Thursday 12th March 2015

Dear Parents,

Stage 3 children and staff are currently at Myuna Bay and from all reports are experiencing beautiful weather on the shores of Lake Macquarie and are having an amazing time. The children are expected to arrive home on Friday afternoon at approximately 5.30pm to the Rocket Street Bus Bay.

We had several children attend the Western PSSA Swimming Trials in Dubbo last Friday 6th March. All children swam exceptionally well. Well done to all for your participation and representation of our school. We have had 6 children qualify to attend the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships to be held at Homebush later this month. They are:

- Keira Copeland – Junior Girls 50m backstroke and 50m Butterfly
- Caiden Grimmett – 11 years boys 50m Breastroke
- Bridget Warne – Senior Girls Relay
- Tianna Copeland – Senior Girls Relay
- Sophie Hillsdon – Senior Girls Relay
- Morgan Murphy - Senior Girls Relay
This week the Mother’s Day Portrait note went home. This is a P&C initiative and we thank them for the work they do in providing the children with the opportunity to paint pictures onto canvases for Mothers Day. Portrait Notes and money ($10 to cover the cost of the canvas and paint) should be returned to the front office at school by Tuesday 31st March.

Our K-2 Easter Hat Parade is also quickly approaching. Children have been busily learning dances as part of the PDHPE and Creative Arts Curriculum areas this term to perform at the Easter Hat Parade. Last week an Easter Hat Parade and Pizza Meal deal lunch note was sent home. These notes must be returned to the front office at school by Monday 30th March so we can process orders please.

Thank you to the parents for their support in assisting us with the new organisation after the fencing around the school has been erected. 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 continued 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. We have installed a pool gate latch on the front gate for ease of opening and closing the front gate. Further explanation of the fence/gates and how they 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. This has a pool gate latch now fitted to assist with the opening and closing of the gate for all of our visitors.
- 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 at approximately 2.30pm as will the gate directly outside the office. The gate in Rocket Street will be opened at approximately 2.50pm and should only be used by 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 again 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. We ask for parents to please ensure there children are not expected to cross busy roads unsupervised.

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

Arrival/Departure Times at School

A reminder to all parents that Teacher Supervision does not begin until 8.30am each day. It is not appropriate to drop children at school whilst there is no teacher supervision. Likewise, executive teachers are on duty each afternoon till 3.25pm.

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 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 11.00am assembly so children can be acknowledged for their donations. The children have begun to bring in their donation.

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 have been sent home more are available from the office.

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.

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 13th March 2015
Volunteers Needed

Monday 16th March 2015
T Tonkies

Wednesday 18th March 2015
Volunteers Needed

Scholastic Book Club

Book club has been sent home! There have been some updates that I would like to share.

- You will only receive 1 catalogue to look through.
- Every issue has a $1 or $2 book in it. You can find it on the first page.
- You can now place and pay for your order online, no need to fill in the order from and send it back to school. Go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Orders are due in by Monday 16th March 2015.
P&C News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 18 March - 7pm, school staff room

Come along to our AGM to see who is voted in to the 2015 Executive Committee and how much money we raised last year through fundraising and the canteen.

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.

SPOILT FOR SPONSORS

The Back to Bathurst Public School Bicentenary Celebrations committee is still bringing in sponsors and donations for our exciting May events. Here are some of the latest businesses we’d like to thank for coming on board:

Gold Sponsors: Central West Lift Trucks

Silver Sponsors: CWLT Logistics

Bronze Sponsors: Adam Hart Constructions, FrontRunner Finance Solutions and Bernardis IGA.

Donations: Eagle Boys pizza, Questacon, Featherdale Wildlife Park, Football Federation Australia, Pan Macmillan, Governor Macquarie Motor Inn.

Term 1 2015 Calendar

- Friday 13th March – Stage 3 Myuna Bay Excursion return at approximately 5.30pm
- 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
Term 2 2015 Calendar

- Monday 20th April – School Development Day
- Tuesday 21st April – Term 2 begins for all children
- Wednesday 29th April – Primary Assembly
- Friday 1st May - Infants Assembly
- Friday 1st May – Athletics Carnival
- Tuesday 5th May – Bathurst High School Year 6 to Year 7 information night 6.30pm
- Friday 8th May – Proclamation Day Flag Raising
- Tuesday 12th May – NAPLAN
- Wednesday 13th May – NAPLAN
- Wednesday 13th May – Primary Assembly
- Thursday 14th May – NAPLAN
- Friday 15th May – Infants Assembly
- Tuesday 19th May – Computer Skills test UNSW
- Wednesday 20th May – Choral Conservatorium
- Thursday 21st May – Band Conservatorium
- Friday 22nd May – Strings Conservatorium
- Saturday 23rd May – Bathurst Public School Dinner Dance
- Sunday 24th May - Back to Bathurst Public School Day
- Wednesday 27th May – Primary Assembly
- Wednesday 27th May – Iexplore BHC
- Friday 29th May – Infants Assembly
- Wednesday 3rd June – Science skills test UNSW
- Monday 8th June – Public holiday Queens Birthday
- Wednesday 10th June – Primary Assembly
- Friday 12th June – Infants Assembly
- Monday 15th June – Writing skills test UNSW
- Tuesday 16th June – Spelling skills test UNSW
- Thursday 18th June – School Reports home
- Wednesday 24th June – Primary Assembly
- Friday 26th June – Infants Assembly
- Friday 26th June – Last day of Term 2