Dear Parents and Care-givers

Welcome back and I trust you had a relaxing break spent with your children. I’m excited to be back after my leave. Our family welcomed our third grandson; Maximus during this time and guess what I have been doing?

Currently we have a number of staff on long service leave for the first few weeks of the term (Ms Dimmock, Mrs McLaren, Mrs Price) and a few more on sick leave. Ms Lidgard has had to have her tonsils out, Mrs Wells has had to have the other eye operated on and Mrs Yeend is unwell. We welcome back Ms Welsh from her maternity leave for one day a week and she will be undertaking Literacy and Numeracy support for Stage 2 students.

As we begin the count down to the fete (11 school days) or sixteen more sleeps, there are a number of flyers that will be sent home over the next few days:

- **Yesterday** raffle tickets were sent home with first prize a spectacular ‘Minecraft’ quilt, followed by a Family pass to Flora and Fauna World and third prize a “Lollypop tree”.
- Children are busily decorating our ‘fete money’ which can be purchased on the day from several booths scattered throughout the Courtyard. They will cut down the volume of cash at each of the stalls as well as the perennial issue of change.
- A volunteer note asking for ‘farm hands’ in the run up to the fete and at the fete, will be sent home today.
- **Friday** “Pig Lotto” will become available for purchase. There will be 200 numbered spaces offered for sale at $10 each space with the prize money set at $500 for the square that the pig ‘poos’ in.
- **Monday** cake boxes will be sent home with suggested recipes attached. However, if you always make your favourite recipe that would be most appreciated. Cake boxes (filled of course) can be sent back on the last two days before the fete (depending on the contents.) Ingredients must be listed somewhere and we ask that no fresh cream be included.
- **Tuesday** (14/10/14) is the next Fete meeting at 5pm in the Staffroom.
- If you have been collecting jars now is the time to start filling them, potting those plants, selecting cake and slice recipes and organising your old clothes, toys and books.
- Time is running out to purchase your Megamania tickets so get on-line!

I’m always touched by the generosity of our community, especially at fete times. A huge thank you to Violet’s mum (Haley) for making dozens of ‘cupcake’ washers and to Denise Chapman (Amelie and Oliver’s grandmother) who made the most spectacular ‘Minecraft’ quilt. We also received a ‘signed’ Knights jersey, as the school won first prize in the ‘Beanie for Brain Cancer Day’ competition. This will be donated to the fete as run in a ‘silent’ auction with the highest bidder winning. I’m excited!!

**Tricks for encouraging children to read:** Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they’ve enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Children who read different types of books develop a wide range of language...
skills and are better placed to understand different types of texts as they progress into High School. School A to Z has lots of tips and ideas on encouraging your child to read at: http://bit.ly/HLPmB9

**How much water does your child really need?:** Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don't feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child's school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar. To find out the recommended daily intake of water for your child's age at: http://bit.ly/ZjwUjo

We are trialling some changes to our lunch breaks this term and so far things have run smoothly. The only problem has been the ‘appearance’ of a few nesting magpies with their babies. They are located near the new building and if you have been exiting the school via the oval you would have met them! The second nest is located near the Infants Playground and as a precaution we have closed that area until the babies have matured. We have asked students to wear their hats and you will see staff with multi-coloured umbrellas in those areas.

Regards
Sue Swetnam

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **13th Oct**  School Photos - Summer Uniform
- **13th Oct**  School Council Meeting - 6pm in Staffroom
- **14th Oct**  Fete Meeting - 5pm in Staffroom
- **17th Oct**  JDRF Walk for a Cure for Type 1 Diabetes - Gold Coin Donation
- **20th Oct**  P&C Meeting - 6pm in Staffroom
- **25th Oct**  Country Fair
- **28th Oct**  Kindergarten Orientation Parent Meeting - 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- **31st Oct**  Bandana Day - Gold Coin Donation
- **4th Nov**  Kindergarten Orientation - 9.30am - 10.30am
- **12th Nov**  Kindergarten Orientation - 9.30am - 10.30am
- **20th Nov**  Kindergarten Orientation - 9.30am - 11.30am
- **11th Dec**  Christmas Concert
- **15th Dec**  Presentation Day
- **16th Dec**  Year 6 Farewell
- **17th Dec**  Students Last Day for Term 4
- **18th Dec**  Staff Development Day
- **19th Dec**  Staff Development Day

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**WEBSITES**

- **School Website**  www.bolwarra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
- **P&C Website**  www.bolwarrapandc.wordpress.com
- **Online Lunch Orders**  www.flexiscchools.com.au
COUNTRY FAIR

A new facebook page has been created to communicate all the fete information as well as counting down the days. The page is called Bolwarra Public School Country Fair Countdown. The Megamania information note is in today’s newsletter. Please note the bands are only available at this price until 17th October 2014.

BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL
COUNTRY FAIR

1st Prize in the Raffle - Minecraft Quilt

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book club order forms and payment are due back at school by Wednesday 15th October 2014.

PAYMENT METHODS:
Please DO NOT SEND CASH

- Cheque/Money Orders: payable to ‘Scholastic Australia’ – NOT to the school
- Credit Card: pay by PHONE or ON LINE (details on order form). Receipt number MUST be written onto order form to enable order to be processed. Please separate ‘order form’ and ‘credit card receipt details’ and place both sections into envelope
- Please write child’s name and class at the top of the order form
- On an envelope, write child’s name, class and ‘Scholastic Book Order’
- Inside envelope place order form and cheque/money order/credit card receipt
- No cash orders will be accepted

Please note that all orders placed will earn points for the school to purchase valuable resources for students.

Melinda Cooke & Kerry Hendrie
Book Club Co-ordinators

YEAR K – 6 NEWS

JDRF Walk For A Cure For Type 1 Diabetes
JDRF Walk For A Cure For Type 1 Diabetes is on 17th October 2014. Gold coin donation please. Each class is going on a class walk to mirror the JDRF Walk. This is supported by the Student Representative Council.

Bandana Day
Bandana Day is on 31st October 2014 to support childhood cancer (CANTEEN), a favoured charity of Bolwarra Public School. It is a gold coin donation (no purchases of bandanas, etc on the day) and as per previous years, students can wear a bandana or brightly coloured ribbon or brightly coloured small item of clothing (eg, socks or shoelaces) with their uniform.
Birthday Book Club
When it is your child’s birthday, they have the opportunity to donate a book of their choice (already purchased by the library) for the small cost of $6.00. After paying the children can come to the library and select a birthday book. The books will be presented to the children on assembly. Each book will have a special message inside saying who has donated the book. The birthday child will be the first to borrow the book.
The following child has recently joined the Bolwarra Birthday Book Club: Alistair.

CLASSROOM CAPERS

KE Welcome back everyone and I hope you had a great break! Term 4 is going to be busy as we get ready for reporting, plus we have lots of things to cover. There will be lots of assessments conducted over the next few weeks so keep practising all of the sight words, sounds, and numbers. The children have had a settled start to the week and I hope this is a sign of good things to come! Reading groups start again next week and thank you again to all of our helpers.

KT KT have had a super start to Term 4, settling back into work and school routines beautifully. We have adapted well to the new change to break times and are enjoying the extra play at Lunch 1, which was our old recess time. Reading groups will commence again next week, we have a vacancy on a Wednesday if you can help out it would be greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to a great final term! 😊

KW Everyone is KW has returned from holidays safe and well although a little tired! This week we have been revising our sight words and concentrating on our phonics. We have been busy working on our new topics for this term, they are Road and Sun Safety and Child Protection.

1B Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday. I enjoyed a quiet break at home these holidays and managed to get some much needed work done around the house including some gardening! The children have all returned looking taller, well rested and ready for the busy term ahead. Our reading groups will start again next week and we welcome any help you might be able to give. We have begun our unit of work on Road Safety and will continue with Sun and Water Safety in the coming weeks. Child Protection is covered this term and then we finish the term off with a great unit of work on Celebrations including Christmas. Don’t forget school photos are next Monday and just a reminder that photo envelopes need to be returned to the school before Monday.

1H Welcome back, I can't believe it is Term 4 already! We have another busy term planned in 1H. Reading groups will start back in Week 2 and we look forward to seeing all of our helpers back again. If you would like to come alone to reading groups this term please come and see me. 1H would like to welcome our newest class member Bianca to Bolwarra and we look forward to getting to know her as the term continues.

1M Welcome to Term 4. 1M have started reading a fiction text called "Aranea - The story of a spider" by Jenny Wagner. Most of us had our own stories to tell about spiders - some funny, some scary and all interesting! We will be focusing on this text and information texts on spiders, for the next couple of weeks.
Welcome back 2C! We are looking forward to a productive and great term of learning. This week we are learning to measure the area of shapes, with students using uniform units such as cards, A4 paper, tissue boxes to measure the area of their table and cardboard, using rows and columns to help work it out. We are starting to explore ancient Chinese stories and have had fun painting Chinese calligraphy. We will soon begin our units of work on Child Protection and Road Safety.

