Dear Parents,

Bathurst turns 200 today and we have our School Leaders and 10 choir children representing our school at the reinstatement of Macquarie’s Flag Staff on the banks of the Macquarie River. Last week we had Mayor Gary Rush present our school leaders with their Bicentenary Coins to commemorate the celebrations. Mrs Carole McDiarmid, a significant person at Bathurst Public School, grandmother and retired Regional Director of Schools and one of the four people we created as part of our Peoplescape project, presented the coins to the Infants children at Friday’s Assembly. The Primary children will receive their coins in the coming days. Bathurst Public school will also hold a Flag Raising Ceremony on Friday to mark Proclamation Day. Happy Birthday, Bathurst.

Not only have we had our Bathurst200 celebrations, we have also been busy preparing for Mother’s Day, held the School Athletics Carnival and the School Cross Country throughout the week.

School Leaders - Tianna Copeland, Sophie Hillsdon, Nash Hutchings & Evan Cafe
Our School Athletics Carnival was held at the Bathurst Sportsground last Friday 1st May. It was wonderful to see so many children participating and ‘having a go.’ Congratulations to Chifley House who were the Champion House at the Athletics Carnival this year. We had 6 new records set at the carnival. Congratulations to the following children:

- Tegan Bush – Snr Girls 200m
- Tianna Copeland – Snr Girls 800m
- Caitlin Morris – 11 years Girls Shotput
- Miranda Campbell - 11 Years Girls 800m
- Ben Neary - Snr Boys 800m
- Sophie Hillsdon – Snr Girls Long Jump

Our Athletics Age Champions for 2015 were announced to the school on Tuesday. Congratulations to the following children:

- Junior Boy – Gabriel Langdon
- 11 years Girl – Caitlin Morris
- 11 years Boy – Mitchell Lamb
- Junior Girl – Tianni Bijelic
- 11 years Girl – Caitlin Morris
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Ivory for her organization and coordination of the Carnival, Mrs Francis and Mr Adams for assisting with the set up and pack up and for all the staff who assisted at the carnival on the day.

We have a team of 53 children that have qualified to attend the District Athletics Carnival on Friday 31st July at the Bathurst Sportsground. The team that will represent Bathurst Public School consist of: Tianni Bijelic, Ja’ime White, Sophie Lindsay, Phoebe Connors, Matilda Partridge, Jemmia Luck, Gemma Beecham, Keira Copeland, Chloé Turner, Caitlin Morris, Holly Downey, Abby Leven, Sophie Hillsdon, Tianna Copeland, Tegan Bush, Abby-Lee Robinson, Miranda Campbell, Claudia Campbell, Kayli Burke, Sidney Speirs, Sienna Tangaroa, Ella Hope, Sharnee Swadling, Hugh Thomas, Slayta Swadling, Nicholas Spinks, Cody Cramer, Jacob Lamb, Angus Cafe, Gabriel Langdon, James Hillsdon, Toby Dinger, Mitchell Lamb, Ji Hartland, Les Horne, Caiden Grimmet, Ben Neary, Hayden Sarkis, Johnny Mokaraka, Liam Kimbel, Evan Cafe, Zeke White, Kauri Mokaraka, Josh Miller, Troy Forrest-Scale, Katelyn Morris, Rachel Horne, Charlotte Simpson, Poppie Hutchings, Zara Sheader, Nash Hutchings, Charlie Hutchings & Blaine Dawes.
Congratulations to all the children that competed in the Cross Country on Wednesday. The grounds of Bathurst Public School most definitely provided a challenging course for our children. The winners of each age division were;

8/9 years boy – Angus Cafe
8/9 years girls – Tianni Bijelic

10 years girls – Gemma Beecham
10 years boys – Gabriel Langdon

11 years girls – Miranda Campbell
11 years boys – Jesse Downey

12/13 girls – Tianna Copeland
12/13 boys – Liam Kimbel
The District Cross Country Team will be announced in the next few days. The District Cross Country will be held at Mt Panorama on Friday, 22nd May 2015.

**Back to Bathurst Public School MEGA RAFFLE** - Raffle tickets will be sent home today with the Newsletter for BPS’s MEGA RAFFLE. If you don’t wish to sell the tickets, please return them to the front office. All sold/unsold tickets must be returned to school by Friday, 22nd May at 3:00pm. This raffle is coinciding with our Back To Bathurst Celebrations which will be held on the 23rd and 24th May. Thank you for your support.

Our **Back to Bathurst celebrations** will be held on Saturday, 23rd May and Sunday, 24th May. A dinner will be held on Saturday, 23rd May at Carrington House. All parents and friends are invited to attend. Please contact the school office for further information or to obtain a booking form. On Sunday, 24th May, our Vintage Fair will be held from 10am-2pm on the school grounds. Once again, all parents, children and friends are welcome to come along to what is sure to be a fantastic event. For more information, email [backtobps@outlook.com](mailto:backtobps@outlook.com) or check out the backtobps facebook page.

