Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone to the 2015 school year. I do hope your holidays were relaxing and you are ready for another busy year!

A very special welcome to our new children and their families. We are sure you will enjoy your time at Bathurst Public School.

We welcomed all our new Kinder children and their parents this morning. What a delightful group of children they are. They have had a wonderful start to school. It was lovely to see so many grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends join the children on this very exciting first day.

All the staff are well rested and ready and organised for another great year. A big welcome to our newest staff members, Mrs Helen Rutherford who will be the Assistant Principal Stage 2 and will teach 3/4R, Mrs Nikki Royle who will teach KR, Miss Janelle Zahra who will teach 2Z, Mrs Louise Hattenfels who is a new permanent School Learning Support Officer and Mr Cameron Dennis who will work as a School Learning Support Officer. Welcome back to Miss Nicole Webster who will teach Reading Recovery and Mrs Natasha Woolfe who is returning from maternity leave 2 days per week.

As indicated at the assembly on Wednesday morning, the children have been put into tentative classes. We should know early next week what the final set-up of classes will be. Thank you for your patience.

Congratulations to our new leadership team for 2015 that were announced at last year’s presentation day. On Tuesday 3rd February, our 2015 School Captains and House Captains will be inducted. This ceremony will commence at 9:30am in the McMullen Hall. Parents and friends are welcome to join us on this special occasion.

On Friday 6th February our Annual School Swimming Carnival will be held at the Bathurst Aquatic Centre. Children in years 3-6 as well as those children in Year 2 who are turning 8 this year and can swim 50m unaided are eligible to attend. Notes will be sent home tomorrow with further information.

Our school photos will be taken on Tuesday 17th February. We will be using Master School Portraits again. Envelopes for school photos should go home in the next week.
Infants (Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2) Assemblies will be held each Friday at 2.15pm in the McMullen Hall commencing Friday 13th February. Primary Years (3, 4, 5 and 6) Assemblies will be held every second Wednesday at 2:10pm in the McMullen Hall, commencing on Wednesday 11th February at 2.10pm. All parents and friends are very welcome to join us to celebrate our accomplishments.

As a staff we continue to modify our Assessment and Reporting practices to ensure we are reporting to the new Australian Curriculum and to also ensure parents obtain feedback each term on their child’s progress from their child’s classroom teacher. At anytime, if parents have any concerns or issues about your child’s learning, you are encouraged to contact the school to make an appointment to speak with your child’s classroom teacher. The Assessment and Reporting schedule for 2015 is:

- Term 1 Week 5/6 - Monday 23rd February-Friday 6th March – Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Term 2 Week 9 - Thursday 18th June – Semester 1 Reports home
- Term 3 - Parent/Teacher Interviews (Dates to be advised)
- Term 4 Week 10 – Thursday 10th December – Semester 2 Reports home

The days and times for Parent/Teacher Interviews for weeks 5 and 6 is outlined below. Notes will be sent home next week regarding these meetings.

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We do have several children at our school who have peanut 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.

On Wednesday (Thursday for Kindergarten), a list of requirements for each stage was sent home to parents. Thank you to all the parents who have sent items in so promptly. I have attached this list at the end of the Newsletter.

A general reminder:-

- 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 sent directly to the front office at the school for processing.

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

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Principal

**Congratulations Senior Choir, Recorders and Strings groups**

Our Senior Choir, Recorder Ensemble and Strings group have been successful in obtaining positions at this year’s Choral Festival and Instrumental Festival of Music in Sydney. Both of these concerts will be held at the Opera House.

The Senior Choir will perform at the Endeavour Concert to be held on Friday 30th October 2015.

The Recorder Ensemble and Strings groups will perform at the Mimosa Concert to be held on Thursday 6th August 2015.

**Band**

Old and New Band Members in Years 3-6! Please join us Wednesday 4th February 9am in the Lambert Street Hall.

**Strings 2015**

Our Strings group, coordinated by the Mitchell Conservatorium and taught by Ms Fiona Thompson and Ms Stephanie Baker, will commence on Tuesday 3rd February. For returning students, please do not forget your violins or cellos next week. For any new student in K-6 interested in joining our Strings program in 2015, please contact Mrs White.
Myuna Bay

Yesterday a note was handed to students attending Myuna Bay. It requested parents to provide the Recreational Centre with their child's medical, dietary and other special needs information through a web address. This address, however, was incorrect. The correct address is:


This information **must be entered online** into the Medical and Consent form available by **Monday, 16th February 2015** (three weeks prior to camp start date).

If you do not have internet access, we will arrange for you to complete the form at school.

We still have positions available for students to attend. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

**Clothing Pool**

Term 1 Clothing Pool opens at 8.30am and closes at 9.00am on Tuesday mornings. 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.

