Dear Parents,

What a wonderful ‘Biggest Morning Tea’ we had on Tuesday. It was terrific to see the children, parents and friends so relaxed walking around having morning tea and supporting the children who were entertaining us with their singing, dancing and instrument playing. Our ‘Biggest Morning Tea’ raised $1380.00 for the Cancer Council. Thank you to all the children who donated cakes, biscuits and other treats for morning tea. A big thank you to all the families for their support of the morning tea and to Mrs Murphy and Mrs Healey for their organisation of the event.

Congratulations to the girls Soccer Team and Mr Thackray on a terrific win on Tuesday afternoon. The girls defeated Bathurst West PS 4-0 and will now play Kelso PS in the next week or two.
Good luck to our Cross Country team which consists of 43 children that will compete at Mt Panorama at the District Cross Country Carnival. This event commences at Mt Panorama at 9.30am. Children should report to Mrs McClements and Miss Bennett on their arrival at Mt Panorama and stay with the teachers so they can be directed to their race at the appropriate time.

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

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.
General Reminders

- 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.

School Assemblies

The next Assemblies to be held are:

- K-2 Assembly – Friday 23rd May in the McMullen Hall at 2.10pm – KB presenting work or an item.
Wow!

The girls had a fantastic game of soccer against West Bathurst on Tuesday at Police Paddock. They played as a team and looked organised and composed. They won 4-0 and the whole team performed exceptionally well on the day. There were a number of star performers but a special mention needs to go to Lara Samuel who scored a hat-trick. Well done Lara! The majority of the game was played in the attacking half for us and it’s a credit to the girls who worked really hard and were rewarded for their effort with a comprehensive victory. We’re looking forward to our next game against Kelso.

Well Done Girls!

**Drama and Visual Arts Donations**

**K-6**

We are looking for donations for our Drama and Visual Arts workshops such as: **dress up hats, clothes** (jackets, ties, skirts etc), **scarves, corks, bubble wrap, fabric odds and ends, matchboxes, candles, clean toothbrushes, old car toys and clean bottle lids**.

These items will be used in our K-6 drama and visual arts program next term. If in doubt, please send it to school anyway. We can be very creative!

All donations need to be in a plastic bag and can be delivered to **Miss Puebla** for collation. Thank you.
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
Last week we shared some yummy recipes you could use for kids lunches at school. This week we are encouraging you to pack water or milk in the kids lunchbox as it is the healthiest option. At Bathurst Public we want all our kids to be Healthy Kids.

**WATER is FREE!**

- Juice pops are expensive.
- Buy a drink bottle, fill it with water.
- Save money.
- Be healthier.

**Did you know?**

Children who regularly drink soft drinks or other sweetened drinks are more likely to be overweight.

**ADD WATER or MILK to the lunchbox**

- Drinking water is the best way to quench your thirst
- Water does not have all the sugar found in fruit juice drinks, soft drinks, or sports drinks
- Fluoride found in tap water can help strengthen teeth and bones
- Drinking water instead of sweetened drinks is more likely to prevent dental problems

Milk is a nutritious drink for kids and a great source of calcium, which is important for growing strong bones and teeth.

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2014 Kindy tea towels

Order forms have been sent home for the Kindergarten tea towels. These make great presents or wonderful school keepsakes for years to come.

The cost is $13 each or 3 or more for $11 each.

Orders are due back by Friday 30th May.

Contact Sueann via the P&C if you have any queries.
FROCK STARS
Only Chrissy Amphlett and Angus Young could get away with wearing their uniforms after they left school so if your kids have outgrown theirs, consider donating them to our Clothing Pool. All items in good condition are welcome – girl’s dresses and tunics are in particular demand. Drop them off at the school office.

COW IN THE CLASSROOM!
Chances are the education system has changed a bit since most parents went to school (think SMARTBoards not blackboards) and a great way to keep up is to attend P&C meetings. At last night’s meeting we learnt how BPS is leading the way in L3 literacy programs and met the school’s new spotted green C.O.W., which herds up all the laptops (it doesn’t moo but it is lonely so we need another two!). Intrigued? Come along to our next meeting to find out more...

NEXT MEETING
When: 7pm, Wednesday 18th June 2014
Where: School staff room
All welcome!

Canned Volunteers Roster
Friday 23rd May – K Shead & M Lucas
Monday 26th May – N Forrest
Wednesday 28th May -

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.

BPS Sport Socks
BPS sports socks are available for students representing the school in our sporting teams.

They can be purchased for $15 from the office.
Term 2 2014 Calendar

- Friday 23rd May – K-2 Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – KB Presenting work or an item
- Friday 23rd May – District Cross Country at Mt Panorama - 9.30am
- Monday 26th May – Boys Soccer in Cowra
- Wednesday 28th May – CWA Public Speaking Finals at All Saints
- Friday 30th May – NRMA visit
- 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
- Wednesday 11th June – Regional Cross Country Trials in Wellington
- Wednesday 11th June – Swing Factor Concert 2pm in the McMullen Hall
- Friday 13th June – Infants Athletics Carnival
- Monday 16th June – Writing ICAS test
- Tuesday 17th June – Spelling ICAS test
- 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

Important Announcement!

The Bathurst Public School Uniform Survey is currently open!

How: Complete the survey online. Simply click on the link below: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BPS_Uniform](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BPS_Uniform)

When: Thursday 15th May to Friday 30th May

If you do not have access to the internet, please collect a printed copy of the survey from the front office at school. Completed surveys can be returned to the front office.
BPS ‘Biggest Morning Tea’