**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.

**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY TO ALL OUR EXTRAORDINARY MUM’S THIS SUNDAY.**

If any parent has any concerns regarding any aspect of school life, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Kate White
Principal
The NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) will be held for all children in Year 3 and 5 next week. The schedule for the assessments is as follows:

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**Athletics Carnival**

On Friday, 1\(^{st}\) May 2015 we had our Athletics Carnival. What an enjoyable day with Chifley House winning the carnival. Congratulations to all children on their participation in the carnival. It was lovely to see so many children ‘having a go.’ A special thanks to the staff that assisted with the carnival. We had 6 records broken at this year’s carnival. They were:

- Tegan Bush – Snr Girls 200m - 28.75
- Miranda Campbell - 11 Years Girls 800m - 3.05.31
- Tianna Copeland - Snr Girls 800m - 2.53.44
- Ben Neary - Snr Boys 800m - 2.54.50
- Caitlin Morris – 11 years Girls Shotput - 7.62m
- Sophie Hillsdon – Snr Girls Long Jump - 3.83m

Our Athletics Age Champions for 2015 are:

- Junior Girl – Tianni Bijelic
- Junior Boy – Gabriel Langdon
- 11 years Girl – Caitlin Morris
- 11 years Boy – Mitchell Lamb
- Senior Girl – Tegan Bush
- Senior Boy – Ben Neary

The District Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 31\(^{st}\) July at the Bathurst Sportsground. It will start at 9:15am and conclude at 3:00pm. Further information to follow.

Amanda Ivory
Athletics Carnival Organiser

**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.
Canteen Roster Term 2

Friday 8th May 2015
A Bennett
Volunteer required

Monday 11th May 2015
D Bijelic

Wednesday 13th May 2015
Volunteer required

Bathurst Public School's Biggest Morning Tea

Bathurst Public School's Biggest Morning Tea to support the Cancer Council is on Thursday, 28th of May from 11.15am-12.15noon.

Stage 3 students will be setting up food stalls and there will be tea and coffee available for adults. Parents, Teachers and Students will be able to enjoy morning tea together while listening to talented buskers from Stage 2 and 3 who will be entertaining the crowd.

To make this a successful fundraiser we are asking students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 to provide a plate of food which can then be sold, e.g. biscuits, muffins, cupcakes etc. These can be taken to the George Street Annexe before School on Thursday, 28th May.

We hope you can join us for Morning Tea on Thursday, 28th May at 11:15am.

Kathy Murphy
Next week, please remember to:

- Bring in **bottles of soft drink** (1.25L) for bottle hoopla and **small prizes** for the hoopla and stick lotto at our fair (see below).

- **Invite your friends & family** to come to the Back to BPS Vintage Fair on Sunday May 24 from 10am-2pm.

There will be loads of fun for everyone, including:
- Jumping castles, bungee run and bull ride
- School-yard games (sack and egg-and-spoon races etc)
- A barbecue, cake stall and delicious Devonshire teas
- Inkpots to iPads exhibition of the school’s history, plus student art
- Market stalls, trash & treasure, chocolate toss, bottle hoopla, crazy hair and nails, sand art and much more!

Tomorrow, don’t forget to:

- Enjoy your **Mother’s Day breakfast order**, starting at 8am at the school.

- Get your **Back to BPS Gala Dinner** tickets – last chance before bookings close at 5pm!
  
  Email backtobps@outlook.com for more details.

Thank you also to these valued Back to BPS sponsors and supporters:

**Silver sponsors:** Hair by Hair, DSL Construction & Renovation, Western Advocate, Vanessa Pringle Floral Designs, Integrated Design Group, 2BS.

**Bronze sponsor:** Jenny’s Kindergarten.

**Donations:** The Good Guys, Annies Ice Cream Parlour, Cosventure, House, Books Plus, Forbutt’s Pharmacy, Simply Beautiful.

**NEXT P&C MEETING**

7pm, Wednesday 20th May 2015, school staff room. All welcome!
**Clothing Pool**

The clothing pool is open Tuesday morning from 8:30am-9:00am or by appointment. All donations of second hand uniforms are gratefully accepted and sold back into our school.

For more information or to book a time with me to have a look call Liz Arrow on 6334 2853 or 0438 210 748.

**Book Club**

The return date for this order is Friday, 8th May 2015.

**Term 2 2015 Calendar**

- 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
- Thursday 21st May – Girl’s Netball Team playing in Dubbo
- Friday 22nd May – Strings Conservatorium
- Friday 22nd May – District Cross Country at Mt Panorama
- 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
- Thursday 28th May – Biggest Morning Tea
- Friday 29th May – Infants Assembly
- Wednesday 3rd June – Science skills test UNSW
- Monday 8th June – Public holiday Queens Birthday
- Wednesday 10th June – Primary Assembly
- Wednesday 10th June – Western Cross Country trials at Geurie
- Friday 12th June – Mufti Day – Pirate Day
- 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
BATHURST Public School

Back to BPS
Bicentenary Celebrations

Saturday, 23 May
BACK TO BPS GALA DINNER
Carrington Function Centre

Sunday, 24 May
OPEN DAY & VINTAGE FAIR
School tours, rides, music, food,
old fashioned games, market stalls
‘Ink pots to iPads’ photographic
exhibition and much, much more!

School grounds 10am - 2pm
(George Street, Bathurst)

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