Dear Parents,

The 2014 school year has come to an end. What an amazingly successful year we have had! Our planning for 2015 is well underway. Over the holiday period a security fence will be erected. We are hoping that the majority of this will be completed before the children return in 2015.

Our Presentation Day on Tuesday was a very special occasion. What a wonderful celebration of the 2014 school year. It was great to see our children recognised for their efforts at such a lovely occasion this year. Thank you to everyone involved.

Don’t forget some important days coming up:

- **Friday 12th December** - K-2 Christmas Assembly in the McMullen Hall 11.40am
- **Tuesday 16th December** – PBL School Disco – K/2 10am-11am 3/6 11.40am-12.40am
- **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.

Our Term 4 Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Reward Morning Tea was held today at recess and what a lovely celebration for the class winners of the green awards. Congratulations also to the PBL Staff Team for their ongoing work and promotion of positive rewards for our children.
Attached to this Newsletter is a guide for parents as to what children will require in terms of equipment to start the 2015 school year successfully. This list does not contain books as parents will be requested to purchase ‘Book Packs’ for their child which will be available from the front office at school as of day 1 2015 at a cost of $25.00. These book packs will contain all books that children will need to work in for the 2015 school year. Please contact the school if there are any queries.

Some important dates for the commencement of 2015 are:

- Tuesday 27th January 2015 – School resumes for all staff. School office opens at 8.00am
- Wednesday 28th January 2015 – Children in Years 1-6 return
- Thursday 29th January 2015 – Kindergarten children begin

As this will be the last newsletter for 2015, I would like to thank all parents, friends and children for the wonderful and successful year we have had. It has been an absolute pleasure being the Principal of Bathurst Public School this year. It has been a very busy year and much has been achieved (which I started to list but the list went for pages and pages). Thank you for your ongoing support of our wonderful school and of Public Education.

To the staff, I thank you for making our workplace such a positive environment and a joy to work within. I am amazed at the work and commitment you all show every single day. Your organisation and care of each and every child is always paramount. Your support of one another not only as colleagues but as friends makes our workplace special. Thank you all for your ongoing dedication to Bathurst Public School.
I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and good luck to all of our Year 6 children. I will look forward to watching all your endeavours in the future. It is also timely to say farewell and thank you many families who will also leave us this year as they no longer have children at Primary School. Thank you for all your work, support and commitment to Bathurst Public School and Public Education. Good luck to you all.

A reminder that the last day of school for all children for the 2014 school year is **Wednesday 17th December**. Thursday 18th December will be a School Development Day. The school office will close at 3.00pm on Friday 19th December.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year. I look forward to working with you all again in 2015.

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
Principal
Merry Christmas
& safe holidays

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising activities this year and we look forward to lots of Bicentenary fun in 2015!

SPONSORSHIP SPECIAL!

Sponsor our 2015 Back to BPS Bicentenary Celebrations before the end of the year and receive a 10% discount! Please return this form to the school office.

Family sponsorship $40.00 now $36.00 if booked by 31.12.2014
One-line entry in commemorative program to be distributed at the Back to BPS Open Day Fair and Gala Dinner
Please list how you wish your entry to be acknowledged: eg Smith Family or Smith/Roberts Family etc

Payment method:
☐ Cheque: Please make all cheques payable to:
    “Bathurst Public Parent Association”

☐ Cash (if paid to the school office by 17.12.2014)

☐ Direct deposit to: Bathurst Public Parent Association
    BSB: 032-814  Account Number: 15-1234
    **Note name of family or business on EFT transfers please

Total amount paid: $_________

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
Canteen News

Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who have helped out in the canteen this year! All the best to those whose children start high school in 2015! Thank you for your support & assistance over the past year.

Last canteen day is Friday 12th December 2014 reopening on Monday 2nd February 2015.

Merry Christmas and all the best for 2015!

Canteen Roster

**Friday 12th December 2014**
L Arrow & M Lucas

**Monday 2nd February 2015**
E Spinks

**Wednesday 4th February 2015**
P D’Aquino

**Friday 6th February 2015**
Volunteers Needed

Term 4 Important Dates

- 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.

Term 1 2015 Important Dates

- Tuesday 27th January – School resumes for all staff. School office opens at 8.00am
- Wednesday 28th January – Children in Years 1-6 return
- Thursday 29th January – Kindergarten children begin
- Friday 6th February – School Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday 17th February – School Photos
- Monday 9th March-Friday 13th March – Stage 3 Myuna Bay Excursion
- Thursday 2nd April – Last Day Term 1
Dear Parents,

For a smooth beginning to the 2015 year, your child will require the following equipment. Please ensure ALL equipment is clearly labelled with your child’s name.

**Stage 1 - Years 1 & 2**
- Book Pack (available from the front office at school for $25.00)
- Eraser
- Coloured Tri Grip Pencils & Sharpener
- HB Lead Pencils Tri Grip
- Textas
- Pencil Case

**Stage 2 - Years 3 & 4**
- Book Pack (available from the front office at school for $25.00)
- Eraser
- HB Pencils
- Coloured Pencils
- Textas (optional)

**Stage 3 - Years 5 & 6**
- Book Pack (available from the front office at School for $25.00)
- Eraser
- HB Pencils x 2
- 6B pencil for sketching
- Coloured Pencils
- Biros – Blue, red (Fine point, not felt tip)
- Protractor – Geometry Set

- Library Bag
- Box of tissues
- Navy broad brim hat
- Paint shirt
- Please do not bring liquid paper
- $10.00 online home reader
- $15.00 technology levy
- $15.00 resource levy

- Box of tissues
- Navy broad brim hat
- Please do not bring liquid paper
- $15.00 technology levy
- $15.00 resource levy

- Eraser – soft white
- Textas
- Pencil case
- Please do not bring liquid paper
- Box of tissues
- Navy broad brim hat
- $15.00 technology levy
- $15.00 resource levy
Merry Christmas

Have a Happy & Safe Holiday