Dear Parents,

We have started our Annual Review Meetings for all the Support unit classes this week. These will continue on Tuesday 19th August and Monday 25th August. A big thank you to the Teachers for all the work they have done preparing for these meetings and to all the Parents for making the time to come and talk about the progress of their child and our goals for the next 12 months.

Congratulations to our Girls’ soccer team and Mr Thackray on an amazing game of soccer against Parkes in Orange on Monday as part of the Western Region Final. Although our girls were deafeated 2-0, from all reports, soccer was the winner on the day. Well done to our girls on their fine representation of our School and outstanding sportsmanship shown not only to the other team but to each other.
Last week we were extremely delighted and proud to host a visit to Bathurst Public School by the Australian Rugby Union and the Bledisloe Cup. Many children had the opportunity to listen to the history of the cup, details about the upcoming Australia vs New Zealand game and hold the prestigious Bledisloe Cup. Well done to all Bathurst Public children involved in this visit.

Yesterday, Wednesday 13th August, we held our Commonwealth Games Day. What a lovely day to be outside taking part in physical activity! New Zealand was the overall winning country, but I think ALL children competing were the actual winners! Our children definitely demonstrated team work, fair play and the true spirit of sportsmanship. Well done all. A special thank you to Mrs Murphy for the outstanding job coordinating the day.

Don’t forget Book Week is next week. The theme is “Connect to Reading”. The following is the outline of the activities organised:

- Monday 18th August – Colouring in competition entries due to Miss Dellaway
- Monday 18th August – Wednesday 20th August – All children K-6 preview the Book Fair
- Thursday 21st August – Children K-6 purchasing from the Book Fair from 9.15am-11.00am
- Thursday 21st August – Book Parade for all children K-6 under the COLA 11.40am-1.10pm
- Thursday 21st August – Book Fair open for parents and children to purchase books 1.00pm-2.30pm

OUR SCHOOL CONCERT DVD WILL BE ON SALE FROM THE FRONT OFFICE ON MONDAY 18TH AUGUST - $15.

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
Student Attendance at School

Attendance of children at school is extremely important. It is vitally important for children to be at school every day so they learn the skills to be successful in later life and enjoy the social, cultural and sporting activities that are enjoyed by all children. School Attendance is a major school and state target in 2014.

The attendance target for Bathurst Public School for all children K-6 is 94.5%.

To achieve this target it is important for all children to be at school every day. If children are unable to attend school for any reason, a note must be supplied to the classroom teacher or a verbal notification either by phone or face to face must be made to either the classroom teacher, ladies in the front office or School Principal. Attached to this Newsletter is a copy of a note that can be used to notify the school about an absence. These notes can also be found on our school website under ‘attendance’. Please remember:

- 1 day off a week = 10 days a term (2 weeks - gone!)
- 1 day off a week over the period of 1 year = most of 1 term - gone!!
- If this pattern starts in Kindergarten and continues through to Year 6 almost 2 years of learning is gone!!
- If students miss days of learning they reduce the chance of achieving their academic potential.

Children taking Medication at School

Many children are required to take medication at school on a casual and ongoing basis. We have trained first aid officers that have completed a specific ‘Administration of Prescribed Medications’ course that enables them to administer medication to children at school.

We ask that when children need to take medication during the school day, that parents bring the medication to the office and complete an administering medications form. This informs our staff of the dosage, frequency medication is to be taken and storage instructions.

We ask that parents DO NOT send medication to school with children in school bags.

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.

**The Final – Girls Soccer**

The Girls’ soccer team went to Orange on Monday the 11th of August to play against Parkes P.S in the Western Region Final. They played their best game to date and didn’t give up. We were against a very strong team and ended up losing 2-0 in a tight contest. The girls played an outstanding game and every player deserves a special mention for their efforts. They fought until the final whistle. I’d like to thank all the parents for their support and assistance on game days. I feel like it has been a very supportive and encouraging environment at every game and this has contributed to the success of the team. Girls, you have represented your school with the highest level of sportsmanship and we are very proud of your achievements this year. Well done on an extraordinary competition.

Jeremy Thackray
Girls Soccer Coach

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Like Bathurst Public School on Facebook!
QUOCKA Reading Program

Congratulations to 1/2M who recently completed the QUOCKA program. The children are pictured after they were presented with their new books.

BATHURST PUBLIC HEALTHY KIDS

Last week we looked at how to take care of your ears and this week our healthy tips are about how to blow your nose. Remember at Bathurst Public we want all our kids to be healthy kids.

TEACHING KIDS TO BLOW THEIR NOSE

1. Show them how to blow out their mouth (put things in front of their mouth so they can see the air moving eg. candles, bubbles). Have them feel the air being blown out by putting their hand in front of their mouth
2. Have them breathe in and out with their mouth closed – show them how
3. Have them put their finger under their nose when they breathe in and out so they can feel the air
4. ‘Blow out the candles’ – have them keep their mouth closed and take a big breath in through their nose. Ask them to ‘blow out the candles’ by blowing the air out of their nose
5. Give them a tissue to hold to their nose as they repeat step 4.

