Dear Parents,

What amazing weather we have been experiencing! From the beautiful sunshine to snow in just a couple of days. It is timely to remind parents to ensure their child has a jumper in their school bag just in case we have a change in weather during the school day.

We have had a very busy week with the school executive and staff beginning the evaluation of our school data and commencing the leading of strategic planning in writing the new 2015-2017 School Plan. Lots of consultation with the school community will occur later this term so please keep an eye on further information in the Newsletter.

The Term 4 Intensive Swimming Program is open to all children K-6 and everyone is encouraged to attend this 10 day Swimming Program that will be held from Monday 24th November to Friday 5th December 2014 at the Bathurst Aquatic Centre. The cost of the program is $100.00 per student which includes bus transport, pool entry, 45 minute small group lessons with a qualified instructor and a certificate at the end of the program. Notes and payment must be handed to your child’s classroom teacher by Friday 31st October 2014 to be included in this year’s program. Notes are still available from the front office.

We look forward to a wonderful Jogathon next Friday. If you can assist at the Jogathon, please return the cut off slip on the following page and return it to school.

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
The Jogathon is on next Friday 24th October 2014. We are looking forward to a fun morning of participation and physical activity. Woolworths (Bathurst City Centre) have very kindly donated an ice-block for all children to receive at the conclusion of the event. Again, a big thank you to Paul Welsh ‘The Good Guys’ Bathurst for their donation of one of our Major Prizes – an Apple iPad mini 16GB to the highest fundraiser in K-2 and another to be won for the highest fundraiser in Yrs 3-6. Also a big thank you to many businesses in Bathurst for their generous support of donations of prizes and vouchers. We will be acknowledging and thanking these businesses in further Newsletters once the prizes have been finalised.

If you haven’t started collecting sponsors – it’s not too late! You have until 9:30am, Friday 24th October 2014, to collect them! Please send the sponsorship forms that you have been collecting sponsors on with your child on our Jogathon day, 24th October to get stamped. They will be returned home with the children after the Jogathon to begin collecting money from sponsors. This money needs to be returned to school on Mon 3rd, Tuesday 4th, Wed 5th, and Thurs 6th November 2014 to the George Street Room near the front office before school from 8:30am – 8:55am.

Thursday 6th November by 3:00pm is the last day to return money and forms to be included in our fantastic prizes. After this time our overall highest fundraiser prizes will be determined and all children who return their sponsor card and money by the due date and time will have tickets placed in the draw for over 120 fantastic prizes and vouchers!!!!!

Overall there will be more than 150 prizes and vouchers to be won and the Prize Assembly will take place on Friday 7th November 2014.

Danielle McClements
Jogathon Coordinator

Come along and watch your child or join in on the fun!

Date: Friday 24th October 2014
Where: Bathurst Public School Oval
Time: 9:30am-10:30am

What to wear: *School sports uniform for all students
*Blue broad brim hat.
*Sunscreen

What to bring: *Sponsorship forms so that they can get stamped.
*Water Bottle

*Each child will receive an ice block at the conclusion of the event kindly donated by Woolworths Bathurst City Centre.

If you are able to assist with the Jogathon, marking the children’s participation page during the running of the event, your time would be greatly appreciated.

Jogathon Parent Helper - Please return to the front office.

I, ______________________ would like to assist with the Jogathon on Friday 24th October 2014 from 9:00am – 10:30am.

(Name)

Child’s Name: ______________________ Class: ______ Contact Ph: ______________________

Signature: ______________________
General Reminders

- We do have several children at our school who have **peanut and nut 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.
- 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 taken to the office before 9am.

Thank you to the P&C

A huge thank you to the P&C/Canteen Committee who together donated $6000.00 at last night’s P&C meeting to the school. This money along with the money from the School Concert will be spent purchasing readers for the classrooms from K-6. Thank you all for your support.
Welcome warmer weather, let’s get active! Last week we encouraged you to turn off the TV and get active, but WHY? We know being physically active is good for you, but WHY? Read on and hopefully you will be inspired to get outside and be active. At Bathurst Public School we want all our kids to be healthy kids.

**WHY GET ACTIVE?**
- grow and develop healthily
- build strong bones and muscles
- improve balance and develop skills
- maintain and develop flexibility
- achieve and maintain healthy weight
- improve cardiovascular fitness
- reduce stress and feel more relaxed
- improve posture
- boost confidence and self-esteem
- have fun with their friends and make new ones

Physical activity doesn’t all have to happen at the one time. It can be accumulated throughout the day.

