Thursday 29th October, 2015

Dear Parents,

What an amazing sight to see 520 children involved in the School Jogathon last Friday 23rd October. The children had a wonderful morning of physical activity. Well done everyone for outstanding participation. Thank you to Mrs McClements for her coordination of the Jogathon, to the staff for their work and the parent volunteers and spectators for their support.

Good luck to our Senior Primary Choir children who will be attending the Choral Festival at the Opera House tomorrow night at 7.00pm. I am looking forward to watching and listening to our children perform.

Our School Swimming Program closes tomorrow, 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

**Assemblies**

Friday 30th October – KG presenting work or an item.

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Pedestrian safety

Hold tight when walking

The best way to keep young children safe from traffic injuries is to hold their hand or hold them close. By holding onto children, you can stop them running into dangerous situations. Even though children may complain about holding hands, by making family rules about safe walking, explaining them and reinforcing safe behaviour, you will help children learn how to become safer pedestrians.

The right messages

“Whenever we are out walking, we hold hands.”
“If we can't hold hands, you can keep close by holding onto me, the bag or the stroller.”
“There’s no running ahead.”

Lessons to learn

- Where it is safe to walk and cross the road
- When it is safe to walk and cross the road
- What to look for
- What to listen for
- The need to stop and wait at the side of the road before crossing
- The need to keep checking until they are safely across the road or the driveway
Yr 2 Gymnastics

This year, through the Sporting Schools Program, we received some funding that has enabled Year 2 students to have the wonderful opportunity of receiving a four week Gymnastics Program. On Monday, the students travelled to Aspire Gymnastics to attend their first session. The sessions each week are led by experienced teachers and engage the students in a variety of skill based activities. The activities will focus on the skills of balance, coordination, core strength, rotation and spring and land. It was a wonderful morning of fun, fitness and participation and we look forward to our next session. Each week, we will share some photos of our experience and activities that the students enjoyed.
Bathurst Public School Jog-a-thon

It was a fantastic morning last Friday at our Jog-a-thon, and all children have been congratulated on their enthusiastic participation and support of this event. A big thank you to the parents that supported our event with their time and to all staff for making the morning run so smoothly.

This week, children are collecting their money from people that either gave a donation or sponsored them. Our collection week to return sponsorship forms and money to school is next week. On Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November mornings before school, sponsorship cards and money will be collected in the Annex from 8.30am -8.55am or the school office out of these hours during the week. Children will have their names marked off for returning their forms, their fundraising amount recorded and they will receive their ticket in the draw for a chance of winning one of the fantastic prizes.

The last day to return sponsorship cards and money to go into the draw will be on Thursday 5th November 2015. All children that have returned their sponsorship form by Thursday 5th November will be placed into the prize draw for a chance to win one of the great prizes and vouchers that have been generously donated by local businesses in Bathurst. On Thursday 5th November at 4pm the prizes for the highest grade fundraisers, and the K-2 and 3-6 highest fundraisers to win the Samsung Tablets will be determined. The lucky prize draw and announcing of prize winners will take place on Friday 6th November 2015 in a Jog-a-thon assembly for students.

Good luck to everyone and once again thank you for the wonderful support that is shown through your participation and commitment to the Jog-a-thon.

In our week 6 Newsletter, we will acknowledge and thank the many businesses that have generously supported this years Jog-a-thon.

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.
- 50+ 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.

Jog-a-thon Photos
Next meeting

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

Spend it like Beckham!

OK, we might not have Posh and Becks’ bank balance but this has been a successful fundraising year for the P&C.

At the end of each year we donate funds back to school to buy general resources. However, this year we are able to donate quite a bit more than usual. As a result, we would like to invite all parents and school staff to submit their ideas on what this money could be spent on to improve our school. Ideally it should be something substantial that benefits most students and will last for many years.

Most of all, we want your input! Is there something you have seen at other schools that you think would be great at Bathurst Public? Or have your kids mentioned anything that P&C funding could help with?

All suggestions – big and small – are welcome. It might be something that can be purchased now or a bigger ticket item that we can work towards or apply for a grant.

Simply write your idea/s on the form below and drop it into the school office before 11th November. Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts this year.

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MY P&C FUNDRAISING EXPENDITURE SUGGESTION/S

I think the P&C should spend money on............................................................................................................
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Reason/s (optional)................................................................................................................................................
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Name/phone (optional)..............................................................................................................................................
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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 2nd November
E Spinks

Wednesday 4th November
J Munro

Friday 6th November
K Campbell

Term 4 2015 Calendar

- 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
Dear Year 6 Parents & Carers,

As is now a tradition at Bathurst Public School, we have again produced a fabulous tea towel featuring drawings of the students and teachers in Year 6.

These beautiful tea towels make great gifts and are also a wonderful reminder of your child’s last year at Bathurst Public School.

These good quality tea towels are only $13 each, or $11 each if you buy three or more. They can be ordered by sending the order form below, with payment (cash or cheque, NO EFTPOS), to the office, in an envelope marked ‘Tea towels’ (cheques should be made payable to Bathurst Public School P&C).

These orders are due back by Friday 6th November 2015.

The tea towels will be sent home with your child when they arrive.

Year 6 TEA TOWEL ORDER FORM

Child’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Class: ___________ Phone Number: ________________________________

Number of Tea Towels Ordered:

1 □ @ $13 _________

2 □ @ $26 _________

3 □ @ $33 _________

_____@ $11 each _________

TOTAL Enclosed: $___________
Whooping cough information for schools
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.
Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.
Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.