Dear Parents,

At Bathurst Public we believe that learning is for life, and this week has been a perfect example of how important it is to constantly strive for improvement. The staff have been fortunate enough to be involved in Instructional Rounds, a powerful process for all staff involved. During this process, classrooms open their doors for fellow teachers to observe the wonderful learning that our students are involved in. Teachers are given the opportunity to observe and identify how our students learn best, observe what they say and do whilst learning and how we can continue to achieve success. Instructional rounds have been such a successful process for both students and staff, that other schools within the area would like to visit, observe Bathurst Public's success and be a part of the rounds themselves. It is so wonderful to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our students, but to also acknowledge and celebrate the success of the teachers and the programs they are involved in....Yet another example of how we are leading education at Bathurst Public School!

We are all geared up for the Jogathon tomorrow, Friday 24th October, and hope the weather remains beautiful for this event. Parents are welcome to come along and support us or even assist us by doing a job in the morning. We hope to see lots of people at the Jogathon.

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.

Please be aware that there is still lots of sickness around and the weather fluctuations are certainly hindering the recovery of many people. If your child is sick, it is appropriate to keep them home to allow them time to recover and to stop the spread of infections. Please ensure you send a note to school when your child returns or phone the school to let us know that your child is or has been away sick.

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

**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.

**Kinder 2015 Transition**

**Parents of children entering Kindergarten on 2015 are invited to attend our Kinder transition meeting.**

*When: Tuesday 28th October 2015.*
*Where: McMullen Hall*
*Time: 6.00pm*

School Tours will be conducted at the conclusion of the meeting.

School uniforms and bags will be available to be purchased on the evening.
Attendance

Please make sure that if your child is absent from school that you send in a note or call the school to explain your child’s absence as soon as possible. School is a place for learning and making friends. Every day at school counts?

Is your child at school?

Band 2015

A band introductory day for the 2015 school year will be held on Wednesday 5th November 2014 in the Lambert Street Hall commencing at 9.30am. This is a wonderful opportunity for any children in Years 2-5 in 2014 that would like to join the school band program in 2015 to try a variety of instruments and obtain more information about the band, lessons and Instruments. Mr Snitch will send notes home to parents at the conclusion of this day making recommendations of instruments to parents. An outline of the fee structure for 2015 will also be included on this note.

If any parent has any queries regarding the band program for 2015, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Snitch or Mrs White at school.
Let’s get active! Last week we told you why being active is good for you. Hopefully you listened and have been outside enjoying the sunshine and keeping fit and healthy. This week we are looking at the fundamental movement skills, which assist children to learn how to perform skills and participate in physical activities successfully. Why not practice these at home? At Bathurst Public School we want all our kids to be healthy kids.

**WHAT are the FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS?**
- Static Balance
- Sprint Run
- Vertical Jump
- Catch
- Hop
- Side Gallop
- Skip
- Overarm Throw
- Leap
- Kick
- Two-hand Strike
- Dodge

**Fundamental movement skills form the basis of all skills needed for sport and physical and recreational activities**

**Kids who master the fundamental movement skills are more likely to be active and involved in physical activities**

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

**LEARNING IS NOT AUTOMATIC**
Your child needs specific and repetitive instruction. These skills are taught at school but can be practised at home as well.

**HEALTHY KIDS**
Are developing their fundamental movement skills
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 2 Winners

WINNERS FOR THE WEEK

KINDERGARTEN  Georgia Zanakis KG
STAGE 1    Tim Scott 1S
STAGE 2    Amy Mounce – Stephens 3/4I
STAGE 3    Riley Parker 3-6C

Congratulations to all to these people for being SAFE, RESPONSIBLE and RESPECTFUL learners
School Canteen

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 to swap before the scheduled day.

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

**Monday 27th October**
J. Heterick

**Wednesday 29th October**
S. Snare

**Friday 31st October**
K. Denyer and M. Lucas

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P & C News

**JOIN THE ACTION**

We’ve 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

We now need volunteers to join our organising committee. Come along to our first meeting from **5-6pm on Wednesday October 29th** in the school staffroom and find out what’s happening. You may be surprised how easy it is to become involved – whether you’re a whiz at Facebook, can round up raffle prizes or just want to lend a hand, it’s a great way to meet other people. All welcome.

**BANKING ON BOOKS**

The P&C would like to thank everyone who supported our fundraising activities, clothing pool and canteen this year. Whether you gave time or money (or both) it meant we were able to donate $6000 to the school to purchase new readers. Our Book Club sales also earn credits that the school can use to purchase new books. Overall it’s been a great year of supporting the school.

**NEXT MEETING**

When: 7pm, Wednesday 19th November 2014
Where: School staff room
Term 4 Important Dates

- 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.
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: __________

TEACHER USE ONLY:

Code: S or L (circle one)

Date: __________