Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week at school. Our school has had the handover of the Security Fence on Monday. At Bathurst Public School we take great pride in keeping our children safe and this will add another level of safety for all of our children. We ask for your support in ensuring the front gate of the school is always shut correctly when you are visiting or leaving so we can keep our children safe. An explanation of the fence/gates and how they will operate are set out below:

- From 8.15am each day, three gates will be open for children to arrive, these being the gate directly outside the front office, the gate in Rocket street at the top end of the bus bay for our bus children and the gate near the ramp/stairs access in Lambert Street.
- At 9.00am, all gates will be locked except for the gate directly out the front of the school office which will be closed but not locked.
- All parents, friends and visitors to our school during the day will need to come through the very front gate on their arrival and attend the front office and sign in as per WH&S guidelines. It is vitally important that we know who is on the school grounds at all times.
- At the end of the day, the gate in Lambert Street near the ramp/stairs access will be opened as will the gate directly outside the office. The gate in Rocket Street will be opened by the bus duty teachers and will only be used for bus children.
- We ask that children are not dropped off to school in the morning in the Rocket Street area. We have had Bathurst Bus Lines contact us as children have been running across the bus bay area into school in between the buses from parked cars. This is extremely dangerous and unsafe.

Last Friday we had 40 children attend the Bathurst District Swimming Trials and in ‘true blue’ Bathurst Public School tradition, our children represented our school with great pride. Many children swam personal best times and others placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their respective events. Congratulations to ALL of the children that represented our school.

A special mention to Keira Copeland, James Hillsdon, Caiden Grimmett and Tianna Copeland who were announced champions of their respective age groups at the carnival after some wonderful performances. Congratulations.
We have had 19 children qualify to attend the Western Trials in Dubbo on Friday 6th March. They are: Keira Copeland, James Hillsdon, Caiden Grimmett, Tianna Copeland, Tianni Bijelic, Sam Hamer, Jacob Lamb, Oscar Simeonidis, Will Sloan, Brodie Wolfe, Tyson Haynes, Sam Lloyd, Mitchell Lamb, Sophie Hillsdon, Morgan Murphy, Bridget Warne, Amelia Ridley, Aislinn McBurney and Claudia Campbell.

Whilst many of these children have qualified for individual events, it is great to see all four relay teams from Bathurst Public School qualifying. Well done to all of these children and we wish you well in Dubbo.

PSSA Representative Sporting Teams: Children in Years 5 and 6 have been offered the opportunity to inform us what sports they would like to trial for selection in Western Area teams to play at NSW PSSA Carnivals. Mrs Healey is in the process of handing out trial information notes to these children as trials for many sports are approaching. It is vitally important that parents sign these notes and return them to Mrs Healey as all nominations MUST be made from the school. Bathurst District PSSA will not accept children to trials that have not returned the signed permission note to the school or been nominated by the school. Please ensure notes are returned to Mrs Healey by the due dates.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Parent/Teacher Interviews have commenced this week and I would like to thank the many parents who have already attended these valuable meetings. The days and times for Parent/Teacher Interviews for week 6 are outlined below. It is not too late to book an appointment. Please contact your child’s classroom teacher to schedule a suitable time.
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**

Parents/Carers need to be aware that the Minister for Education has approved changes to the Attendance Register codes for 2015 onwards. There are very clear directions regarding applications for students to take holidays outside of the school holiday periods.

From 2015, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. A certificate of exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose.

If travel outside school vacation periods is necessary, the following conditions apply:

- If the principal accepts the reason for the absence, the absence will be marked as L and a certificate of Extended Leave-Travel will be issued.
- If the principal does not believe the absence is in the student’s best interests and does not accept the reason, the absence will be recorded as A. A certificate of Extended Leave-Travel will not be issued.
- If you do wish to take a holiday with your child and wish to be considered for a certificate of Extended Leave-Travel, please put your reasons in writing and hand it in to the front office.
Student Attendance at School

Thank you to the many parents that continue to send in notes when your child is absent from school. Our school student attendance rate is currently 95.4%. It is expected, as per the Department of Education and Communities attendance policy 2015 and the Education Act of 1990, that when a child returns to school after an absence, a note explaining their absence is sent to the classroom teacher. Absentee notes are again attached to this Newsletter for your convenience.

Please remember:

- 1 day off a week = 10 days a term (2 weeks - 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.

