Dear Parents,

The 2015 school year has come to an end. What an amazingly successful year we have had! Our planning for 2016 is well underway and we currently have the construction of a new demountable classroom taking place near the Library block. This classroom will be ready to go for the first day in 2016.

Our Presentation Day on Tuesday was a very special occasion. What a wonderful celebration of the 2015 school year. It was great to see our children recognised for their efforts at such a lovely occasion this year. Thank you to everyone involved.

Attached to this Newsletter is a guide for parents as to what children will require in terms of equipment to start the 2016 school year successfully. This list does not contain books as parents will be requested to purchase ‘Book Packs’ for their child which will be available from the front office at school as of day 1 2016 for $27.00. These book packs will contain all books that children will need to work in for the 2016 school year. Please contact the school if there are any queries.

Don’t forget some important days coming up:

- Wednesday 16th December – Year 6 Tunnel at 2.00pm
- Wednesday 16th December – Last day of school for all children in 2015
- Friday 18th December – School closes at 3.00pm for the year.

Our Term 4 Green Reward Morning Tea was held today at recess and what a lovely celebration for the class winners of the green awards. Congratulations to all the children on the great term of work they have had. The children who attended the morning tea are:
As this will be the last newsletter for 2015, I would like to thank all parents, friends, and children for the wonderful and successful year we have had. It has been an absolute pleasure being the Principal of Bathurst Public School this year. It has been a very busy year and much has been achieved (which I started to list but the list went for pages and pages). Thank you for your ongoing support of our wonderful school and of Public Education.

To the staff, I thank you for making our workplace such a positive environment and a joy to work within. I am amazed at the work and commitment you all show every single day. Your organisation and care of each and every child is always paramount. Your support of one another not only as colleagues but as friends makes our workplace special. Thank you all for your ongoing dedication to Bathurst Public School.

I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and good luck to all of our Year 6 children. I will look forward to watching all your endeavours in the future. It is also timely to say farewell and thank you to many families who will also leave us this year as they no longer have children at Primary School. Thank you for all your work, support and commitment to Bathurst Public School and Public Education. Good luck to you all.
**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.

A reminder that the last day of school for all children for the 2015 school year is **Wednesday 16th December**. Thursday 17th December will be a School Development Day. The school will close for the year at 3.00pm on Friday 18th December.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year. I look forward to working with you all again in 2016.

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
Merry Christmas & safe holidays

2015 has been a very successful year for the P&C and we thank everyone who assisted with our varied efforts to support the school, which included:

- Recycling hundreds of uniform items through our clothing pool.
- Preparing thousands of school lunches and upgrading equipment in our canteen.
- Coordinating the Book Club to obtain valuable book credits for teaching resources.
  - Awarding 31 x $20 vouchers recognising students’ achievements in a broad range of sporting and other activities.
  - Purchasing the Year 6 farewell and School Captains’ gifts.
  - Hosting the popular Mother’s Day and Father’s Day activities.
  - Organising the spectacular Back to BPS Bicentenary Celebrations (fundraising from which will be used for playground artwork and other projects to be determined next year).
- Coordinating the Kindergarten and Year 6 tea towels and Year 6 jumpers.
  - Holding a profitable Election Day cake stall.
- Taking photos of the Concert and Year 6 graduation.
- Contributing to school policy making, interview panels and applying for grants.
  - Banking and book-keeping for all of the above.
  - Supplying 36 litres of soap for the bathrooms (yes, we do that too)!

A special thanks to the P&C members who give up their valuable time and work behind the scenes to coordinate these activities. We encourage all parents and carers to considering joining us in 2016 so next year is just as positive and rewarding.

Next meeting: 7pm, Wednesday 17 February 2016 in the staff room. All welcome!
Term 4 2015 Calendar

- Friday 11th December – No Infants Assembly
- Friday 11th December – Class Parties
- Friday 11th December - K-2 and 3-6 Celebration Disco (through the day)
- 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

Term 1 2016 Calendar

- Wednesday 27th January – SDD Staff return
- Thursday 28th January – 1-6 Students return
- Monday 1st February – Kindergarten children begin
- Tuesday 2nd February – Captains Induction Ceremony 9.30am
- Friday 5th February – School Swimming Carnival
- Wednesday 10th February – Primary Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Friday 12th February – Infants Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Tuesday 16th February – School Photos
- Tuesday 22nd March – Easter Hat Parade
- Friday 25th March – Good Friday – Public Holiday
- Monday 28th March – Easter Monday Public Holiday
- Friday 8th April – Last day of Term 1

CLOTHING POOL/LOST PROPERTY

In an effort to keep our school tidier, all the uniforms in lost property will be removed and stored in the clothing pool every Tuesday morning. The following children can come and collect items from me tomorrow, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday mornings next week. Any unclaimed items at the end of the term will be re-sold from the clothing pool. Thank you,
Liz (0438210748)

