Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. I do hope everyone had a relaxing holiday. We have a busy term ahead with many exciting things happening both in and out of the classroom.

We welcome Ms Alexandra Glencross to our staff in a temporary capacity this term. Ms Glencross will be teaching in the Library this term and also coordinating the iextend program for Stage 3. We welcome back Ms Kasey Dellaway who continues to replace Mrs Kelly who is on sick leave. We also welcome Mr James Hundy to our staff who has been appointed as a permanent Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO) and will be working with Mrs Lee in 3/6L. Mrs Crook is still on long service leave and will return next Monday 5th May. Ms Hudson will continue to teach 3/6C until this time. Mrs Morris is also still on long service leave and will return to class on Monday 12th May. Ms Anderson will continue to teach 1/2M until this time.
Mrs Guihot commenced maternity leave late last term and we all waited anxiously for the birth of her baby. Lilly Ann Guihot was born on Friday 11th April (after school on the last day of term!!). We congratulate Carly and Ricky on the birth of their beautiful little baby girl and look forward to her visiting us all soon.

Congratulations and thank you to the 35 children, Mrs Goninan, Ms Simmons, Mrs Francis, Mrs Curran and Mrs McClements who represented our school at the Bathurst ANZAC Day service. It was wonderful to see our school represented by children from K-6 at this very significant Australian event.

The 2013 Annual School Report for Bathurst Public School is now available on our School Website. To access this website, please go to www.bathurst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Don’t forget our Mother’s Day breakfast on Friday 9th May. More information will be sent home from the P&C who are coordinating this event.

Our School Cross Country will be held on Friday 9th May from 11am at Mt Panorama. All children turning 8-13 years this year are permitted to participate in the Cross Country. Parents and friends are very welcome to come and support the children as they run the 2km for (8, 9 and 10 year olds) and 3km for (11, 12 and 13 year olds). Notes have been sent home regarding the Cross Country.

The NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) will be held for all children in Year 3 and 5 this term. Further information about NAPLAN is attached. The schedule for the assessments is as follows:

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As always, at the end of Term 2 we will provide a written Semester 1 report for your child. As the previous English syllabus has now been replaced by the new K-10 English syllabus, there will be a slight change in how we report in English within your child’s written report. No longer will we be grading students in English across the three ‘strands’ (Reading, Writing and Talking and Listening). We will now be giving an overall English grade and ensuring written teacher comments reflect all aspects of the new K-10 English syllabus. I intend to provide further information regarding this change to you in advance of our reports being distributed.

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
Principal
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.

NRMA’S SCIENCE AND ROAD SAFETY ROADSHOW

On Friday 30th May our school will be holding a free NRMA Science and Road safety show. Students will attend a Science Show at school presented by a trained science professional. The show explores the science (physics) of road safety and how and why safety equipment keeps humans safe.

During the day students will investigate:
- why correct seatbelt use is critical when travelling in a car,
- see how distraction is dangerous for drivers,
- examine the forces and inertia involved in car crashes and how modern cars protect you in a crash, learn about crumple zones in respect to car and helmet design,
- delve into the science of bicycles, from reflectors to gyroscopic motion,
- explore Australian Standards in respect to bike safety and learn legal obligations, learn about the visibility of bicycle riders and hand signalling; and
- participate in an egg “crash dummy” design and make challenge.

Parents are also invited to attend a 30 minute Parent Workshop at 2:30pm. The workshop will be delivered by a science professional, who will explain what parents can do to help their children stay safe on their bikes, including on their way to and from school. We encourage as many parents as possible to attend this session in the McMullen Hall.

Mrs Ivory
Coordinator
Winter Uniform

Whilst we are still experiencing some lovely day time temperatures, the days are definitely getting cooler. It is timely to remind parents to:

- Please ensure children wear a navy blue broad brimmed hat to school every day
- Please wear a navy blue sloppy joe with the school logo on it.
- As it gets cooler, children should wear navy blue jackets, navy blue scarves and navy blue beanies under their hats (other coloured articles of clothing should not come to school)
- Ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

The school’s winter uniform should be worn in Terms 2 and 3 and consists of:

**Boys –** Navy trousers, white polo shirt, navy school sloppy-joe, white ankle socks and clean black shoes.

**Girls –** Winter pinafore, white polo shirt, navy school sloppy-joe, navy tights/stockings, clean black shoes and navy blue hair ribbons.

