Dear Parents,

Our School Photos were then on Tuesday by Master School Portraits. The children looked fantastic and were commented on by the photographers - a very big thank you to the parents in ensuring the children looked so fantastic on photo day. We are expecting photos to be back at school very early next term.

Good luck to the children who qualified to attend the District Swimming Carnival on Friday 20th February at the Bathurst Aquatic Centre. The children have received their BPS Swimming cap and I know they will wear it with pride on Friday. The 40 children representing our school are: Tianna Copeland, Sophie Hillsdon, Morgan Murphy, Caiden Grimmett, Tyson Haynes, Mitchell Lamb, James Hillsdon, Tiaani Bijelic, Evie Simpson, Jazmin Crook, Sam Hamer, Nicholas Spinks, George Palmer, Claudia Campbell, Jessica Breust, Jemmia Luck, Jacob Lamb, William Sloan, Oscar Simeonidis, Amelia Ridley, Keira Copeland, Aislinn Mc Burney, Hano Vermeulen, Bailey Coe, Kayli Burke, Sharnee Swadling, Abby Leven, Aidan Lindsay, Sam Lloyd, Oliver Liu, Ruby Mc Robert, Brodie Wolfe, Miranda Campbell, Rhiawi Rozga, Bayden Wolfe, Angus Warne, Julian Grace, Ben Neary, Caitlin Morris and Bridget Warne.
**Parent/Teacher Interviews** - The days and times for Parent/Teacher Interviews for weeks 5 and 6 is outlined below. Return notes confirming your time will be sent home by your child’s classroom teacher on Friday 20th February.

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**Week 5 – Monday 23rd February – Wednesday 25th February**

**Week 6 – Monday 2nd March – Friday 6th March**

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**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
Student Attendance at School

Attendance of children at school is extremely important. It is vitally important for children to be at school every day so they learn the skills to be successful in later life and enjoy the social, cultural and sporting activities that are enjoyed by all children. School Attendance is a major school and state target in 2015.

The attendance target for Bathurst Public School for all children K-6 is 94.5%.

To achieve this target it is important for all children to be at school every day. If children are unable to attend school for any reason, a note must be supplied to the classroom teacher or a verbal notification either by phone or face to face must be made to either the classroom teacher, ladies in the front office or School Principal. Attached to this Newsletter is a copy of a note that can be used to notify the school about an absence. These notes can also be found on our school website under ‘attendance’. Please remember:

- 1 day off a week = 10 days a term (2weeks - gone!)
- 1 day off a week over the period of 1 year = most of 1 term - gone!!
- If this pattern starts in Kindergarten and continues through to Year 6 almost 2 years of learning is gone!!
- If students miss days of learning they reduce the chance of achieving their academic potential.

Late Notes

School starts at 9.00am every day. It is important that children are here every day to start at 9.00am or they lose valuable learning time. If your child is late, please ensure they come to the office on their arrival with a parent so they can be signed into school and receive a late note. Please remember:

A few minutes here and there doesn’t seem like much but ...

at Bathurst Public School
every minute counts.

Did you know that your child’s best learning time is at the beginning of the day?
School Contributions

School Contributions for 2015 have been set and are now due. Fees can be paid by sending cash or cheque in a sealed envelope with your child’s name, class and School Fees written on the front to the front office at school. Alternatively parents can come to the office and pay by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. The fees are:

- $50.00 (1 child)
- $90.00 (2 children)
- $120.00 (3 or more children)

There is also a $15.00 Technology levy and $15.00 resource levy payable for each child. This assists the school to purchase new resources for the children to use in the classroom.

BPS Sport Socks

BPS sports socks are available for students representing the school in our sporting teams.

They can be purchased for $15 from the office.

Clothing Pool

Our secondhand uniform shop is open every Tuesday morning from 8.30am-9.30am or by appointment.

We have plenty of jumpers (size 4-16) and an assortment of other uniform pieces all for a gold coin donation per item purchased.

All donations of second hand uniforms will be gratefully accepted and sold back into our school.

For more information or to book times with me to have a look call Liz on 63342853 or 0438210748.
**P&C News**

**P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The P&C will hold its annual general meeting next month, just prior to the March general meeting. At this meeting we will elect the 2015 executive committee (President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Canteen Treasurer) and present our end-of-year reports. You must be a financial member of the P&C to vote and/or be nominated as a candidate. All welcome.

