Dear Parents,

Well done to all our children who participated in the District Cross Country Carnival on Friday at Mt Panorama. All our children performed extremely well and were a credit to their school. Many children were placed in the top 6 of their age group and will now compete at the Regional Cross Country Trials in Wellington on Wednesday 11th June. They are:

- 8/9 years girls – Claudia Campbell (placed 2nd)
- 8/9 years boys – Gabriel Langdon (placed 1st), Cody Cramer (placed 5th) and Angus Cafe (placed 6th)
- 10 years girls – Miranda Campbell (placed 1st) and Holly Downey (placed 6th)
- 10 years boys – Caiden Grimmett (placed 4th)
- 11 years girls – Sophie Hillsdon (placed 1st) and Tianna Copeland (placed 5th)
- 11 years boys – Liam Kimbel (placed 5th)
- 12/13 years girls – Olivia Pringle (placed 5th)
- 12/13 years boys – Matthew Beattie (placed 5th) and Charlie Dunn (placed 6th)
Congratulations to the four children who represented our school at the CWA Public Speaking Finals yesterday at All Saints. All children spoke extremely well. A special congratulations to Hamish Dinger, who was the winner of the Year 6 section and will now compete at the Inter Region Finals at Cumnock in June. Well done, Hamish!

Congratulations to our boys soccer team, that played in Cowra on Monday. Mrs Francis was thrilled with the manner in which the boys played. Although beaten in extra time, the boys played extremely well. The final score was Mulyan 2, Bathurst PS 1. Thank you to the parents for assisting with transport on Monday, and Mrs Francis for her work with the team.

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
Canberra Excursion

A reminder that all money for the Stage 3 Canberra Excursion is **due tomorrow**, Friday 30th May by 3:00pm.

**Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)**

Students from our school will soon be undertaking, an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of the Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs.

The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

This contribution has already been deducted from the cost of the excursion by the school.

**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.**
Regional Enrichment Debating Workshop for Years 5 & 6

On Wednesday, Bathurst Public welcomed 58 senior Primary Students and their teachers from across Western NSW to a full day of specialised debating training provided by the Arts Unit of the DEC. Schools in attendance were Bathurst, Eglinton, Manildra, Orange, Canobolas, Nashdale and Parkes Public Schools.

The Arts Unit visited the Western NSW region last year, and students were keen to develop their debating skills at the workshop again this year.

The workshop was run by Mr Tony Davey, who leads the Arts Unit’s debating and public speaking team, which is made up of the department’s most senior adjudicators and coaches, all of them state representative debaters themselves. Tony and his team will be adjudicating the finals of the Premier’s Debating Challenge this year.

The workshop covered all aspects of debating, including definition, rebuttal, speaker’s roles and arguments.

The day was very well received by students and teachers alike.

Mrs Johnson – Debating 2014

Tony Davey from the Arts Unit DEC with Charlie Ayoub, Abby Dinger, Matilda McDonald, Sophie Hillsdon, Tianna Copeland, Alex Grace, Alex Jennings, Ben Neary, Lain Berry, Harvey Shead, Charlie Dunn and Zara Sheader.

School Assemblies

The next Assemblies to be held are:

- 3-6 Assembly – Wednesday 4th June in the McMullen Hall at 2.10pm – 4/5G presenting work or an item.
- K-2 Assembly – Friday 6th June in the McMullen Hall at 2.10pm – KG presenting work or an item.
CWA Public Speaking Competition:

On Wednesday 28th May, Bathurst Public sent four competitors to the CWA Public Speaking Competition at All Saints College, Bathurst.

These were the winners of our School Competition. Congratulations!
Year 3 – Keira Copeland
Year 4 – Ray Cross
Year 5 – Bayden Wolfe
Year 6 – Hamish Dinger

Students had to compete against 37 other competitors in their section.

We were very excited to hear that Hamish Dinger had won first place in his section. Congratulations Hamish – what a great achievement! Hamish will go on to compete at a higher level.

Also, Keira and Ray both gained Highly Commended Awards! What outstanding results for Bathurst Public.

Mrs. Johnson – Public Speaking 2014
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.

Reminder

2014 Kindy tea towels

Orders are due back

Tomorrow, 30\textsuperscript{th} May.

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

Mental maths strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here:

www.bit.ly/JkiUsY
Last week we looked at why water and milk are so much healthier than sweetened drinks. This week we are looking at a complete healthy and yummy lunchbox. At Bathurst Public we want all our kids to be Healthy Kids.

**INCLUDE IN YOUR HEALTHY and YUMMY LUNCHBOX**

- Fresh fruit
- Crunchy vegetables
- A meat or protein food (slices of lean meat or egg)
- Dairy (cheese stick, milk, yoghurt)
- Starchy food (bread, crackers)
- Water

**HEALTHY KIDS**

**HAVE HEALTHY and NUTRITIOUS and COLOURFUL LUNCHBOXES**

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**PBL Weekly Winners**

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to all these people for being SAFE, RESPONSIBLE and RESPECTFUL learners.
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

BOYS SOCCER

On Monday, the boys PSSA Soccer Team travelled to Cowra to compete in their first round match against Mulyan Public School. It was a very even game, with BPS scoring first from the boot of Evan Café. Not long after, Mulyan tied the match with a pop up kick into goal. We had several chances at goal with great runs through the centre from Brendan Spasic and Dylan Potter. Defending hard at the back, Charlie Dunn, Charlie Ayoub, Michael Clarke and Charlie Hutchings kept Mulyan out of goal. The game ending 1-1. Extra time saw 5 minutes each way with BPS ahead on corners and in a solid position to win. Unfortunately a penalty given in the shooting box saw Mulyan with a penalty shot at goal- which they scored. We lost the game 2-1.

The boys picked themselves up, kept playing hard and finished the match as they had played it all game- hard, fair and as a team. Well done boys. You may not have won, but you played like champions!

Kylee Francis
Boys Soccer Manager/Coach

Canteen Volunteers Roster

Friday 30th – K Campbell & M Lucas
Monday 2nd June – L Arrow
Wednesday 4th June – J Munro
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 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

When: Thursday 15\textsuperscript{th} May to Friday 30\textsuperscript{th} 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.