp next week!! Week 7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

Principal's Message

Hi Everyone

We are nearly there. In just over two weeks, our students will return to onsite learning for what we hope is the final time. What a journey!

For some, there will be some apprehension in the current climate about the safety of students returning to the classroom and I can only reassure everyone that we have all of our COVID-safe practices in place and operational. Please send your student to school with a mask and some sanitiser if their hands don't agree with the school's brand that we provide. Please take a look at student's hands after each day as some students don't do well with regular hand washing and have tended to get a small rash. Other parents have reported to us that moisturiser has worked to manage this.

Our first week without labels on the toilets has gone smoothly as expected. Students have simply continued to use the toilets as they always have because that's how they have preferred to do it. We're very happy with how students have managed this small adjustment. Thank you for all the positive feedback we have received over the past month.

Coming up this year, we have lots of positive events that will boost the mood of the school. From feedback, students, families and staff are really feeling the pinch of COVID. Small things are effecting us a lot. For this reason, we are going to ask the student leaders to plan some spirit building events between now and the end of the year. One of these events will be the Halloween dress up party.

Other events may include the Trivia Night (for adults), Camp (Wk 7-for students), Graduation concert and hopefully some other fun days that students will have input into planning.

This term, Bolinda PS will engage in it's school review. This process occurs every four years and takes all aspects of the school into consideration. Students, Parents and Staff are integral throughout the process which is coordinated by and educational specialist with the help of a small team of Principals.

In the next few weeks, teachers will be focussed on transitioning students back to classroom routine for what will hopefully be the final time. We will, as usual, be placing student wellbeing at the very top of our priority list. Teachers will be reaching out to families if required and we are encouraging parents to touch base with teachers and support students over this final 9 weeks of their 2021. There is still a long way to go and we are looking to make up for lost learning time as much as we can.

Finally, if you notice something positive someone has done over the next month, don't be afraid to spread that positive vibe and let them know you appreciate it. A sentence starter you might use could be "thank you for... that really made me feel..."

On that note, thank you for all of your support during remote learning. It really made me feel proud that our little community could band together to support the continuity of learning through such a challenging time. Each and every parent that has answered a question, had their work zoom interrupted, sat with a student, enforced a brain break, corrected some work or simply just encouraged their student... you have made a difference.

Take care.

Jayden.

SunSmart in Term 4

Term 4 is here 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 week.

Camp

Current status: Optimistically planning for restrictions to change which will allow us to go. Full refunds if it gets cancelled.