Dear Parents,

This week is SASS recognition week and what a wonderful opportunity to thank our extraordinary office ladies, school learning support officers and general assistants for the outstanding job they do everyday at Bathurst Public School. Thank you to our wonderful SASS team that consists of Mrs Di Fazio, Mrs Bogart, Ms Willott, Mrs Wilkin, Mrs Macready, Mrs Angus, Mr McPherson, Mrs Murray, Mr Hundy, Mrs Tilburg, Mrs Fowler, Mrs Mooney, Mrs Dive, Mrs Mitchell, Mr Dinger and Mr White. I thank you on behalf of the entire school community for the wonderful work you do with the children, staff and parents.

Our Eisteddfod commitments have continued this week and we have been extremely proud of all of our groups that have attended and performed. The following is an overview of the past week:

- Recorder group – Second
- Strings group – Second
- Jazz Soloist - Natecia Boye - equal first
- Jazz Soloist - Kayli Burke – equal first
- Jazz Soloist - Sidney Speirs- second
- Kindergarten Verse Speaking- highly commended
- Primary Verse Speaking – highly commended
Recorder

Strings

Jazz Soloists
We wish all of our Dance groups that will perform next week all the very best and hope lots of parents and friends can come along to support us.

The outline for our Dance groups and their performance dates and times are below.

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Congratulations to ALL of our children that represented Bathurst Public School at the Western Athletics Trials in Dubbo last week. Our children all participated to the best of their ability. Congratulations to the following children who have qualified to attend the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships in Sydney:

- Miranda Campbell who came 1st in the Junior girls 800m
- Tegan Bush who came 2nd in the 11 years girls 200m
- Sophie Hillsdon who came 3rd in the 11 years girls Long Jump
- Brendan Spasic who came 3rd in the Senior boys Long Jump

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

**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.

**Western Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to the children who participated at the Western Athletics Carnival on Friday 29th August. After many weeks of training, our children gave their all and showed great sportsmanship and ability when representing our School and District.

We are extremely proud of the four children who have qualified for State. Well Done!!

Miranda Campbell  1st 800m  
Tegan Bush             2nd  200m  
Sophie Hillsdon       3rd Long Jump  
Brendan Spasic        3rd Long Jump

What an extraordinary effort!

A.Ivory  
Athletics Co-ordinator
Notes went home this week to Year 4 and 5 parents about next year’s Stage 3 excursion to Myuna Bay. This will take place from 9th March, 2015, with a cost of $405. The cost includes travel by bus, accommodation for 4 nights, 5 days of activities, and meals.

The Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre is nestled on the western foreshore of Lake Macquarie in the Hunter Region of NSW. Students will participate in a variety of activities lead by qualified staff which include: a climbing wall, abseiling-artificial wall, bike riding, giant swing, canoeing, sailing, kayaking, bushwalking, a high ropes course, cookout, and rogaining.

If you would like your child to attend, please send in a deposit of $100 (which includes a non-refundable deposit of $50). The remainder must be paid by Monday, 2nd March.

If you have not yet received a note, please see the front office or your child’s class teacher.

**3/4F Assembly Item**

Congratulations 3/4F on your wonderful Assembly item presentation this week!
Bathurst Public
Healthy Kids

Last week we looked at how to get enough and why you need Vitamin D to keep you healthy. This week our healthy tips are reminders about how to stay safe in the sun. Remember at Bathurst Public we want all our kids to be healthy kids.

Damage from the Sun
Can cause:
Sunburn
Wrinkly skin
Skin Cancers

Sun Safety
Wide brimmed hat
Sunglasses
SPF30+ Sunscreen every 4 hours - all over (don’t forget the backs of hands and the ears!)
Find shade and stay out of the sun during midday hours
Wear protective clothing

Healthykids
Protect themselves from the sun

P & C News

We look forward to seeing BPS families at our Father’s Day BBQ tomorrow, starting at 8.15am. Be early to pick up your pre-ordered breakfast to avoid the queues!

Happy Father’s Day!

Our lucky raffle winners will also be drawn on the day. Thanks to the local businesses who donated our prizes:
1st prize: V8 Race Experience: Back seat hot lap around Mt Panorama with Steve Johnson, including buffet lunch, thanks to V8race.com
2nd prize: Mitre 10 Trades Pro General Purpose Tool Set + screwdriver set
3rd prize: Kincrome dart board from Auto One Bathurst
4th prize: Rugby supporter’s pack
5th prize: Men’s haircut from Hair by Hair

Next Meeting
When: 7pm, Wednesday 17th September 2014
Where: School staff room
All welcome!
**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 5th September – C Campbell & M Lucas  
Monday 8th September – N Forrest  
Wednesday 10th September – J Heterick

**Term 3 2014 Calendar**

- Friday 5th September - K-2 Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 1/2M Presenting work or an item  
- Thursday 11th September – Year 1 and 2 children to Featherdale  
- 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  
- Wednesday 17th September – PBL Morning Tea with Mrs White  
- Friday 19th September – PBL whole school Rewards Day  
- 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 from the front office $15
Road safety around your child’s school
Your child’s safety depends on you

Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.

Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.

Always park and turn legally around schools.
Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.

It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Always hold your child’s hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.

STOP! one step back from the kerb.

LOOK! for traffic to your right left and right again.

LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK! whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

Did you know your child is learning about road safety at school?
Key points to remember around schools

4 Hold your child’s hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:
- on the footpath.
- in the car park.
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety.

5 Helmet and safety on wheels

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it’s the law.

Your child’s helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.

Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels – bikes, foot scooters, rollerskates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.

Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ procedure.

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au