Dear Parents,

What another terrific week – the term is flying!!

Our NAIDOC day was held last Friday 16th October with the children doing lots of different activities to celebrate. Thank you to Mrs Royle and Miss Puebla for their organisation of the day and to all teachers who coordinated activities.

Interschool sport commenced for our Stage 3 children last Friday. Interschool Sport is where all stage 3 children at the Public Schools in Bathurst come together to play a variety of sports. It runs for 3 consecutive Friday’s! The children participate in sports such as Rugby League, AFL, Touch Football, Cricket and Basketball.

Congratulations to our Boys Cricket Team who played in Orange on Tuesday in the Western Region Semi Final. Unfortunately the boys lost this game to a very good team. Well done to our BPS Cricket Team on their ongoing commitment to training and the manner in which they have continuously represented our school. You make us all very proud boys – well done! Thank you to Mr Thackray for coaching and coordinating the cricket this year.

Don’t forget our Jogathon this Friday – it is sure to be a fun morning of participation and physical activity. Children are reminded to bring their drink bottles, hats and sponsorship forms so they can be marked off during the morning.

Our School Swimming Program closes next Friday 30th October, 2015. Notes and full payment must be received by this date. After this date we cannot accept any more swimming notes or issue refunds. The Term 4 Intensive Swimming Program is open to all children K-6 and everyone is encouraged to attend this 10 day Swimming Program that will be held from Monday, 23rd November to Friday, 4th December 2015 at the Bathurst Aquatic Centre. The cost of the program is $100.00 per student which includes bus transport, pool entry, 45 minute small group lessons with a qualified instructor and a certificate at the end of the program.

Food Allergies - 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.
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](http://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

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**Cricket 2015**

What a fantastic effort from the boys to make the Western Region Semi-finals. We lost to Orange but the boys played really well and represented Bathurst Public School with great pride and sportsmanship.

We’ve had a fantastic year and I’d like to thank all the parents for their continued support and a huge thankyou to Louise Hutchings who was our number 1 scorer. I’d also like to thank Eric Hutchings who scored when we needed him to as well.

It’s been a fantastic year. I know all the boys have had fun. Good luck to all the year 6 boys with their cricketing careers beyond Primary School.

Well done boys!!

Mitchell, Ji, Charlie, Nash, Gabe, Sam, Aidan, Evan, Will, Ryan, Gus

Mr Jeremy Thackray
Cricket Coach
**Bathurst Public School Jog-a-thon**

The Jog-a-thon is this Friday 23rd October, 2015 and is shaping up to be a fun morning of participation and physical activity whilst also supporting a major fundraiser for our school.

The prizes continue to come in and we are extremely grateful to the very supportive businesses in Bathurst that have kindly donated goods and vouchers for our prizes.

It’s not too late to start collecting sponsors if your child hasn’t already started. Children can collect sponsors up until Friday morning of the Jog-a-thon. Please ensure either parents or a responsible adult is able to help children collect sponsors from family, friends, relatives or neighbors and record these on their sponsorship form. Extra sponsorship forms can be collected from the front office if they are needed.

On Friday 23rd October, the children will bring these sponsorship forms to school for the running of the Jog-a-thon. The students will complete 10 laps of the bottom oval (infants to complete a smaller course) and will get their participation page stamped. After the running of the Jog-a-thon, the children will then bring these cards home and will collect their donations and sponsorship money from their sponsors.

Once again, Woolworths - Bathurst City Centre have kindly donated an ice block for all children to have at the conclusion of the Jog-a-thon. If you do not wish for your child to have an ice block please let your child and their class teacher know.

In week 5, on Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November mornings before school, sponsorship cards and money will be collected in the Annexe. Children will have their names marked off for returning their forms, their fundraising amount recorded and they will be placed in the draw for a chance of winning some fantastic prizes. The draw will take place on Friday 6th November 2015.

**The last day to return sponsorship cards and money to go into the draw will be on Thursday 5th November 2015.**

It is essential that all sponsorship forms are returned by 5th November 2015 to be included in the prize draws (even if children have not participated). Money returned after this date should be sent directly to the school office for students to have their names marked off.

There are going to be amazing prizes to reward the children for their participation in the Jog-a-thon and efforts in helping to raise money for our school.

A special School Jog-a-thon Assembly for students will be held on Friday 6th November of week 5, to award the following prizes.