Welcome back to Term 4! This will be a very busy term for 2H as they are preparing to move from infants to primary in 2015. Reading groups and homework will all recommence next week and 2H always greatly enjoy the assistance provided by our reading group helpers. If you have time available to assist with reading groups they operate Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30-10:10. This term 2H will be focusing on a unit based around safety. We will be looking closely at sun and water safety as summer is approaching. The safety unit will also cover road safety and child protection.

It is so nice to see you all back at school, refreshed and raring to go for Term 4! It seems that everyone has grown an inch or two - obviously ready for the big move out of infants and into primary! I am so sad to have only 1 term left with such an amazing class!! We have achieved so many goals this year in 2W so we have raised the bar again and on Tuesday set ourselves new learning, social and personal goals. We have had a lot of fun this week working in teams to determine and record missing numbers by skip counting to solve number sequences. We will be studying a cross curricular unit this term all about safety. This week we have been looking at sun safety and are all making a big effort to wear sun screen every day to school to protect our skin from the summer sun. We got a little bit side tracked while looking at properties of the sun and started looking at the earth and then moon as well! Luckily we learnt so many new interesting facts!

Welcome back! I hope each and every family had a lovely and relaxing holiday break, I cannot believe how quickly this year is passing by. Term 4 always brings with it lots of wonderful activities such as Swim School later in the term and Christmas activities of course! I cannot wait to spend this lovely last term with such a fantastic group of students.

Welcome back 3T. I am sure you had a great holiday. I look forward to another great productive term with some quality work being produced. Homework and reading groups will start in Week 2.

Welcome back to school everyone. We are looking forward to a busy and productive Term 4. Students in 3-4B have made a settled start to our term. We are excited about people sharing their simple machine projects which are due tomorrow. Some very interesting designs have already made it into our classroom. We are also excited displaying our machines at the Science Fair! This week we have enjoyed investigating the book 'Magpie' by Luke Davies and thinking about what it means to be 'brave'. In Maths we have been investigating multiplication, looking at multiples and patterns that multiples create. The Bolwarra Country Fair is just two weeks away, thank you to everyone who has donated items. Keep working hard 3-4B!

Welcome back for the last term of the year, can't believe how quickly the year has flown! The fete is just around the corner and we need Year 4 to start baking! Our year is responsible for the cake stall, so we need lots of yummy treats for our stall. Swimming School will also be this term, lots on, make sure you are checking the newsletter and Facebook page for dates for upcoming important events. A reminder that photo money is due back this week too, as the photos will be on Monday of Week 2.
4E 4E are happy to be back for Term 4 after a well deserved break. This week we began a poetry unit in English where we created our very own acrostic poems. We are learning about fractions, decimals and percentages in Mathematics. We have also begun a readers theatre unit, acting out plays to the class. Mr Erickson is looking forward to seeing all the simple machine projects this week and can’t wait to show these off to the school. Great start 4E.

5A Welcome back 5A to a busy but enjoyable term. Our new student counsellors are Zack and Elliot.

5PL Welcome to Term 4. It has been great to see all students return to school happy, healthy, refreshed and ready to accept the challenges that the term brings with enthusiasm. This week in Maths we have focused on number patterns and algebra. We have used the rule of BODMAS to complete algorithms relating to the order of operations and completed equations by finding the value of missing numbers. Our topic in HSIE this term is ‘Australian Identity’. Students have looked at famous Australian icons and have started to explore Australia’s multiculturalism. We are currently creating PowerPoint presentations that illustrate interesting facts about Australia. Did you know that:

- Emus and kangaroos cannot walk backwards, and are on the Australian coat of arms for that reason?
- Australia has over 750 different reptile species, more than any other country in the world?
- 206 different languages (including indigenous dialects) are spoken in Australia?
- Australia is one of the world's most ethnically diverse nations. Nearly a quarter of the people who live in Australia were born in other countries?

5-6D Welcome back to Term 4! All Year 6 had a fantastic time in Canberra during the last week of Term 3 and are looking forward to a successful and happy final term at Bolwarra Public School before they head off to High School. In Literacy we are beginning our study of Australian poetry and in Science our focus this term will be on the human body. We have brainstormed lots of the body parts and organs that we already know and discovered how these fit into the many systems within the body. Did you know that every hour about 1 billion cells in your body must be replaced? Well 5-6D now know this and are also discovering lots of other amazing facts about the body!