We need your Summer and Winter tunics. If you have girls that have out grown their dresses, we would love to recycle them for you.

Donations can be left with Heather in the Canteen, Liz in the Clothing Pool or dropped at the front office.

If your child keeps losing their jumper, this is definitely a cheaper option! For more information ring Liz Arrow 6334 2853 or 0438 210748

**Permission Note**

I give permission for my child ___________________________ class ___________________________ to view PG rated videos, from time to time, which have been selected by his/her Teachers, and deemed to be appropriate.

Signed ___________________________ Date ___________________________
The P&C wishes all BPS students and their parents/carers a fantastic start to the school year and extends a warm welcome to our new Kindy families.

We have lots planned in the months ahead – in particular our Back to BPS Bicentenary Celebrations in May. Keep an eye on future newsletters or ‘like’ our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BacktoBPS to find out more.

You’re invited!

Come along to our first Parents & Citizens Association meeting of 2015 on Wednesday February 18 (7pm in the staffroom). Both informal and informative, our meetings are open to everyone and are a great way to meet other parents and find out more about what’s happening at the school.

New faces are always welcome and you don’t need to do anything - simply pull up a chair. You’ll also discover the many ways the P&C supports the school, such as:

- running the school canteen (we’d love more volunteers!)
- coordinating the clothing pool
- holding social events to promote school community spirit
- fundraising to buy school equipment and supplies.

Contact P&C Secretary Tracey Platt on 0405 153 169 for more information or to be added to our email list.

Canteen Roster

Monday 2nd February 2015
E Spinks

Wednesday 4th February 2015
P D’Aquino

Friday 6th February 2015
Volunteers Needed
Term 1 2015 Calendar

- Friday 6th February – School Swimming Carnival
- Wednesday 11th February – Primary Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Friday 13th February – Infants Assembly at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Tuesday 17th February – School Photos
- Monday 23rd February – 3/6J and 3/6 C Parent Teacher Interviews
- Tuesday 24th February – 3/6G and K/2H Parent Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday 25th February – 3/6L Parent Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday 25th February – Primary Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Friday 27th February – Infants Assembly at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Monday 2nd March – Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) Parent Teacher Interviews
- Tuesday 3rd March – Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) Parent Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday 4th March – Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews
- Thursday 5th March – Year 1 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Friday 6th March – Year 2 and Year 1/2 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Monday 9th March-Friday 13th March – Stage 3 Myuna Bay Excursion
- Wednesday 11th March – Primary Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Friday 13th March – Infants Assembly at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Wednesday 25th March – Primary Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Friday 27th March - Infants Assembly at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Tuesday 31st March – Easter Hat Parade
- Thursday 2nd April – Last Day Term 1
Dear Parents,

For a smooth beginning to the 2015 year, your child will require the following equipment. Please ensure ALL equipment is clearly labelled with your child’s name.

**Stage 1 - Years 1 & 2**

- Book Pack (available from the front office at school for $25.00)
- Eraser
- Coloured Tri Grip Pencils & Sharpener
- HB Lead Pencils Tri Grip
- Textas
- Pencil Case

- Library Bag
- Box of tissues
- Navy broad brim hat
- Paint shirt
- Please do not bring liquid paper
- $10.00 online home reader
- $15.00 technology levy
- $15.00 resource levy

**Stage 2 - Years 3 & 4**

- Book Pack (available from the front office at school for $25.00)
- Eraser
- HB Pencils
- Coloured Pencils
- Textas (optional)

- Box of tissues
- Navy broad brim hat
- Please do not bring liquid paper
- $15.00 technology levy
- $15.00 resource levy

**Stage 3 - Years 5 & 6**

- Book Pack (available from the front office at School for $25.00)
- Eraser
- HB Pencils x 2
- 6B pencil for sketching
- Coloured Pencils
- Biros – Blue, red (Fine point, not felt tip)
- Protractor – Geometry Set

- Eraser – soft white
- Textas
- Pencil case
- Please do not bring liquid paper
- Box of tissues
- Navy broad brim hat
- $15.00 technology levy
- $15.00 resource levy
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**Kindergarten**

- Book Pack (available from the front office at school for $25.00)
- $15.00 technology levy
- $15.00 resource levy
- $10.00 Online Home Readers

- Library Bag
- Navy broad brim hat
- Paint shirt
- Box of tissues
- Packet of wipes (hand sanitising wipes)

**Enrolment Requirements**

Please ensure you have provided to the office at school before 30th January 2015:
(The school office will be open Tuesday 28th January 8:30am – 3:30pm.)

- A completed enrolment application
- A copy of your child’s immunisation certificate
- A copy of your child’s birth certificate or identity documents
- Proof of student’s residential address
- Copies of any family law or other relevant court orders