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.

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DISTRICT SWIMMING RESULTS

Last Wednesday saw our School Swimming Team compete at the Bathurst District Carnival. 40 swimmers competed on behalf of BPS, each one displaying excellent sportsmanship and outstanding effort for their school team. Each swimmer gave their best and represented the school and themselves with pride- well done.

19 swimmers will continue, competing in 27 different events, representing the Bathurst District Team at the upcoming Western Area Carnival. Great job.

All swimmers contributed to the massive overall team effort and were rewarded, with Bathurst Public winning Champion School.

Special mention to swimmers named Age Champions for Bathurst:
- Keira Copeland Junior Girl Champion
- James Hillsdon Junior Boy Champion
- Caiden Grimmett 11 year Boy Champion
- Tianna Copeland Senior Girl Champion.

Children gaining District selection were: Keira Copeland, James Hillsdon, Caiden Grimmett, Tianna Copeland, Tianni Bijelic, Sam Hamer, Jacob Lamb, Oscar Simeonidis, Will Sloan, Brodie Wolfe, Tyson Haynes, Sam Lloyd, Mitchell Lamb, Sophie Hillsdon, Morgan Murphy, Bridget Warne, Amelia Ridley, Aislinn McBurney and Claudia Campbell.

We wish these children well at the upcoming Regional Swimming Trials on Friday 6th March in Dubbo.

Mrs Francis

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 at our school.

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

BACK TO BPS UPDATE

Our fun-filled Back to Bathurst Public School Weekend is only three months away and we will soon be calling on your help with volunteering and donations for our fundraising stalls. After Easter we will be looking for donations of coloured hair spray, lollies, lucky dip items, nail polish, blocks of chocolate and trash and treasure. There will be a prize for the class that donates the most items...but more about that soon. In the meantime, keep your eyes open for some bargains!

Tickets for the Gala Dinner on May 23 went on sale last week. Booking forms can now be downloaded from the school's website under the 'Back to BPS 2015' tag.

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 18 March, 7pm in the school staff room (followed by March meeting).

CASUAL WORK AVAILABLE
EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEED!

Where: School Canteen
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Hours: 9am to 2pm (or whatever you can do)
Experience: Not necessary. We'll show you everything you need to know.
Salary: 'A La Carte' lunch (healthy sandwich) and plenty of tea or coffee.

Bonus: Your child or children will be happy to see you in their favourite place - school! You get to spoil them by spending a little extra money (all for a good cause) and you get to meet new people and make good friends within the school community.

Applications close: NEVER!

Sound like the perfect job for you? Please complete the form below and send it back to the canteen or school office. Thanking you in anticipation.

Canteen Committee

Name: ___________________________ Telephone: ___________________________

Child's name: ___________________________ Class: __________

Please nominate the day/s you prefer to work and how often:

☐ Monday  ☐ Wednesday  ☐ Friday

☐ Weekly  ☐ Fortnightly  ☐ Monthly
Canteen Roster

Friday 29th February 2015
Volunteers Needed

Monday 2nd March 2015
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Wednesday 4th March 2015
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Term 1 2015 Calendar

- 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
- Wednesday 4th March - IExplore
- Thursday 5th March – Year 1 and 3/6G 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
# Bathurst Public School

## Term 1 2015

### Canteen Menu

All our foods are Healthy Kids Association or Canteen Approved. We have put the daily maximum recommendation on some items.

### Lunch Menu

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<td>Lean beef pattie, lettuce, beetroot, tomato with sauce</td>
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### Salad Boxes (with fork)

No dressing, gluten-free with grated carrot, diced cucumber, tomato, pineapple and beetroot on shredded lettuce.

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### Hot Food

- **Nachos**
  - Beef lean mince, beans, cheese | $3.60
  - Vegetarian beans, tomato, cheese | $3.60
- **Chicken Burger**
  - Crumbed chicken burger, lettuce & mayonnaise | $3.60
- **Hamburger**
  - Lean beef pattie, lettuce, beetroot, tomato with sauce | $3.60
  - Add: Pineapple | $0.50
  - Cheese slice | $0.30
- **Lasagne (with fork)** | $3.60
- **Pizza (max of 1 per order)** | $2.50
  - Ham & pineapple | $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 Menu

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

### Snacks Menu

### Drinks Menu

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

### Frozen Menu - 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