If girls and/or boys are to wear track pants, they should be plain navy blue with no writing on them. Please do not wear brand name track pants such as Adidas and Canterbury to school.

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.

Late Notes

**School starts at 9.00am every day.** It is important that children are here every day to start at 9.00am or they lose valuable learning time. If your child is late, please ensure they come to the office on their arrival with a parent so they can be signed into school and receive a late note. Please remember:

A few minutes here and there doesn’t seem like much but ...
STAGE 2 WINTER OLYMPIC DAY

During the last week of Term One, Stage 2 went all the way to Russia (a.ka. BPS ) to participate in their own Winter Olympics Day. We marched in our country groups of America, Australia, Holland, Jamaica and Russia and participated in an Opening Ceremony, including torch relay and flag raising.

We then participated in 5 different events across a whole day of fun – biathlon, luge, ice-hockey, figure skating and curling. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded at the closing ceremony, which also included our athletes parade and closing statements.

Not everyone won a medal, but in the spirit of the Olympics, medals are not the only thing we celebrated. Sportsmanship, fun and joining in with new friends was the most important thing we did on the day, and it was a great day for athletes and judges (students and teachers).

Well done, Stage 2.
Bathurst Public School Public Speaking Finals – Thursday 8th May – 11:40am McMullen Hall

Parents and community members are invited to join us next week for the finals of the School Public Speaking Competition.

Being able to plan, rehearse and deliver a presentation is part of the English Syllabus for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students. Students are learning to vary voice volume, tone, pitch and pace according to the size of the audience and to make their presentation appropriate for the occasion. It is also a valuable life skill.

Students in Years 3 to 6 have been preparing their speeches over the past weeks using the CWA topics provided to them.

The winners from each class will compete in the School Public Speaking Final.

Our adjudicator will be Mrs Margaret Brown, an experienced public speaking and debating adjudicator with Department recognition.

We look forward to an entertaining session.

Marilyn Johnson – Public Speaking/Debating 2014
FUN WITH MUM!

BPS mums are being spoilt this year. Not only are students busily applying the finishing touches to their Mother’s Day canvases (we’re told they’re top secret!), the P&C will also hold a special Mother’s Day Breakfast before school on Friday May 9.

So come along with your family and enjoy a yummy brekkie, take a turn in our fun photo booth and see which lucky mums win our fantastic raffle prizes – all of which will help raise funds for the school.

Raffle prizes:

1st prize: One night’s accommodation at Mercure Parramatta (thanks to Southern Cross Austereo: 2GZ FM, Star FM, Southern Cross 10, One and Eleven)
2nd prize: $100 gift certificate to Angela Morris Optometrist
3rd prize: $50 gift certificate to Acropole Restaurant
4th prize: $30 gift certificate to Macquarie Skin & Day Spa

Information on how to pre-order breakfasts is attached to this Newsletter.

NEXT P&C MEETING
When: 7pm, Wednesday 21st May 2014
Where: School staff room
All welcome!

Canteen Volunteers Roster
Friday 2nd May – M Lucas & K Campbell
Monday 5th May – E Spinks
Wednesday 7th May – K Naylor

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 2 2014 Calendar

- Tuesday 6th May – Parent Information Night Bathurst High School Year 7 2015
- 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 – 1S 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 – KB Presenting work or an item
- Wednesday 28th May – CWA Public Speaking Finals at All Saints
- Wednesday 4th June – IXPLORER
- 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
What is NAPLAN?
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?
NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

What will be tested and how?
NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the national Statements of Learning for English and mathematics, which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The writing task requires students to write a text in response to a prompt.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, sample questions and a sample writing task are available on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au

Who will run the tests?
NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school deputies or the principal. Each state and territory is responsible for marking the tests in accordance with strict guidelines and processes.

