Dear Parents,

Happy Valentine’s Day to everyone!

The children have settled well and are now busily working in their classes. Maths groups have started for all children in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 this week.

Congratulations to the 29 children selected to represent Bathurst Public School at the District Swimming Carnival to be held on Friday 22nd February. The children were announced at our daily assembly on Wednesday and presented with their BPS Swimming Caps. The team consists of: James Hillsdon, Bailey Coe, Amelia Ridley, Keira Copeland, Caiden Grimmett, Mitchell Lamb, Miranda Campbell, Kayli Burke, Tyson Haynes, Travis McMahon, Morgan Murphy, Sophie Hillsdon, Nicklaus Charters, Scott Brown, Pearl Grimmett, Jennah Rush, Charlie Flude, Fred Given, Alexandra Ridley, Emma White, Kacey Fox, Alex Grace, Anna Rose Simmons, Blake Taylor, Tianna Copeland, Aidan Norton, Sebastian Veilande, Finella McBurney and Hannah Nolan.
Money: We have changed the process when children bring money to school pay for excursions, camps, performances, school levies, book packs, sporting events etc. Children and/or parents are asked to bring ALL money directly to the office at school by 9am. No money is to go to classroom teachers. Office staff will be attempting to issue receipts to parents and children immediately.

School Photos: Our school photos will be taken on Tuesday 19th February. We will be using Master School Portraits again. Envelopes for school photos were sent home on Tuesday with all children. If you did not receive a photo envelope, please contact the office at school. Family photo envelopes are also available from the front office at school. Please return the envelopes with the correct money inside to the front office at school by Monday 18th February. Please note ALL money goes directly to Master School Portraits and is not processed by the school.

Parent/Teacher Interviews: Parent/Teacher Interviews have been organised for Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March 2013. These meetings will allow parents to meet teachers, talk about what is to be taught this year and how your child has settled into the 2013 school year, plans for the school year, class expectations and parent expectations. Notes for these meetings were sent home on Monday. Parents are encouraged to return these notes to the office at school indicating a time preference as soon as possible. Teachers will contact parents regarding your allocated time for an interview.

The timetable for Parent/Teacher Interviews in week 6 is as follows:

- Friday 22nd February – 3/6H
- Tuesday 26th February – K-2J
- Wednesday 27th February – 3/6M
- Tuesday 5th March – KK, KM, KS and KE
- Wednesday 6th March – 1C, 1W, 1NJ, 2D, 2M and 2G
- Thursday 7th March – 3/4I, 3/4W, 3/4RN (Date to be advised for 4/5C)
- Friday 8th March – 2/6P and ED

Assemblies: Infants (Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2) Assemblies will be held each Friday at 2.15pm in the McMullen Hall commencing Friday 22nd February. Primary Years (3, 4, 5 and 6) Assemblies will be held every second Wednesday at 2:10pm in the McMullen Hall, commencing on Wednesday 20th February at 2.10pm. All parents and friends are very welcome to join us to celebrate our accomplishments.

We do have several children at our school who have peanut allergies and have severe reactions if exposed to this food. Parents are asked to be mindful of this when packing recess and lunch and are encouraged not to send products which contain nuts in them to school.

Some general reminders:

- All items of clothing and personal belongings should be clearly marked with your child’s name.
- All children require a broad brimmed hat each day as our school has a “No Hat, No Play” policy.
- When parents and friends come to the school during the day, they should present to the front office on arrival. This is a Legal and Workplace Safety requirement and is followed for the safety and security of all children and teachers.
- We continue to encourage parents to make appointments to come and talk about your child’s progress, problems that may arise, ideas etc. It is reminded that the education of your child is a team effort with teachers and parents being the main stakeholders. With this in mind, it is an important reminder that the parent/teacher relationship always needs to be cohesive and supportive and one of mutual respect. I am sure we will continue to work with one another in a positive manner.
• All money coming to the school should be placed in a sealed envelope with your child’s name, correct amount of money, class and what the money is for clearly written on the front. All money should be sent to the office by 9am.

Our School Newsletter will now be uploaded every Thursday so all parents receive information at the same time. Please refer to our website at www.bathurst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au to download the weekly newsletter.

If any parent has any concerns regarding any aspect of school life, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Kate White
Principal

Assemblies

• Primary 3-6 Assembly – Wednesday 20th February 2013 at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
• Infants K-2 Assembly – Friday 22nd February 2013 at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall - 2G

Book packs

Every child from K-6 requires a book pack in 2013. These book packs are available from the front office at school for $20.00. The packs have all the books and art stores for the year that each child will require. The correct handwriting and writing books are in each pack according to the year group of your child. Children who have purchased book packs have commenced working in their book. Parents who have not yet paid for their child’s book pack are asked to do so immediately. Once book packs are purchased, the packs will be sent directly to the classrooms. Parents who wish to pay for book packs in instalments are welcome to do so and are encouraged to contact the school so an arrangement can be made.

