Dear Parents,

Our boys Cricket Team played Eglinton Public School last Friday and had a great day on the field and with the bat. At the end of the day, Eglinton were the winners of the match – but from all accounts, Cricket was the winner on the day! Congratulations to our boys cricket team and Mr Thackeray on the gamesmanship and sportsmanship displayed last week. These boys were wonderful examples of the terrific children we have at Bathurst Public School.

**Arrival and departure time for school** - Parents are reminded that school begins at 9.00am each day. Teachers are on duty from 8.30am on the top quad and COLA area. Children **should not** be dropped to school before this time as the playground is unsupervised. Please ensure this is adhered to for the safety of all of our children.
School finishes at 3.00pm. Children who catch buses go to the COLA where they are supervised by teachers until buses arrive. Children who are picked up from the front area of the school sit on the front lawns, are supervised by staff and leave via the front gates when parents arrive and park their car. The teacher remains on duty till 3.20pm so parents are asked to ensure their child is picked up by this time.

Parents are asked to please ensure they inform their child/children where they need to go after school and how they are getting home before children come to school in the morning. This will ensure that children do not get distressed in the afternoon.

A general reminder:-

- 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.**

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

**Mother’s Day Portrait**

This year the children at Bathurst Public School will be making something a little special for our mums for Mother’s Day.

With the help of the P&C, your child will be painting a portrait for their mother. **The canvases are on sale for $10 per picture, and must be pre-ordered and paid for by Thursday, 3rd April, 2014.**

Canvas Size: 203mm x 254mm

Regards
P&C Committee
K-2 Easter Hat Parade/Dance/Raffle – Tuesday the 8th of April

Thank you to all of those families who have donated Easter Eggs for our Monster Raffle. We still need lots more to make our raffle a huge success.

Raffle tickets will go on sale next week. Members of our Leadership Team will be selling the tickets before school, at recess and lunch. Tickets will be 3 for $2.00 or $1.00 each.

Our Easter hat Parade will be held on Tuesday the 8th of April. All K-2 children make their Easter hats at home and bring them to school on the Parade day. The K-2 children are able to wear free dress clothes on this special day.

We will also be having a "Pizza Meal Deal" to coincide with our Easter Hat Parade. Children will need to pre-order their "Meal Deal". Order forms have been sent home if you require another form please see the office. Parents are welcome to order.

Money raised will go towards our $1000.00 annual pledge to Stewart House. Stewart House is a children's charity that provides short time respite care for children in need.

Thank you for your support.

Kathy Murphy and Fiona Bennett
Easter Hat Parade Co-ordinators
School Contributions

School Contributions for 2014 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.

P&C News

ART FROM THE HEART

For a gift that will warm your soul better than a new pair of slippers, don’t forget to order your Mother’s Day canvas before Thursday 3rd April. For just $10 you will help raise money for the school and receive a creative artwork from your child. A big thank you to P&C Vice President Kirsty Ridley for organising the canvases, plus the teaching staff who will be inspiring our budding artists. Don’t have an order form? Please ask for one at the office.

HAPPY HELPERS

Can’t make it to P&C meetings but still keen to help out with events and activities? No need to miss out - the P&C will be compiling a Volunteer Register so you can nominate the general days, times and activities that you may be available for. If you register there is no obligation to participate and you can be involved as much or as little as you like (even half an hour can help). Activities we often need extra hands for include sorting Book Club orders, manning stalls and wrapping gifts. A form will be sent home soon.

NEXT P&C MEETING

When: 7pm, Wednesday 21st May 2014
Where: School staff room

Please note there is no April meeting due to the school holidays.
Canteen News

Thanks again to all who have volunteered this term. If you would like to be part of the Canteen Team don’t hesitate to come by any Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Canteen Phone Number: 6331 3275.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Canteen Committee

Reminder the Term 1 Canteen price list is on the Bathurst Public School web page under Canteen.

Canteen Volunteers Roster

Friday 28th March – M Lucas and Volunteer needed
Monday 31st March – A Everett
Wednesday 2nd April – T Honeysett
Friday 4th April – M Gott and M Lucas

Clothing Pool

All uniforms you no longer use can be donated to our Clothing Pool, just drop them off at the office.

The Clothing Pool is open every Tuesday morning 8.45am – 9.30am or contact Liz Arrow on 6334 2853 or 0438 210 748 to organize a time.

Term 1 2014 Calendar

- Friday 28th March - Infants (K-2) Assembly – 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 1B presenting work or an item
- Friday 4th April – School Disco K-2 from 5.00-6.30 and 3-6 from 6.30-8.00
- Tuesday 8th April – Easter Hat Parade
- Tuesday 9th April – PBL Morning Tea with Mrs White
- Wednesday 9th April - Primary (Years 3-6) Assembly – 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Wednesday 10th April – Stage 2 Winter Olympics Day
- Wednesday 11th April - Infants (K-2) Assembly – 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 1C presenting work or an item
- Friday 11th April – Last day of Term 1 2014
Term 2 2014 Calendar

- Monday 28th April – Staff return for our School Development Day
- Tuesday 29th April – All children K-6 return
- Tuesday 6th May – Parent Information Night Bathurst High School
- Wednesday 7th May – Primary Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 5/6H presenting work or an item
- Friday 9th May – K-2 Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – KB Presenting work or an item
- Friday 9th May – Mother’s Day Stall
- Tuesday 13th May – NAPLAN
- Wednesday 14th May – NAPLAN
- Thursday 15th May – NAPLAN
- Tuesday 20th May – Biggest Morning Tea
- Wednesday 21st May – P&C meeting 7pm in the Staff room
- Wednesday 21st May – Primary Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 3/4T presenting work or an item
- Friday 23rd May – K-2 Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 1S Presenting work or an item
- Wednesday 28th May – CWA Public Speaking Finals at All Saints
- Wednesday 4th June – IXPLORE
- Wednesday 4th June – Primary Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 4/5G presenting work or an item
- Friday 6th June – K-2 Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – KG Presenting work or an item
- Tuesday 10th June – Choral Cluster Rehearsal for Primary Choir going to Choral Festival
- Tuesday 17th June – Thursday 19th June – Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
- Wednesday 18th June - P&C meeting 7pm in the Staff room
- Wednesday 18th June – Primary Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 3/4I presenting work or an item
- Friday 20th June – K-2 Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – KM Presenting work or an item
- Friday 27th June – Primary Athletics Carnival
- Friday 27th June – Last day of Term 2 2014
**Pizza Meal Deal**

2 pizza slices and a popper for $5

*Pizza Meal Deal Day* will coincide with the Infants Easter Hat Parade on, 8th April.

All students K-6 will need to **pre-order their meal**. Please write the quantity and preferred pizza topping on the slip below and return to school by, *Monday 7th April, 2014*.

Mrs Kathy Murphy and Miss Fiona Bennett  
Easter Hat Parade coordinators

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**Pizza Meal Deal**

Name:__________________________________________________________________________

Class:__________________

☐ Yes, I would like a meal deal  
☐ Extra slice $1.50 each

☐ Ham and pineapple  
☐ Vegetarian  
☐ Meat lovers

Total: $__________________

Parents are welcome to order and have lunch with their child/children