**Prize categories to include:**

- Highest overall fundraiser K-2 to receive a Samsung Galaxy Tablet WiFi 16G
- Highest overall fundraiser Yr 3 – Yr 6 to receive a Samsung Galaxy Tablet WiFi 16G
- Highest Boy and Girl fundraiser from each grade to each receive a prize.
- Highest overall fundraiser from the Support Unit Classes to receive a prize.
- 25+ Lucky Draw prizes to be drawn from a barrel open to all students K-6 who return their sponsorship cards and money by Thursday 5th November 2015.

**Date:** Friday 23rd October 2015

**Where:** Bathurst Public School Oval

**Time:** 9:20am – 10:00am

**What to wear:** School Sports Uniform, School Hat and Sunscreen

**What to Bring:** Sponsorship forms to be stamped while running and a water bottle.

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**Jog-a-thon Parent / Community Helper Response**

Please return this slip to the School office

If you are able to assist during the running of the Jog-a-thon, by marking children’s Sponsorship Booklet Participation page as they complete their laps, your time would be greatly appreciated.

I ___________________________, would like to assist with the Jog-a-thon on Friday 23rd October 2015 from 9:00am – 10:10am.

Child’s name: _________________________ Class: _________ Contact Phone: _____________________
News in brief

Here is a brief wrap-up of some of the things discussed at last night’s P&C meeting for those who were unable to attend:

• Next year we are going to trial operating the canteen four days a week, as well as an online ordering system. Watch this space for more information. For those who don’t know, the canteen is run and managed by the P&C (and supported by a small team of valuable parent volunteers) which allows us to keep prices low and donate any small profits back to the school. More volunteers are always welcome (and needed!).

• We were given an overview of the school’s Personal Development, Health and Physical Education policy. There was much discussion about the mandatory 150 minutes of physical activity being introduced to school timetables, acknowledging the benefits this will have for students’ wellbeing, but also the impact it will have on the time allowed for other learning areas.

• The P&C will award a $20 voucher to Matilda McDonald who has been selected as part of the Western Region Debating Team. This is the 31st voucher we have awarded already this year to recognise students’ achievements across a broad range of sports and activities. Our fundraising activities help support this initiative.

• We urgently need a volunteer to coordinate the Year 6 tea towels this year (ideally a Year 6 parent). If you are able to help, please leave your contact details at the front office ASAP and we will be in touch. These tea towels are a popular memento of your child’s last year in primary school but may not be available this year if we can’t find a coordinator (it’s not a huge job and guidance will be provided).

Next meeting

When: Wednesday 18th November
Time: 7pm
Where: School staffroom
All welcome!
**Book Club**

Book Club is due back on Friday 23rd October.

**Clothing Pool**

The clothing pool is open Tuesday morning from 8:30am-9:00am or by appointment. All donations of second hand uniforms are gratefully accepted and sold back into our school.

For more information or to book a time with me to have a look call Liz Arrow on 6334 2853 or 0438 210 748.

**Canteen Roster Term 4 2015**

- **Monday 26th October**
  - B Cutler
- **Wednesday 28th October**
  - C Allbut
- **Friday 30th October**
  - A Bennett
Term 4 2015 Calendar

- Friday 23rd October – Jogathon
- Friday 23rd October – Interschool Sport Stage 3
- Wednesday 28th October - Primary Assembly McMullen Hall 2.10pm
- Friday 30th October – Choral Festival at the Opera House
- Friday 30th October – Interschool Sport Stage 3
- Friday 30th October - Infants Assembly McMullen Hall 2.10pm
- Thursday 5th November – Year 3 and 4 Camp
- Friday 6th November – Year 3 and 4 Camp
- Wednesday 11th November - Primary Assembly McMullen Hall 2.10pm
- Friday 13th November - Infants Assembly McMullen Hall 2.10pm
- Wednesday 18th November – P&C Meeting 7pm
- Friday 20th November – Year 6 Mini Fete
- Monday 23rd November till Friday 4th December – Intensive Swimming Program
- Tuesday 24th November – BHS and KHS year 6 to year 7 parent information evening 6.30pm
- Wednesday 25th November - Primary Assembly McMullen Hall 2.10pm
- Friday 27th November - Infants Assembly McMullen Hall 2.10pm
- Wednesday 2nd December – KHC Orientation day
- Wednesday 2nd December – BHC Orientation Day
- Wednesday 2nd December – Year 6 Farewell
- Tuesday 8th December – Presentation Day
- Wednesday 9th December – Semester 2 Reports Home
- Wednesday 9th December - Primary Assembly McMullen Hall 2.10pm
- Friday 11th December - Infants Assembly McMullen Hall 2.10pm
- Wednesday 16th December – Year 6 Tunnel
- Wednesday 16th December – Students last day of School Term 4
- Thursday 17th December – School Development Day
- Friday 18th December – School Development Day - Last day of School 2015