Dear Parents,

Wow! What an amazing sight to see 490 children involved in the School Jogathon last Friday. Congratulations to ALL children on their participation and a special thank you to Mrs McClements for her organisation and coordination of the event.

Congratulations to our 4 Western Athletics Representatives who travelled to Homebush during the very icy cold weather in Week 3. Brendan, Sophie, Tegan and Miranda were lucky to even get there after snow across the Central West blocked the way to Sydney. They did get there, and Miranda (800m) and Tegan (200m) had to run in the wet weather and Sophie and Brendan (long jump) had to jump in the very cold conditions. They represented our school, district and region extremely well and came home with some fancy new State jumpers to proudly wear. Well done.

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.

I will be taking long service leave from Tuesday 4th November till Friday 21st November to spend some much needed time with my family. Mrs Sharon Cafe will relieve as the Principal during this time. Mrs Renata Astridge will be the classroom teacher of 5/6C during this period.
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

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**What chance does your child have of being successful?**

1 or 2 days each week doesn’t seem like much but …

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<td>24 weeks per year</td>
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At Bathurst Public every day counts!!

SCHOOL STARTS AT 9.00am.
A fantastic morning was had last Friday as our students participated in our Jogathon. The children showed great enthusiasm and endurance to complete their 10 laps and enjoyed an ice block at the conclusion. A big thank you to all our parent helpers that came along and to all staff for their help in making the morning run so smoothly; your assistance was greatly appreciated.

This week students should be collecting money from people who sponsored or made a donation to them. If you have already collected your money, it may be brought into the front office before school this week or can be handed in during our collection mornings next week – Mon 3rd, Tues 4th, Wed 5th and Thurs 6th November to the George Street room before school 8:30am-8:55am.

Please remember that Thursday 6th at 3pm is the latest opportunity to bring in your sponsorship forms and money to be eligible for inclusion in our prizes. Again, a big thank you to The Good Guys Bathurst for their donation of 1 of our Major Prizes – an Apple ipad Mini 16GB to the highest fundraiser in K-2 and another Apple ipad Mini 16GB to be won by the Highest fundraiser in Yrs 3-6. Also a big thank you to the many businesses in Bathurst that will be acknowledged in our Newsletter next week for their generous support of their donations of prizes and vouchers in support of our Jogathon.

Overall there are more than 150 prizes or vouchers to be won by students for returning their sponsorship forms and money by Thurs 6th November, 3pm. Good Luck to everyone and again thank you for your support of the Jogathon.

Mrs McClements
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.

Library

All school library books need to be returned in Week 5. Please check at home to make sure you don’t have any overdue books. Friday 31st September will be the last day children can borrow books from the library.

Thank you, Kasey Dellaway

Strings Group 2015

A strings introductory morning for the 2015 school year will be held on Tuesday 18th November 2014 in the McMullen Hall commencing at 10.00am. This is a wonderful opportunity for any children in Years K-5 in 2014 that would like to join the school strings program in 2015 to try out playing a violin or cello. More information will be available at the conclusion of the session from Ms Fiona Thompson or Ms Stephanie Baker from the Mitchell Conservatorium.

If any parent has any queries regarding the strings program for 2015, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Thompson, Ms Baker or Mrs White at school.
Bathurst Public School
Uniform Survey 2014

Overall look of the uniform
The surveys asked about the overall look of the uniform and how the students felt when they were wearing the uniform.

Overall:
- All uniforms had a high level of satisfaction with the overall look.
- Respondents were most satisfied with the boy’s sports uniform (4.1).
- Respondents were least satisfied with the girl’s summer uniform (3.8).

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Girl’s Uniform
- For the summer uniform, the respondents were most satisfied with the colour (4.1) and least satisfied with the choice (2.9).
- For the winter uniform, the respondents were most satisfied with the colour (4.1) and least satisfied with the choice (3.0).
- For the sports uniform, respondents were most satisfied with the comfort (4.1) and least satisfied with the choice (3.7).

Boy’s Uniform
- For the summer uniform, respondents were most satisfied with the colour (4.1) and choice (4.1) and least satisfied with the style (3.7).
- For the winter uniform, respondents were most satisfied with the style (4.0) and comfort (4.0) and least satisfied with the colour (3.8) and price (3.8).
- For the sports uniform, respondents were most satisfied with the price (4.2) and comfort (4.2) and least satisfied with the choice (3.9).

Satisfaction with the Uniform
All surveys asked about the level of satisfaction with aspects of the current girls and boys summer, winter and sports uniform.

The respondents were asked to rate on a scale of Really Good to Really Bad, their satisfaction with a range of different aspects of the uniform.

The responses have been collated and analysed with a response of really good being allocated a 5, good 4, OK 3, bad 2 and really bad 1.

The responses were then averaged. The overall score indicates the higher the score the more satisfied overall the respondents were.

What does this mean for the uniform policy?
- Overall the results indicated a high level of satisfaction with the school uniform.
- However, the survey has indicated that there needs to be greater choice in the girl’s uniform.
- The boy’s uniform will remain unchanged.
- The committee is now sourcing a range of shorts and pants for the girl’s uniform.
- These will be displayed in the foyer soon and parents will have the opportunity to comment.
Let’s get active! Last week we introduced you to 12 fundamental movement skills kids learn and hopefully master at school. These skills form the basis of all skills needed for sport, physical and recreational activities. This week let’s look more closely at three of these skills. Why not practise these at home? At Bathurst Public School we want all our kids to be healthy kids.

**VERTICAL JUMP**
A jump is used as the basis for jumps in gymnastics, some forms of dance and a range of sports such as basketball, AFL and volleyball.

**HOP**
A rhythmic motor-skill used in many dance forms, athletics and many schoolyard games, such as hopscotch.

**STATIC BALANCE**
An important non-locomotor skill used in gymnastics, dance, diving and many team sports.

**BE ACTIVE**
Go outside: Balance, hop and jump

**HEALTHY KIDS**
Practise their vertical jump, hop and static balance
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

School Canteen

As the end of the school term approaches some food items will no longer be available but will return to the menu in 2015. When ordering please write 2 or 3 options in case your 1st preference isn’t available as stocked items will be reduced. Every effort will be made to ensure that everyone is fed.

As of 27th October banana milk has become a deleted item from our supplier. Chocolate, strawberry and plain milk are still available.

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Heather – Canteen Supervisor

Canteen Roster

Friday 31st October
K. Denyer and M. Lucas

Monday 3rd November
L. Arrow

Wednesday 5th November
C. Allbut

Friday 7th November
C. Cramer
Term 4 Important Dates

- 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.