6L Welcome back to Term 4 - only one term to go until High School! We have begun our unit on Australian Identity and Values and I look forward to seeing the iconic Australian images students choose as part of their homework this week. Our reading groups will commence next week. Notes went home this week about Year 6 t-shirts, with orders and money needing to be back at school by Friday 17th October. In Maths, we are re-visiting Patterns and Algebra, particularly focusing on balancing equations and using the order of operations rules. Homework has commenced this week. Please encourage your child to complete and hand homework in on time, as this prepares them for the demands of High School next year. I am looking forward to a productive term in 6L.

### CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4

The canteen will not be open at all this week and will only be open Snack Days (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday) next week. Unfortunately, due to lack of volunteers, the canteen will be closed on Fridays until further notice. This means that there will be no lunch orders this term. The canteen needs volunteers in order to open for Snack Days throughout the term as well as to reinstate lunch orders on Fridays. Please contact me on the number below or return the volunteer request form if you can help on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

Thanks, Alison (0409 653 868)
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**BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNTRY FAIR**

**WEEK 2**

**STALLS**

- Photo Booth
- Cakes & Slices
- Raid My Wardrobe
- Pre-Loved Toys
- Book Stall
- Jars Galore
- Homemade Goodies
- Relishes & Jams
- Balloons
- Plants

**FOOD**

- Sausage Sizzle
- Steak Sangers
- Coffee Van
- Slushies
- Cans of Drink
- Fairy Floss
- Lolly Stall

**ACTIVITIES**

- Tattoo Sleeves
- Megamania Rides
- Face Painting
- Hair Funtastic
- Lucky Dip
- Petting Zoo
- Disco Room
- School Performances
- Oxygen All Stars
- Guys Karate School
- Scouts

**GAMES**

- Wet Sponge
- Knock’em Down
- Chocolate Coin Roll
- Hoopla

**SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 10 - 2PM**

**BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL, BOLWARRA RD, BOLWARRA**

ON SITE: Guides, Police, Bolwarra/Largs Rural Bushfire Brigade,

ST John Ambulance and Fire and Rescue NSW

**FLYER DESIGN BY SARAH THOMPSON OF STYLE ME GORGEOUS**
BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL
COUNTRY FAIR
MEGAMANIA ARE COMING TO BOLWARRA
HORIZONTAL BUNGEE ~ MAZES ~ OBSTACLE COURSES ~ CLIMBING MOUNTAIN JUMPING CASTLES

PRE PURCHASE AND SAVE!

UNLIMITED ride bands are $25.00 ($30 on the day)

UNLIMITED junior ride bands (children under 5) are $12 ($15 on the day)

* Junior bands are for children 5 years & under only & only valid for the mega play maze, crab play inflatable & underwater castle/slide

PAY IN FULL OR WEEK BY WEEK

Cash ~ Cheque ~ Direct Deposit ~ Online through Flexi Schools (www.flexischools.com.au)

* Please note, due to transaction fees, bands will be $25.80 and $12.40 through flexischools
* When purchasing bands through Flexischools please use your eldest child’s profile

Week by week payment plan (cash or direct deposit each week)

Minimum $5 PER BAND, PER WEEK for 5 weeks for the regular bands

Minimum $4 PER BAND, PER WEEK for 4 weeks for junior bands

* Weekly cash payments need to be in an envelope with Megamania weekly Payment & with your eldest child’s name & class.

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Wrist Bands will be available for pick up on the day from 9:30am -10:30am near the Mega Mania ticket box.
Any bands not picked up during this time will be available from the ticket box.
* On the day of the Country Fair tickets will cost $5 each or 5 Tickets for $20

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All payments MUST be finalised by 17th October.

No payments after this date will be accepted and you will be required to purchase tickets on the day.

We apologise we will not be able to offer any refunds if they are required after the 17th October.

If you have any questions about Megamania wrist bands please contact Mandy Innes on 0421745066

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Megamania Bands Order Form

Please complete and return with your child by 17th October 2014

Eldest Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: __________

No. of Bands purchased : _______ @ $25 _______@ $12 Total $__________

Method of Payment:
☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Online through Flexi Schools
☐ Direct Deposit ~ Please Circle:
  ☐ Full Amt $_______ Deposited ________ (date of deposit)
  ☐ Weekly Pmts of $_______ (wklly amt of all bands) starting ________ (date of deposit)

Please make cheques payable to: Bolwarra Public School P & C Association

Direct Deposit Details:
Account Name: Bolwarra P&C fete account
BSB: 032 529
Account: 311892
Ref: 1st 4 letters of eldest child’s surname/1st initial of child/class e.g. SMIT A 3S
ABSENTEE NOTICE

My child ........................................of class ........... was absent on (date) ........................................

For the following reason ...................................................................................................................

Parent signature: ............................................................................................................................