Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our District Swimming team on an incredibly successful day last Friday 22nd February at the District Swimming Carnival. Bathurst Public School won the overall point score and was announced the 2013 Bathurst District Swimming Champions. We also won the handicap point score for the Carnival. This is the fifth year in succession that Bathurst Public School has won both trophies. Well done to all our swimmers on a terrific day.

We have 20 children that have qualified to attend the Regional Swimming Trials in Dubbo next Friday 8th March 2013. They are: Tyson Haynes, Caiden Grimmett, Nicklaus Charters, Sophie Hillsdon, Pearl Grimmett, Morgan Murphy, Kacey Fox, Hannah Nolan, Alex Ridley, Emma White, Tianna Copeland, Fred Given, Anna Rose Simmons, Finella McBurney, James Hillsdon, Travis McMahon, Amelia Ridley, Charlie Flude, Scott Brown and Jennah Rush.

Children representing Bathurst Public School and Bathurst District at the Regional Swimming Carnival
A special congratulations to two of our children who were announced age champions at the conclusion of the District Carnival. Well done:

Sophie Hillsdon – Junior Girls Champion
Jennah Rush – 11 Year Girls Champion

Sophie and Jennah - Junior Girls and 11 years girls District Swimming Champions

School Captains with Handicap point score trophy and District Swimming Champion Trophy

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’.

**Student/Family Update of Information:** It is important that the school has up to date information about every student. It is imperative that address and phone contacts are always accurate. Attached to this Newsletter is a Student/Family Update of Information sheet. Parents are asked to please fill this form in for your family and return it to the front office at school so we can check that all address and phone contacts are correct.

**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.

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

- **Monday 4th March** – 5/6C, 5/6A, 5/6H and 5/6G
- **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

**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](http://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*

Kate White
Principal
Assemblies

- Primary 3-6 Assembly – Wednesday 6th March 2013 at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 3/4RN
  Feature spot
- Infants K-2 Assembly – Friday 8th March 2013 at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 1C presenting
  work or an item

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.

School Drop Off Zone

The drop off zone at Bathurst Public School is located at the front of the school in George Street and
operates from 8.00am -9.30am Monday through Friday.

This area is for parents in cars to drop children off safely on the school side in a two minute timeframe.
If parents need to also exit the car, this area should not be used. Parking areas are available on all streets
surrounding the school. George Street has one section directly in from of the main building which has a
1 hour time limit.

Please follow these guidelines for the safety of all children and parents.

I explore and I learn 2013

Bathurst High Campus and Kelso High Campus will be running their first full day of transition as part
of the i-explore/I learn program on Wednesday 6th March 2013 for all Year 6 children going into Year 7
in 2013. Permission, Medical and Media notes were sent home with all Year 6 children on Wednesday.
Please return these notes to the office as soon as possible.
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?

Peanut Allergies

We do have several children at our school who have peanut allergies and that 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.

PBL News

FOCUS FOR THE WEEK
Lining up under the cola
K-2 Easter Hat Parade/Dance/Raffle

The annual "Bathurst Public School Easter Hat Parade and Dance Eggtravaganza" will be held on 
Tuesday the 26th of March.

We are again asking for donations of Easter Eggs and baskets, large or small for our Monster 
Easter Egg Raffle. Baskets and eggs will be collected daily at our 11.00 am Assembly so children 
can be acknowledged for their donations.

Raffle tickets will go on sale in a few weeks time and money raised will 
go towards our $1000.00 annual pledge to Stewart House.

Last year we had over 120 prizes for our raffle thanks to the support of 
the wonderful families at Bathurst Public School. We hope that this 
year’s raffle will be the biggest and best yet!

Jo Curran and Kathy Murphy
Easter Hat Parade Organisers

Book Club

About Scholastic Book Clubs

Scholastic Book Clubs have been around for many, many years. Some parents 
may remember it from when they were at school! Twice each term your child 
may bring Book Club forms home. Please note that you are under no obligation 
to purchase from Book Club. The books offered by Scholastic are good quality 
children’s books at reasonable prices. There are no postage or handling fees. The 
clubs and books are grouped according to age, reading level and interest. This 
makes it easy to choose suitable books for your child. For every book purchased,
the school earns Scholastic Rewards which are then used to purchase classroom resources such as books, posters and DVDs. At Bathurst Public School, Book Club is run by parent volunteers.

**Important Points**

Issue 2 Book Club forms will be sent home this week. If your child does not receive book club forms and you would like them please ask your child’s teacher or Miss George in the library. Completed forms and payment must be returned to school no later than **Friday 16th March**. Please note that orders cannot be accepted after this date.

Please place orders and payment in a **well sealed envelope** with the child’s **name** and **class** written on the front.

Please make sure the **form is completed correctly**.

**Correct payment** is essential as **no change** can be given. Payment may be made by cash, credit card (complete slip on order form) or cheque (made payable to Scholastic Australia). Remember, Book Club is run by parent volunteers so please be patient with us. If you have any questions about Book Club please call Melinda on 0425 363 439.

**P&C News**

Next meeting is on 20th of March 2013 in the staffroom commencing at 7.00pm.

**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. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers.

Canteen Committee

**Canteen Volunteers Roster**

Friday 1st March – M Lucas & C Cramer  
Monday 4th March – V Nolan  
Wednesday 6th March – L Storrie

**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 see what clothing is available in the clothing pool, access can only be made through Liz Arrow. Liz can be contacted on 6334 2853 to organise a time.

**2012 Yearbook**

Did you get your copy of the Bathurst Public School’s 2012 Yearbook? We have a few copies available for purchase from the office for $30. If you would like to have a look at a copy, call in to the Front Office.
HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

**Term 1 2013 Calendar**

- 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 8th April – Toonschool workshop for years 3-6 – Accepting challenges and achieving goals
- Tuesday 9th April – Toonschool workshop for years 3-6 - Accepting challenges and achieving goals
- Friday 12th April – Last Day of Term 1
# Bathurst Public School Canteen Price List

## Term 1 2013

### Lunch

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**Salad Boxes**
- Carrot sticks, cucumber, lettuce, tomato wedges, beetroot & pineapple: $2.50
- Add: Cheese, & egg
  - Chicken: $1.00
  - Ham: $0.80

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### Drinks

- 100% Fruit juice pepper - apple or orange: $1.20
- Bottled Water: $1.10
- Milk 300ml - plain, chocolate or strawberry or banana: $1.80

### Snacks

- Fresh fruit in season: $0.50
- Pop corn - fresh: $0.40
- Jelly/Custard with a spoon: $0.60
- JJ’s (chicken, pizza, salt & Vinegar): $1.10

### ICE BLOCKS (2nd Half Lunch Only)

- Billabong - Chocolate, Triple Swirl: $1.60
- Quelch Fruit Juice Sticks: $0.70
- Frozen Pineapple rings: $0.50
- Juice cups - apple, orange: $0.70
- Milk cups - choc, strawberry, banana: $0.70
- Slush Puppies: $2.00
- Icy Poles: $1.20

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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.

Date: ___/___/___  ___/___/___  ___/___/___

My child was absent on the above date/s because:

__________________________________________________________________________

Parent’s signed: ____________________________  Date: __________

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