JUMPERS

Lotte Simpson
Oliver/Nick Spinks
Jacob Lamb
Charlotte Graham
Bridge Pugh
Will Hope
Sharnee Swadling
Tyler Marceau
Corbin Allbut
Claudia Campbell
E Pearce
Audrey
George Palmer
L Allbut
Pheils
Noah Gerrey
Charlotte Grant
Liam O'Brien
D Miller
Eloise Wade
Abby R
Saskia Dorsman
Rylan Carr
Madison Honeysett x2
Malcom Munro
Toni.?
Kristine Basangan
Dakota S Reynolds
K Copeland
Phoenix Press
Hayden Drummond
?, Lister x2
Finn C
?, Sloan
Jeremy King
Grace Simpson
Dusty
Carlos Cro
Taliitha Oughton
Bonny Campioa x2
Evie Simpson x2
Connor.?
Ella 3/4T
Zeke
G.B.
S.V.

HATS

Angus Clapham
Lachie Simeonidis
Will
Minh
Ji Hartland
E. Pearce
Ben Nelson
Charlie Turnbull
Tiahna Barker
Leilani Dawes x2
Noah Gerrey
Samantha Gunning
Lia.?
Leah Milton
Caiden Grimmett
Sidney Speirs
Jayanna
Kristine Basangan
Kyle Tonkies
Joe Fry
Tom Lindsay
Blaze Mahoney

There are also a variety of lunch boxes/containers & drink bottles, which will be thrown out Wednesday. Also a variety of things left from swimming, so if your child lost something, come and have a look. Happy Holidays!
**Canteen News**

The last day of canteen for 2015 is Friday 11th December.

2016 will start with lots of new and exciting changes to the canteen.

**Extra Day**

Term 1 we are trialling being open on a Thursday as well.

The canteen will now operate Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**On-Line Ordering**

We are introducing 'Flexischools' for online ordering.

More information will be available in the first week of school 2016. You will also have the benefit to create your own healthy sandwich made to order.

You can still put your name, class, order and money in a paper bag and place it in the canteen slot before 9am.

**Healthy Choices**

The menu still includes green dots on foods that are 'everyday' healthy choices. It is recommended that foods without a green dot are carefully selected when ordering.

We have noted the recommended order quantity of some individual food items to fit into the Healthy Kids Guidelines and Canteen Approved products.

As a special treat, we are now only offering 'Slush Puppies' on a Friday at 2nd half lunch time.

**Pricing**

The Canteen aims to keep the menu prices to a minimum, however, there has been a slight price increase on some items.

**Volunteers**

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped in the canteen in previous years. Remember, we are always looking for new volunteers, so contact the school or Heather on 6331 3275 if you are able to help.

**The canteen will re-open on Monday 1st February.**

Thank you for your support in 2015.

We wish you all a safe and relaxing Christmas Season.

*Bathurst Public School P&C Canteen Committee*
Dear Parents,

For a smooth beginning to the 2016 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 $27.00)
- Eraser
- Coloured Tri Grip Pencils & Sharpener
- HB Lead Pencils Tri Grip
- Textas (optional)
- Pencil Case
- Library Bag
- Box of tissues
- Navy broad brim hat
- Paint shirt
- Please do not bring liquid paper
- $15.00 technology levy
- $15.00 resource levy

**Stage 2 - Years 3 & 4**
- Book Pack (available from the front office at school for $27.00)
- 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 $27.00)
- 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
Merry Christmas

Have a Happy & Safe Holiday
Bathurst Public School
Term 1 2016
Canteen Menu

All our foods are Healthy Kids Canteen approved - "Promoting & influencing healthy food choices for children".

LUNCH - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

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<td>Egg</td>
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<td>Salad</td>
<td>Crumbed chicken burger, lettuce &amp; mayonnaise</td>
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<td>Ham or Chicken</td>
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<td>Ham/Chicken &amp; Salad</td>
<td>Vegetable filled lean beef, patti, lettuce, beetroot, tomato &amp; sauce</td>
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SALAD BOXES
No dressing, gluten free with carrot, cucumber, tomato, pineapple & beetroot on shredded lettuce with a fork
Small $2.50
Large $4.00

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FRIDAY ONLY TREAT - 2nd half lunch
Slush Puppy $2.00

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SNACKS - all day

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<td>Red Rock Chips - honey soy chicken</td>
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FROZEN - 2nd half lunch

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<td>Lemonade icy pole</td>
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<td>Fandangles - fairy floss</td>
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Order on-line with 'Flexischools' before 9.30am OR place name, class, order & money in a bag and place in the canteen slot before 9am.