School Contributions

School Contributions for 2013 have been set and are now due. Fees can be paid by sending cash or cheque in a sealed envelope with your child’s name, class and School Fees written on the front to the front office at school. Alternatively parents can come to the office and pay by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. The fees are:

$50.00 (1 child)
$90.00 (2 children)
$120.00 (3 or more children)

There is also a $15.00 Technology levy and $15.00 resource levy payable for each child. This assists the school to purchase new resources for the children to use in the classroom.
Student Attendance at School

Attendance of children at school is extremely important. It is vitally important for children to be at school every day so they learn the skills to be successful in later life and enjoy the social, cultural and sporting activities that are enjoyed by all children. School Attendance is a major school, regional and state target in 2013.

The attendance target for Bathurst Public School for all children K-6 is 94.5%.

To achieve this target it is important for all children to be at school every day. If children are unable to attend school for any reason, a note must be supplied to the classroom teacher or a verbal notification either by phone or face to face must be made to either the classroom teacher, ladies in the front office or School Principal. Attached to this Newsletter is a copy of a note that can be used to notify the school about an absence. These notes can also be found on our school website under ‘attendance’. Please remember:

- 1 day off a week = 10 days a term (2weeks - gone!)
- 1 day off a week over the period of 1 year = most of 1 term - gone!!
- If this pattern starts in Kindergarten and continues through to Year 6 almost 2 years of learning is gone!!
- If students miss days of learning they reduce the chance of achieving their academic potential.

Late Notes

School starts at 9.00am every day. It is important that children are here every day to start at 9.00am or they lose valuable learning time. If your child is late, please ensure they come to the office on their arrival with a parent so they can be signed into school and receive a late note. Please remember:

A few minutes here and there doesn't seem like much but ...

at Bathurst Public School every minute counts.

Did you know that your child’s best learning time is at the beginning of the day?
P&C News

Our first P & C meeting for the year will be Wednesday February 20th at 7pm in the Staffroom. All welcome. Come along and find out about our school and how you can be involved.

Canteen News

The school canteen will be open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout the year.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of this terms price list. Please refer to this when making orders as there have been some price rises.

Canteen Committee

Canteen Volunteers Roster

Friday 15th February – M Lucas, D Andrews & M Gott
Monday 18th February – T Tonkies
Wednesday 20th February – P D’Aquino

Clothing Pool

If you have any uniforms you no longer need please donate them to the clothing pool. All donations can be left at the office. If you would like to look at what we have in the clothing pool, please contact Liz Arrow on 6334 2853 to organise a time.

Term 1 2013 Calendar

- Friday 8th February – 2013 School Swimming Carnival
- Monday 11th February – Thursday 21st February – Life Education Van visit
- Tuesday 19th February – School Photos
- Wednesday 20th February – Primary (3-6) Assembly – 2.10pm McMullen Hall
- Friday 22nd February – Infants (K-2) Assembly – 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 2G showing work or an item
- Friday 22nd February – District Swimming Carnival
- Monday 4th March-Friday 8th March – K-6 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday 6th March – Primary (3-6) Assembly – 2.10pm McMullen Hall – 3/4RN Feature Spot
- Friday 8th March - Infants (K-2) Assembly – 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 1C showing work or an item
- Friday 8th March – Western Region Swimming Carnival
- Monday 18th March – Friday 22nd March – Stage 3 Myuna Bay camp
- Wednesday 20th March – Primary (3-6) Assembly – 2.10pm McMullen Hall – 3/4I Feature Spot
- Friday 22nd March - Infants (K-2) Assembly – 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 2M showing work or an item
- Tuesday 26th March – Easter Hat Parade
- Friday 29th March – Good Friday Public Holiday
- Monday 1st April – Easter Monday Public Holiday
- Wednesday 3rd April – Primary (3-6) Assembly – 2.10pm McMullen Hall – 3/4W Feature Spot
- Friday 5th April - Infants (K-2) Assembly – 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 2D showing work or an item
- Friday 5th April – Paul Kelly AFL Cup Bathurst
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Toonschool workshop for years 3-6 – Accepting challenges and achieving goals
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Toonschool workshop for years 3-6 - Accepting challenges and achieving goals
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Last Day of Term 1

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
# Bathurst Public School
## Canteen Price List
### Term 1 2013

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<td>Egg and lettuce</td>
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<td>Carrot sticks, cucumber, lettuce, tomato wedges, beetroot &amp; pineapple</td>
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<td>Ham</td>
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<td><strong>HOT FOOD</strong></td>
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<td>Nachos (gluten free)</td>
<td>Fresh fruit in season</td>
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<td>Beef - beef, tomato, beans, cheese, corn chips</td>
<td>Pop corn - fresh</td>
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<td>Vegetarian - tomato, beans, cheese, corn chips</td>
<td>Jelly/Custard with a spoon</td>
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<td>Chicken Burger</td>
<td>J J's (chicken, pizza, salt &amp; Vinegar)</td>
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<td>Lightly crumbed chicken with lettuce &amp; mayo</td>
<td><strong>ICE BLOCKS</strong> (2nd Half Lunch Only)</td>
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<td>Lasagne (with fork)</td>
<td>Billsang - Chocolate, Triple Swirl</td>
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| Lunch Bags for orders in Envelopes | $0.10 |
| Spoons/Forks (Unless Listed) | $0.20 |

Lunch orders & money to be placed in a bag or envelope with your child's name and class, and posted through slot before 9am.
Absence Note for: ___________________________  Class: __________

Your child was absent from school on the following date/s and we require a note of explanation.
Could you please return this note as soon as possible to your child’s teacher.
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