Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to see and speak with so many parents this week during our Parent/Teacher Interviews. Thank you to the many parents who have made the time to see your child’s classroom teacher. It is an important way to start the school year! Parents are encouraged to contact their child’s classroom teacher at any time to discuss their child’s progress or any issues. Please contact the front office at school to organise an interview.

Year 6 visited Bathurst High Campus or Kelso High Campus for a full day on Wednesday, 3rd March, as part of the Iexplore and iLearn opportunities offered. The children had a wonderful day and experienced lessons in Science, Geography and History.

On Monday, all Year 6 children received their Expression of Interest forms for Year 7, 2016. Parents are asked to complete this paperwork and return it to school by Friday, 20th March. Please return the forms regardless of where your child is going to High School in 2016.

Good luck to the children who will travel to Dubbo tomorrow to participate in the Regional Swimming Carnival. We know the children will do their very best.

A big congratulations to our Boys Cricket Team and Mr Thackray on their wonderful win against Blayney on Tuesday. The boys now commence training for their next game against Eglinton PS.

Our Stage 3 students will set out for Myuna Bay at 6:00am, on Monday morning. I know everyone is excited and are assured of a wonderful week away. Please remember that all money should now be paid, the medical information entered online, and the paper Medical Form returned to the class teacher. We can not take students unless all of these things have been done.
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 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
**What sort of start is your child getting?**

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

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at Bathurst Public School every minute counts.

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

Ask us about help with getting to school on time

**SCHOOL STARTS AT 9.00am.**

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**What chance does your child have of being successful?**

1 or 2 days each week doesn’t seem like much but …

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<td>2 days each week</td>
<td>80 days per year</td>
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<td>3 days each week</td>
<td>120 days per year</td>
<td>24 weeks per year</td>
<td>nearly 8 years</td>
<td>Your child Other children (equal to finishing in Year 4)</td>
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At Bathurst Public every day counts!!

Ask us about help with getting your child to school every 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.

Cricket

The Bathurst P.S Cricket Team went to Blayney on Tuesday, 3rd of March. It was a fantastic game of cricket, and both teams played the game fairly and competitively. Bathurst won the game comfortably in the end. Bathurst batted first and made a total of 128; thanks to some hard hitting from Nash Hutchings who top scored with 44 not out. Charlie Hutchings chimed in with 14, and Aidan Lindsay made 12. Ji Hartland came in late and smashed his way to 17 not out, including a six. The total was always going to be competitive, and our bowlers stepped up. Sam Lloyd finished with 0 for 21 off 5 overs, Ji Hartland featured with the ball, snaring 2 for 12 off 5 overs, and Gabe Langdon chimed in with 1 for 18 off 4 overs. Aidan Lindsay was very tight, and picked up a couple of late wickets to secure bowling figures of 2 for 5 off 3 overs. Overall, there were a number of contributors, and this led to a fantastic performance. Well done, boys! Looking forward to the next game!
BPS PSSA NETBALL TEAM

The girls PSSA Netball Team are fundraising during Week 6 and 7 to raise money for new Netball uniforms. They are holding a fantastic guessing competition with 3 jars of fabulous lollies to be won. Please help support our Netballers by taking part in the guessing competition. Guess at Recess or Lunch.

If you are interested in sponsoring the girls Netball Team, we would love to hear from you!

HELP US GET NETBALL UNIFORMS GUESSING COMPETITION
3 jars of fabulous lollies to be won to lucky guessers
20c a guess or 3 guesses for 50c

K-2 Easter Hat Parade/Dance/Raffle – Tuesday the 31st March

The Bathurst Public School annual Easter Hat Parade, Dance and Monster Egg Raffle will be held on Tuesday, 31st March from 11.40am.

To make our raffle a success, we will again be asking for donations of Easter Eggs and baskets, large or small. Baskets and eggs will be collected daily at our 11.00a.m assembly so children can be acknowledged for their donations. The children can begin bringing in their donations from Monday.

We will also be having a "Pizza Meal Deal" to coincide with our Easter Hat Parade. Children will need to pre-order their "Meal Deal". Order forms for this will be sent home soon.

Money raised will go towards our $1000 annual pledge to Stewart House. Stewart House is a children's charity that provides short time respite care for children in need.

Information about raffle ticket sales will be provided in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your support Early Stage One and Stage One

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.

Canteen Roster

Friday 6th March 2015
Volunteers Needed

Monday 9th March 2015
N Forrest

Wednesday 11th March 2015
S Schofield

Term 1 2015 Calendar

- 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
P&C News

SUPER SCHOOL SUPPORTERS

The Back to Bathurst Public School Bicentenary Celebrations committee has been blown away by the generosity of local (and some not-so-local) businesses in supporting our event. Here are some of the latest businesses to come on board:

Gold Sponsors: Milestones Bathurst

Silver Sponsors: Bathurst Automotive Group, Calare Civil Engineering

Bronze Sponsors: Kelso Kitchens


UPCOMING P&C MEETINGS

SPECIAL MEETING: Friday 6 March – 9.30am, ask at office for location.

Agenda: Urgent expenditure on canteen equipment + sub-committee rules.

2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday 18 March - 7pm, school staff room

Agenda items:

- Adoption of 2014 AGM minutes
- President & treasurer’s annual reports
- Adoption of Canteen sub-committee rules
- Election of Executive Committee: (5 positions) President, Vice President x 2, Treasurer, Secretary
- Appointment of canteen committee
- Appointment of 2015 auditor

This will be a quick meeting, followed by our regular March meeting where we’ll be discussing the latest school happenings, the exciting Back to BPS Celebrations, Election Day fundraising and much more! All welcome.