Thursday 23\textsuperscript{rd} July 2015

Dear Parents,

This week we welcome five interns from CSU that will be working with us for the remainder of Term 3. Mr Trent Hemsworth is working with Mrs Francis and 3/4F, Mr Joshua Hugo is with Mrs Goninan and KG, Miss Alisha Garlick is with Mrs McClements and 2M, Miss Nicole Misfud is with Ms Puebla and KP and Mr Andrew Best is with Mr Datt and 5/6D. We welcome the new staff to our school and know they will enjoy their experience at Bathurst Public School.

The \textit{School Concert} ‘Celebrating Bathurst’ will be held on Thursday 30\textsuperscript{th} July at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre. The matinee will commence at 11.00am and the evening performance at 6.30pm. We are anticipating that the evening concert will be finished by 9.30pm. Tickets for the concerts are available for purchase through the box office at the Entertainment Centre. Please purchase your tickets soon as they are selling very quickly!
Our entire school will be attending the BMEC on Wednesday 29th July to rehearse. Children will need a packed recess and lunch as well as a drink. For ease of transporting, children are asked to bring their food and drink in disposable bags/packages. All food should be placed in a plastic bag (e.g. shopping bag) with your child’s name and class clearly labelled on it. Food will be transported in lunch baskets. There will be NO CANTEEN available on Wednesday. Children will be transported by bus to and from the entertainment centre.

All children are asked to wear full formal school uniform to school on Wednesday and bring their navy blue broad brimmed hats. The full formal school uniform consists of:

- **Boys** – Navy trousers, white polo shirt, navy school sloppy-joe, white ankle socks and clean black shoes.

- **Girls** – Winter pinafore, white polo shirt, navy school sloppy-joe, navy tights/stockings, clean black shoes and navy blue hair ribbons.

On Thursday, children will travel by bus to the BMEC at 9.45am in preparation for the Matinee performance.

Once again, children will need a packed recess and lunch as well as a drink. For ease of transporting, children are asked to bring their food and drink in disposable bags/packages. All food should be placed in a plastic bag (e.g. shopping bag) with your child’s name and class clearly labelled on it.

On Thursday children are asked to wear their sports uniform to school for the matinee performance and again to the evening performance Thursday night and bring their full school uniform (if in choir, band, drumming, jazz group) and costume/s in a bag with them to both performances with their name and class clearly labelled on it and they will get changed into at the BMEC.

- **Girls/Boys Sports Uniform** - Navy track suit and sloppy joe with white school emblem, Navy shorts and white polo shirt with navy emblem, White socks , Sports shoes and navy blue broad brimmed hat.

Band members and strings (violin and cello) players are reminded to please bring your instrument to school on Wednesday for rehearsals and Thursday for the concerts. Instruments can be left in the back stage area between concerts on Thursday but we do not want them left overnight on Wednesday night.

Every child is involved in a performance at our 2015 School Concert therefore it is imperative that all children attend on Thursday for both the matinee and the evening performances. We ask that children be at the Entertainment Centre Hall no later than 6.00pm for the evening performance. It would be beneficial for children to have eaten their dinner prior to their arrival at the BMEC.

Congratulations to our Bathurst Blues and Whites debating teams that had wonderful wins over Cobar Public School last week. We are very excited by the progress of our debating teams and look forward to the next rounds tomorrow. A big thank you to Mrs Johnson for all her coaching and preparation of the children for the debates – it is very much appreciated.

**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

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**Attendance**

**EVERY DAY COUNTS....**

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

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Give your child every chance to succeed... Every day counts!

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**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.

**Bathurst Public School Concert**

Our School Concert will be held on Thursday, 30th July 2015 at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre. Due to the popularity of our concert, there will be a Matinee performance commencing at 11:00am and a night performance at 6.30pm. This event will coincide with Education Week, 2015.

**Tickets for our School Concert are on sale now.**

Tickets are available from the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre Box Office or online at http://www.bmec.com.au/bmec/whatson/.

*Adults $20.00  Child $10.00*

*Bathurst Public Students participating in the concert do not require a ticket.*

**Swimming Program 2015**

The **Term 4 Intensive Swimming Program** is now open to all children K-6 and everyone is encouraged to attend this 10 day Swimming Program that will be held from Monday, 23rd November to Friday, 4th December 2015 at the Bathurst Aquatic Centre. The cost of the program is $100.00 per student which includes bus transport, pool entry, 45 minute small group lessons with a qualified instructor and a certificate at the end of the program. Notes and full payment must be handed to the front office by **Friday, 30th October 2015** to be included in this year’s program.

**Premier’s Debating Challenge 2015**

The 2015 Premier’s Debating Challenge began in Week 10, Term 2 with Bathurst Blues (Year 6) Vs Bathurst Whites (Year 5).

**Topic:** “That Schools should teach computer skills instead of art and music.”

**Winner:** Bathurst Blues – Negative

Our adjudicator was Mrs Margaret Brown. Congratulations to all speakers. This was the very first debate for Year 5’s and they conducted themselves very well.

It was a close result but special congratulations must go to ‘The Blues’ as winners.

*Mrs Johnson – Debating 2015*
Premier’s Debating Challenge 2015 – via Video Link

Video Conference Debates with Cobar Public School

Last Thursday our Debating Teams – The Blues and The Whites – debated Cobar Public School via video link using the Connected Classrooms technology.