How can I help my child prepare for the tests?
NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?
All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions, or who has recently arrived in Australia and is from a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your state testing authority can provide you with more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.
How is NAPLAN performance measured?
NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has 10 bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands represents the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?
Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Will I receive a report on my child’s performance?
A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent to you. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

How are NAPLAN test results used?
- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results on the My School website: www.myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?
For more information about NAPLAN:
- visit www.nap.edu.au
- contact your child’s school
- contact your state or territory’s education authority (details available on the NAP™ website).

NAPLAN 2014 tests timetable

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- Language conventions includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Numeracy includes number; space; algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data.
- Calculators are NOT permitted in the numeracy test in Years 3 and 5. In Years 7 and 9, there is one numeracy test where calculator use is permitted and one where it is not.
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Start time 10 am (Fridays 9.30 am)
Recess 11.10am to 11.30am
Finish time 2pm
Lunch 1.10pm to 2pm
Extra help is always welcome between recess & lunch and will reduce waiting times
If you are unable to make rostered day please try to swap before the day
Canteen Phone Number Heather 6331 3275
# Bathurst Public School Canteen Price List
## Term 2 2014

### Recess
- Mini muffin: $0.30
- Muffin: $0.70
- Cup of Noodles: $0.70
- Hot Choc (gluten free): $0.70
- Cheesy Crust: $0.50
- Half Finger Bun: $0.90
- Chicken Nuggets: $0.50
- 3 Chicken Nuggets: $1.50
- 6 Chicken Nuggets: $3.00
- Mini Pie: $1.50
- Pizza (Ham & Pineapple): $2.50

### Snacks
- Cheese Slice: $0.20
- Boiled Egg: $0.30
- Fruit piece: $0.30
- Fresh Popcorn: $0.40
- Season fruit (whole): $0.60
- Custard Cup: $0.60
- Custard Cup with fruit: $0.80
- Ji’s (Chicken, Pizza or Salt & Vinegar): $1.20

### Drinks
- Apple/Orange Popper: $1.20
- 600ml Bottled Water: $1.10
- 300mls milk—Plain, Banana, Strawberry or Chocolate: $1.90

### Lunch
- **Sandwiches** (Multigrain)
  - White Bread Rolls add $0.60
  - Vegemite: $1.20
  - Cheese: $1.60
  - Vegemite & Cheese: $1.80
  - Tomato: $1.70
  - Egg: $1.60
  - Eggs & Lettuce: $2.00
  - Salad: $2.60
  - Salad+ Chicken or Ham: $3.50
  - Chicken or Ham: $2.40
  - Chicken or Ham + Cheese: $2.50

### Jaffles/Toasties
- Cheese: $1.80
- Cheese & Tomato: $2.30
- Chicken & Cheese OR Ham & Cheese: $2.80
- Ham Cheese & Tomato: $3.00
- Chicken Cheese & Tomato: $3.00
- Spaghetti OR Baked Beans: $2.50

### Hot Food
- **Nachos** (with fork): $3.50
- Beef Nachos – Beef, Tomato, Beans, Cheese, Corn Chips
- Vegetarian Nachos – Tomato, Beans, Cheese, Corn Chips

- **Chicken Burger**: $3.50
- Lightly Crumbed Chicken with Lettuce & Mayo

- **Lasagne** (with fork): $3.50
- Hamburger: $3.50
- With Pineapple Add: $0.50
- With Cheese Add: $0.30

- **Hot Dog** (Low Fat with Sauce): $2.50
- With grated Cheese Add: $0.30

- **Mini Pizza** (Ham & Pineapple): $2.50
- Mini Pie: $1.50
- Sausage Roll: $2.50
- Sauce: $0.30

### 2nd Half Lunch Only
- Milk Cup—Choc, Banana, or Strawberry: $0.70
- Juice Cup—Apple/Orange: $0.70
- Quelch Sticks: $0.70
- Lemonade Icy Pole: $1.20
- Billabong—Choc, Rainbow: $1.70
- Slush Puppy: $2.00

### Spoons/forks (Unless Listed): $0.20

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*Lunch orders & money are to be placed in a bag or an envelope with Childs Name & Class & posted through the slot before 9am*
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: ___________________________
Mother’s Day Breakfast Pre-Order Form

Please return to school with payment by Wednesday 7 May 2014

Bring your mum for breakfast on Friday 9 May from 8.30am.

Name and class: ______________________

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