*When: Wednesday 18 March, 7pm in the school staff room (followed by March general meeting)*

**GALA DINNER TICKETS ON SALE!**

News about our upcoming Back to BPS Bicentenary Celebrations is spreading Australia wide, with many people keen to secure their table at the Gala Dinner. Tickets are now on sale, so get your friends together for a fun night out. The dinner is a chance for everyone involved with the school, past and present, to celebrate being part of Bathurst’s oldest public school. It will also be an important fundraiser with an auction and raffle ticket sales on the night. Group bookings of 8-10 people per table are available and ticket sales close May 8. For more information, email backtobps@outlook.com or pick up a booking form from the school office.

*Where: The Carrington Function Centre & Theatre, Keppel St Bathurst*

*When: Saturday May 23 commencing 6.30pm*

*Cost: $70 a head for a two-course meal plus tea/coffee and cake.*

If you would like to know more about our fantastic Back to BPS Bicentenary Celebrations from May 23-24, ‘like’ our new Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BacktoBPS).

**FREAKY FRIDAYS!**

Now student numbers have topped 500, our canteen is busier than ever. We desperately need more volunteers, especially on Fridays. Even 1 hour once a term can help (12-1pm on Fridays is particularly frantic), so please pop in if you can lend a hand.
Canteen Roster

**Friday 20th February 2015**
Volunteer Needed

**Monday 23rd February 2015**
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**Wednesday 25th February 2015**
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**Term 1 2015 Calendar**

- Friday 20th February – District Swimming Trials in Bathurst
- 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 – Western Swimming Trials in Dubbo
- 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
## Lunch

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### Salad Boxes (with fork)

| No dressing, gluten free with grated carrot, diced cucumber, tomato, pineapple and beetroot on shredded lettuce, |
| Small | $2.50 |
| Large | $4.00 |
| Add: grated cheese | $0.40 |
| egg | $0.50 |
| Ham/Chicken | $1.00 |
| Paper Bag | $0.10 |

## Hot Food

- **Nachos**
- **Beef lean mince, beans, cheese** $3.60
- **Vegetarian beans, tomato, cheese** $3.60
- **Chicken Burger** $3.60
- **Crumbed chicken burger, lettuce & mayonnaise**
- **Hamburger** $3.60
- **Lean beef pattie, lettuce, beetroot, tomato with sauce**
- **Add: Pineapple** $0.50
- **Cheese slice** $0.30
- **Lasagne (with fork)** $3.60
- **Pizza (max of 1 per order)** $2.50
- **Ham & pineapple**
- **Hotdog with sauce** $2.50
- **Add: Grated Cheese** $0.40
- **Mini Pie (max of 2 per order)** $1.50
- **Sausage roll (max of 1 per order)** $2.80
- **Tomato/BBQ sauce** $0.30
- **Spoons/forks (unless listed)** $0.20

### Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Lunch orders & money to be placed in a bag or envelope with your child’s name and class, and posted through slot before 9am.

## Recess

- Cheesy Crusts $0.50
- Chicken nuggets (max 6 per order) $0.50
- Baked egg $1.00

## Snacks

- Fruit filled mini muffin $0.30
- Fruit filled std muffin $0.70
- Cheese slice $0.20
- Boiled egg $0.50
- Seasonal fruit piece $0.30
- Whole seasonal fruit $0.60
- Air popped corn $0.40
- Custard cup with spoon $0.60
- Aussie fruit salad cup $0.90
- Finger bun - half $1.00
- Red Rock Chips - honey soy chicken $1.20
- Grain Waves - sour cream & chives $1.20

## Drinks

- Apple or orange juice 99% $1.20
- Bottled water - 600ml $1.10
- Milk-300ml -plain $1.90
- Milk-300ml chocolate/strawberry $1.90

## Frozen - 2nd half lunch

- Apple/orange juice cup $0.80
- Milk cup - choco/strawberry $0.80
- Quelch sticks $0.70
- Lemonade icy pole $1.20
- Fandangles-floss/chocmello $2.00
- Slush puppy $2.00