HEALTHY KIDS
Blow their noses properly and hygienically

BE GENTLE
When you blow your nose

STOP GERMS SPREADING
Use one tissue per nose blowing and then put in the bin
Wash hands after blowing your nose
Now accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2015

“Smart Start”

Transition to Kinder Program

Beginning 19th August 2014

Term 3 - Wednesday & Thursday

Morning Session 9:30 - 11:00

Afternoon Session 1:00 - 2:30

Please contact Bathurst Public School for more information.

Phone: 02 6331 3923

Email: bathurst-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
SAVE THE DATE
Dad can celebrate Father's Day twice this year! As well as making him breakfast in bed on Sunday, you can also shout him a famous P&C egg & bacon burger on **Friday September 5**. So ditch the burnt toast and come along to the school to enjoy a delicious Father's Day brekkie with your family. How to pre-order and more details will be sent home soon.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
What games did you play at primary school?
Were you the queen of elastics or the champion of British Bulldog?

In May 2015 the P&C is planning to celebrate the school's 75th anniversary at the George Street location. We are planning a celebration to showcase the changes in education that have taken place over the past 75 years. Along with an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia, we are also planning many other activities that highlight the changes that have occurred in the classroom and in the playground. Games, food, music and chatting with old friends will be key components of the day.

We are hoping to encourage ex-staff and students (and their families) to join with current staff and students in the celebration of this significant milestone. If you are interested in joining our event committee, please contact Deborah Munns on 0499 977 788 or munnsied@hotmail.com

NEXT MEETING
When: 7pm, Wednesday 20th August 2014
Where: School staff room
All welcome!

Bathurst Public School P and C
Father’s Day Raffle

First prize: **V8 RACE Experience**: Back seat Hot Laps ride around Mount Panorama with Steve Johnson including buffet lunch, thanks to [V8race.com](http://V8race.com)

Second prize: **Mitre 10** Trades Pro general purpose tool set 145 pieces + screwdriver set (5 piece)

Third prize: Kincrome dart board from **Auto One Bathurst**

Fourth prize: Rugby supporters pack

Fifth prize: Men’s hair cut from **Hair by Hair**

Tickets $1.00 each.

Please return money and ticket stub (with name and phone number) by Thursday September 4. Drawn at Father’s Day Breakfast
**Clothing Pool**

Term 3 Clothing Pool opens at 8.15am and closes at 9am on Tuesday morning. This is for people who work or go to TAFE/UNI and can’t get there any later.

We have plenty of jumpers, pants, some shirts, jackets, shorts, shoes and a few summer dresses. Come and check it out, everything will cost you a gold coin per item purchased.

So if your child keeps losing their jumpers, this is definitely a cheaper option! For more information ring Liz Arrow 02 63342853 or 0438 210748

**Canteen**

Friday 15th August – K Shead & M Lucas  
Monday 18th August – C Cramer  
Wednesday 20th August – S Snare

**Term 3 2014 Calendar**

- Friday 8th August - K-2 Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – K/2H Presenting work or an item  
- Monday 11th August – Girls Soccer in Orange  
- Wednesday 13th August – Commonwealth Games  
- Monday 18th August till Friday 22nd August – Book Week  
- Wednesday 20th August – IEXPLORE  
- Wednesday 20th August - Primary Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall 3/4F presenting work or an item  
- Wednesday 20th August – P&C Meeting 7pm – All welcome  
- Thursday 21st August – Book Parade and Book Fair  
- Friday 22nd August - K-2 Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 2P Presenting work or an item  
- Friday 29th August – Regional Athletics Trials in Dubbo  
- Wednesday 3rd September - Primary Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall 5/6A presenting work or an item  
- Friday 5th September - K-2 Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 1/2M Presenting work or an item  
- Monday 15th September – Stage 2 Sydney Excursion  
- Tuesday 16th September – Stage 2 Sydney Excursion  
- Wednesday 17th September - Primary Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall 3/4RN presenting work or an item  
- Friday 19th September - K-2 Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 2D Presenting work or an item  
- Friday 19th September – Last day of Term 3 2014
Bathurst Public School Concert DVD on sale Monday 18 August $15
Book Week Update 2014

There will be a colouring-in competition for book week! All entries are due in the Library by Monday of week 6. Mrs White will judge the competition and announce the winners at the Book Parade.

Children will have a chance to create a wish list once they have seen the book fair throughout the week. Books can be purchased after the book parade on Thursday the 26th of August.

All the staff at BPS are getting their costumes ready. Start thinking about a character from a book that you have a connection to! I wonder who you will be?
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: ____________________________________________________________

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Parent’s signed: _______________________________  Date: ____________________

TEACHER USE ONLY:

Code: S or L  (circle one)

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