**BE ACTIVE**
Go outside:
Run, Jump, Skip,
Throw a ball, Ride a bike.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
In NSW only about a quarter of children aged between 5 and 15 years do at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity each day!
**Clothing Pool**

Term 4 Clothing Pool opens at 8.30am and closes at 9.00am on Tuesday mornings. This is for people who work or go to TAFE/UNI and can’t get there any later.

We have plenty of jumpers, pants, some shirts, jackets, shorts, shoes and a few summer dresses. Come and check it out, everything will cost you a gold coin per item purchased.

We need your summer and winter tunics. If you have girls in Year 6 or if they have out grown their dresses, we would love to recycle them for you.

Donations can be left with Heather in the Canteen, Liz in the Clothing Pool or dropped at the front office.

If your child keeps losing their jumper, this is definitely a cheaper option! For more information ring Liz Arrow 6334 2853 or 0438 210748

**PBL Week 1 Winners**

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WINNERS FOR THE WEEK

KINDERGARTEN  Zeake Mahoney KMc
STAGE 1        Harrison Stead 1/2M
STAGE 2        Lola Love 3/4RN
STAGE 3        Annalise Frost Laneyrie 5/6A

CONGRATULATIONS to all to these people for being SAFE, RESPONSIBLE and RESPECTFUL learners
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School Canteen
Welcome back everyone. We look forward to a wonderful Term 4. Thankyou to all our wonderful helpers. Extra help is always welcome between recess and lunch and will reduce waiting times. If you are unable to make a rostered day please try swap before the scheduled day.

**Friday 17th October**
L. Arrow and M. Lucas

**Monday 20th October**
N. Forrest

**Wednesday 22nd October**
J. Munro

**Friday 24th October**
K. Campbell and M. Lucas

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P & C News

**BOOK BONUS**
The P&C has been successful in securing a **$1000 grant** to purchase new books for the school. The grant, provided under the Charles Sturt University Community Partnerships Grants Program, will allow the school to purchase about 90 graded readers for our infants classes to use in class and take home.

As the school continues to grow, so too does the need to constantly update and expand teaching resources such as home readers. These books play a vital role in helping students achieve independent reading and also provide a great opportunity for parents to measure their progress. A big thankyou to P&C grants officer, Deborah Munns, for sourcing and submitting this valuable grant application.

**ANNIVERSARY UPDATE**
Last night we set the dates for two exciting events to celebrate the school’s 80th anniversary at the George Street site during next year’s Bathurst Bicentenary:

- **Back to BPS Reunion Dinner** – Saturday May 23, The Carrington (open to all former students and staff)

- **BPS Open Day & Vintage Fair** – Sunday May 24, including school tours, exhibitions and displays, vintage market stalls, rides, chocolate wheel, Devonshire teas, school-yard games and much more.

We now need volunteers to join our organising committee. The first meeting will be held from **5-6pm on Wednesday October 29th** in the school staffroom. All welcome and no contribution to these great fundraising events is ever too small.
Term 4 Important Dates

- Friday 17th October - K-2 Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 1B Presenting work or an item
- Friday 24th October – School Jogathon
- Tuesday 28th October – Kinder Transition Meeting 6pm
- Wednesday 29th October - Primary Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall 3/6C, 2/6J and 3/6G presenting work or an item
- Thursday 30th October – Year 3 Camp
- Friday 31st October – Year 3 Camp
- Friday 31st October - K-2 Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 1S Presenting work or an item
- Thursday 6th November – School Spec Children in Orange
- Friday 7th November – School Spec Children in Orange
- Friday 7th November – Musica Viva performance
- Wednesday 12th November – Primary Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall 3/4T presenting work or an item
- Friday 14th November - K-2 Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 1C Presenting work or an item
- Monday 24th November – Friday 5th December Swimming Program
- Wednesday 26th November - Primary Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall 4/5G presenting work or an item
- Wednesday 26th November – Saturday 29th - November School Spec Children performing at School Spectacular in Sydney
- Friday 28th November - K-2 Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – KMC Presenting work or an item
- Wednesday 3rd December – Year 6 to Year 7 2015 Orientation Day
- Wednesday 3rd December – Year 6 Farewell
- Tuesday 9th December – Presentation Day at BMEC commencing at 10am
- Wednesday 10th December - Primary Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall 3/4I presenting work or an item
- Thursday 11th December – Reports Home
- Friday 12th December - K-2 Christmas Assembly in the McMullen Hall 11.40am
- Wednesday 17th December – Year 6 Tunnel 2.30pm
- Wednesday 17th December – Last Day for Children in 2014
- Friday 19th December – Office and School closes for Christmas and January holidays.