Dear Parents,

What another busy week! We have had children involved in so many activities in the past week it is hard to keep track! Well done to all our children on the manner in which you continue to represent our school – you all display our Respectful, Responsible, Safe Learner expectations of our PBL program. Good work.

We will be holding our School Anzac Ceremony in the McMullen Hall on Wednesday 9th April commencing at 9.30am. As this is one of our most formal school events of the year, we would ask that all children wear full summer uniform to this very special and official occasion. The uniform to be worn is:
- **Girls:** Summer tunic, white socks, black shoes, navy blue sloppy joe with the school emblem.
- **Boys:** White B.P.S. school shirt, navy shorts, white socks, black shoes and navy blue sloppy joe with the school emblem.

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 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

**Arrival and Departure at 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.

**Programs at Bathurst Public School**

**Reading to Learn**

Teachers from Year 2 to Year 6, are currently undergoing training in the “top down” teaching strategy called, *Reading to Learn*. This program enables all learners to read and write successfully, at levels appropriate to their age, stage and area of study.

The program has been developed over ten years with teachers of primary, secondary and tertiary students across Australia and internationally. It integrates reading and writing with teaching the curriculum at all year levels.

When using the *Reading to Learn* strategy, students are explicitly taught how texts are structured and how language works across a range of texts.

They systematically deconstruct small passages of text to study writing techniques of successful authors and use those techniques in their own writing.

Independent evaluations of *Reading to Learn* have shown that it can accelerate the learning of students across all schools and year groups and among students from all backgrounds and literacy skill levels.

L3 Kindergarten

Kindergarten teachers are currently using a literacy program in our classrooms called L3. This stands for Language Learning and Literacy. All Kindergarten teachers are passionate about this program and are seeing outstanding results. Below is some information about this successful program.

What is Language Learning and Literacy?
Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) is a program for Kindergarten students. All the Kindergarten teachers in our school have participated in training to learn how to use this program in their classrooms. L3 focuses on providing rich literacy experiences to assist all children to become successful Readers and Writers. It occurs as part of the daily literacy lesson within the Kindergarten classroom.

Your child and L3
During the literacy session your child will be taught in small groups of three students. While each group is being given short, explicit lessons in Reading and Writing, the rest of the class will complete carefully selected activities to extend their literacy learning. We call these Learning Centres. Your child will also listen to the reading of stories, poems and songs in small groups. This will build their knowledge of sentences, letters and words to help their reading and writing.

What is being taught?
Children will be taught all parts of the English K–6 Syllabus through L3 lessons. All children will take home reading books. Books are selected so you can provide praise, and encourage all the efforts your child makes when reading and writing.

If you would like to read more about helping your child at home:
A Pirate Picnic

On Wednesday, K-2H decided to celebrate the wonderful start to the year with a Pirate Picnic. The younger students have been learning their beginning letter sounds, (this week it was ‘Pp’ for pirate) and the older students have been focusing on middle and end letter sounds. In the morning we made crazy pirates then after recess we ventured down to the sand pit where we all dressed up in pirate cloths. Mrs Hendo read a story called Mrs Pirate (she tried hard to be Mrs Pirate!), we played pass the parcel then got busy digging for buried treasure! After all this fun we ate our lunch under the shady trees and sang pirate song! A big thank you to Mrs Mitchell & Mrs Murray, whose help and support was valued and appreciated by all!

K-2H & Mrs Hendo!
**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 are on sale now. 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 at 11.40am under the Cola. 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

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**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

**Crazy Hair and Sock Day**

**On Friday 11th April 2014,** to congratulate all of our fantastic Students on a great term with PBL, we are holding a Crazy hair and Sock day. Students and Teachers are invited to wear crazy hair and socks of many colours.
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.

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 4th April – M Gott and M Lucas
- Monday 7th April – D Andrews
- Wednesday 9th April – L Arrow
- Friday 11th April - April – M Lucas & K Campbell

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 4\textsuperscript{th} April – School Disco K-2 from 5.00-6.30 and 3-6 from 6.30-8.00
- Tuesday 8\textsuperscript{th} April – Easter Hat Parade under the Cola at 11.30am
- Wednesday 9\textsuperscript{th} April – ANZAC service at 9.30am in the McMullen Hall
- Wednesday 9\textsuperscript{th} April – PBL Morning Tea with Mrs White
- Wednesday 9\textsuperscript{th} April - Primary (Years 3-6) Assembly – 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th} April – Stage 2 Winter Olympics Day
- Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} April - Infants (K-2) Assembly – 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 1C presenting work or an item
- Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} April – PBL Whole School Reward – Crazy Hair and Sock Day
- Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} April – Last day of Term 1 2014

**Term 2 2014 Calendar**

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

MEET THE PARENTS

The P&C will host a welcome to all Kindy parents and carers during the K-2 session of tomorrow's Jungle Safari Disco. So while your children bust their best Gangnam Style moves on the dancefloor, please join us for free light refreshments and a chat in the Kindy Quad. Hope to see you there!

FETE ACCOMPLI!

Ever noticed the school emblem says 1815? Next year marks Bathurst's 200th birthday and the P&C is considering holding a Bicentenary School Fete to celebrate. However, a big event needs a big committee so we’re on the lookout for people with either:

- Great organising skills
- Event planning experience
- Good local business contacts
- Terrific ideas
- Or simply enthusiastic and willing to give it a go!

If that sounds like you, please fill out the form below and hand it into the office before the end of term.

YES! I’m interested in joining a Bicentenary Fete Committee. Please contact me for your next meeting.

Name: ________________________________

Phone: _______________________________