Dear Parents,

What another wonderful week for Bathurst Public School. Our school is celebrating the efforts of Matilda McDonald and Sophie Hillsdon who were both selected in the Western Region Hockey Team to compete at the NSW PSSA Hockey Championships in Murwillumbah in Term 2. We are so proud of the girls and their accomplishments.

We are all looking forward to our “Disco for Jacob” which will be held tonight, Thursday 26th March 2015. This is a wonderful way in which Bathurst Public School can support one of our families. I thank the P&C and Mrs Goninan for all their organisation. ALL profits from the Disco tonight will be donated to Jacob and his family. Please come along and help us support Jacob – parents are very welcome to stay for a dance or sausage sandwich.

News hot off the Swimming press – our Senior Girls Relay have swum at the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships this morning and were placed 36th in NSW. Fantastic work girls!

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

DISCO FOR JACOB

Earlier this year, a beautiful, happy, energetic, cheerful little boy named Jacob Sargent was suddenly rushed to Westmead Children’s Hospital to undergo brain surgery to have a brain tumor removed. His family’s life has been instantly changed. Jacob is currently half way through his current radiation therapy. Our thoughts are with him and his parents Sally and Ben.

Tonight, Thursday 26th March, in true Bathurst Public School style, we are going to have a disco to help support Jacob and his family during this difficult time.

DISCO FOR JACOB

When: Thursday 26th March 2015
Where: Bathurst Public School
McMullen Hall
What Time:
Students in:
K-2 - 5:00 - 6:30pm
3-6 - 6:30 – 8:00pm
What to Bring:
- $2 entry
- Money for a sausage sandwich, lollies and a fizzy drink.
- Your dancing shoes
New Fence and Gate Procedures

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 their children are not expected to cross busy roads unsupervised.

Mother’s Day

Mother’s Day Portrait notes went home two weeks ago. 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, 2015.

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.

Year 6 Tea Towels

If you would like a 2014 Year 6 tea towel they are available at the School office, at a price of $13.00 each.

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 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.

Tickets are now on sale before school, recess and lunch.

Thank you for your support Early Stage One and Stage One.
P&C News

BAKERS GONNA BAKE!

Don’t forget to drop in your cakes, biscuits and slices to the school office tomorrow (Friday) before 12pm for our Election Day Cake Stall on Saturday! Then be sure to vote at the school and pick up something yummy for the weekend. Volunteers are still needed for Saturday – if you can spare an hour, text Kirsty on 0431 414 558.

MEET THE NEW COMMITTEES

Last week the P&C elected its 2015 Executive Committee and Canteen Committee. The new office bearers are:

**Executive committee**  
President: Tony McBurney  
Vice Presidents: Sueann Brown, Emma Spinks  
Treasurer: Sally Hamer  
Secretary: Tracey Platt

**Canteen committee**  
Convenor: Emma Spinks  
Treasurer’s representative: Sueann Brown  
Minute taker: Brenda Cutler  
Committee members: Liz Arrow, Emma Simpson

We’d like to acknowledge past committee members for the valuable contributions they have made to the school and thank the new committee members for accepting these important volunteer roles.

DONATE & WIN!

The Back to Bathurst Public School Gala Dinner & Vintage Fair will be held on the weekend of May 23-24. The P&C aims to raise funds at this event to buy much-needed educational resources for the school.

At the beginning of Term 2 we will be asking for donations for the Vintage Fair. The class donating the most items will win a prize! Below is a timetable of when to bring in items, so keep an eye out for bargains and maybe use the Easter holidays to have a clean-up for the Trash & Treasure!

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<th>Week 2 (27 April – 1 May)</th>
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<td>Bags of lollies for the lolly stall and family blocks of chocolate for the chocolate toss.</td>
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<td>Week 4 (11-15 May)</td>
<td>Bottles of soft drink (1.25 litres) for bottle hoopla and small items for prizes for the hoopla and stick lotto.</td>
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<td>Week 5 (18-22 May)</td>
<td>Trash &amp; Treasure and homemade cakes, slices &amp; biscuits for the old-fashioned cake stall.</td>
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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 27th March 2015
Volunteer needed

Monday 30th March 2015
J Heterick

Wednesday 1st April 2015
J Munro

Term 1 2015 Calendar

- Thursday 26th March – Disco for Jacob – K-2 --5.00pm-6.30pm and 3-6 -- 6.30pm – 8.00pm
- 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
K-2H have had the most fantastic 2 weeks, starting with Horace the bear being presented to us at the assembly for our great listening and steady behaviour. On Tuesday a special parcel arrived from Mrs Wilko, who used to work at this school. She now lives near the beach and sent us a jar of sand and jars filled with seaweed, shells and coral. As we explored and played with these ‘beachy’ items, Mrs Hendo found some ocean music to add to the experience.

On Tuesday, we had a special little visitor, Matthew. Tyler’s Nan bought in 3 week old Matthew to bath. Mrs Fowler (a very experienced Nan) and the children in K-2H all helped bath him. What an amazing experience to share, with so much chatter about babies, how to care for them and how precious they are.

Learning in K-2H is always FUN!!!

“b,b,b for baby”