Our adjudicators were in Orange so we joined Cobar Public in the designated meeting room on line. We were able to see the adjudicators –Aimy Parkes and Kevin Boyd and the Cobar teams on the screen.

Results:

Debate 1:  Cobar Year 5’s Vs Bathurst Blues –
Topic: “That we should ban parents from smacking their kids.”
Winner: - Bathurst Blues – Negative

Debate 2:  Cobar Year 6’s Vs Bathurst Whites –
Topic: “That parents should make kids in Years 5 & 6 do 30 minutes of chores each day.”
Winner: Bathurst Whites – Negative

Debate 3: Bathurst Blues Vs Cobar Year 6
Topic: “That we should ban all ads for unhealthy food and drink.”
Winner: Bathurst Blues – Negative

Congratulations to all teams – great debating!

Marilyn Johnson – Debating 2015

Ben, Matilda, Sophie and Zara

Bathurst Whites (above)

Like Bathurst Public School on Facebook!
**Rugby League**

Congratulations to Johnny Mokaraka of Bathurst Public School who competed as a part of the Western team in the NSW PSSA Opens Rugby League carnival, held June 16-18 at Cronulla, Sydney.

The team lead by coach Mr Andrew Hooper of Grenfell Public School acquitted themselves tremendously well over the 3 days, growing in confidence and cohesion each game, impressing coaches, parents and spectators with their steely defence, determination and commitment to their teammates. Western had a pretty positive start to the championships playing only two games the first day, beaten by a highly fancied Hunter team then found themselves on par with the North Coast team playing a 4 all draw.

Day 2 saw Western taking on the MacKillop, South Coast and Sydney East teams and although going very close to matching it with these teams, couldn’t get the win they were after. However the boys came very close to a huge upset only being beaten by Sydney East in the dying seconds of the game in what proved to be the best effort all week giving everyone reason to smile.

In the all of his games Johnny worked hard and showed a positive attitude in each and every game and should be commended and congratulated on his efforts throughout the carnival. Johnny’s talent and commitment were rewarded by him being selected in the NSW development squad to train in preparation for selection of a NSW team to play in the national championships in Darwin later this year. A great achievement for this unassuming young man.

Thanks and congratulations should also go to all of the parents who not only took time from work and arranged for transport, but also cheered and supported the team each game, adding to the good nature of the carnival. With the likes of the kids in this years Western Open team, rugby league and school sports, look in good shape for the future. Sydney North hosts next years Open League carnival in Wyong, so all boys and girls that love and play rugby league should ensure they nominate for their school team and trial in 2016.
The P&C will be selling school emblem badges and tea towels (featuring the school song) at both sessions of the school concert on July 30. These are great keepsakes for your kids and won’t last long, so bring along some cash to grab them quick!

NEXT MEETING
When: Wednesday 19th August
Time: 7pm
Where: School staffroom
Who: All welcome.

Come along to our monthly friendly gathering to find out about school events and achievements, staff changes, upcoming activities, fundraising and put forward your own views and ideas. Our next project is organising our Father’s Day gifts and breakfast so if you have a great idea for this event, please attend and share it with us!

Canteen Roster Term 2
Friday 24th July 2015
A Thomas
Monday 27th July 2015
J Munro
Wednesday 29th July 2015
CLOSED
Term 3 2015 Calendar

- Friday 24th July - Debating in the Annexe via VC
- Friday 24th July - Infants Assembly at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Monday 27th July-Friday 31st July – Education Week
- Tuesday 28th July – English ICAS
- Tuesday 28th July – Bathurst Schools Network Education Week opening at BMEC
- Wednesday 29th July – School Concert Rehearsal at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre
- Thursday 30th July – School Concert at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre
- Friday 31st July – District Athletics Carnival
- Wednesday 5th August - Primary Assembly at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Thursday 6th August – Mimosa Concert – Sydney Opera House
- Friday 7th August - Infants Assembly at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Tuesday 11th August – Maths ICAS
- Wednesday 19th August - Primary Assembly at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Friday 21st August – Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Steam Train Excursion
- Friday 21st August – No Infants Assembly due to the Excursion
- Monday 24th August – Friday 28th August – Book Week “Books Light Up Our World”
- Thursday 27th August – Book Week Parade and Book Fair
- Thursday 27th August – Netball BBQ lunch
- Tuesday 1st September – Choral Cluster Rehearsal
- Wednesday 2nd September - Primary Assembly at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Friday 4th September - Infants Assembly at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Wednesday 16th September - Primary Assembly at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Thursday 17th September – Stage 1 Workers in the Community Day
- Friday 18th September - Infants Assembly at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Friday 18th September – Term 3 ends
Now accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2016

“Smart Start”

Transition to Kinder Program

2 Week School Readiness Program 2015

Monday 23rd November - Friday 4th December

Term 4 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings

Session Time: 9:30am - 11:30am

Please contact Bathurst Public School for more information.

Phone: 02 6331 3923
Email: bathurst-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
The Woolworths Earn & Learn Program will be operating from Wednesday 15th July till Tuesday 8th September 2015. During this time points can be collected & sheets completed. Completed sheets can be handed into the front office.