Dear Parents,

Education Week – Celebrating Local Heroes

The school has been buzzing with excitement this week. At the time of print, all of our children are at the BMEC commencing the Matinee session of our School Concert. I am so thrilled that all 517 children get the opportunity to perform on stage at the BMEC today and tonight. Congratulations to all the Staff and Children on the preparations that have been made in celebrating Education Week at Bathurst Public School – what a wonderful way to showcase our school.

The evening performance of the Concert commences at 6.30pm. We ask that all children be at the BMEC by 6pm please. We are performing to a capacity crowd tonight so are very excited. It would be appropriate for children to bring a bottle of water this evening. Please ensure children have had dinner prior to their arrival at the BMEC. We envisage the concert will run for approximately 2 ½ hours.
Public Schools across NSW, are celebrating, Education Week. This provides us with a perfect opportunity to showcase the wonderful things Bathurst Public School is doing in preparing our students to become the future generation. As Principal of this great school, I am immensely proud of the commitment of our staff here at Bathurst Public. We are extremely fortunate to have such a supportive staff, who work tirelessly to ensure the success and positive engagement of their students. This school offers a range of innovative and exciting opportunities for our students, Academically, as well as in the Sporting and Performing Arts areas. This week we will showcase the achievements of our students in the Performing Arts, with our School Concert.

A student’s journey through school is a partnership between a student, their families and their teachers. At Bathurst Public, we are genuinely committed to this relationship. I would like to take the opportunity to thank our school community for your ongoing support of our school. We are very fortunate to also have an active P&C who continue to work with the school to provide quality resources and ongoing support for our students, such as: the Canteen, and our annual Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls and the Back to Bathurst Celebrations.

Congratulations and good luck to the children representing our school at the District Athletics Carnival tomorrow, Friday 31st July. We have 46 representing our school. The team consists of: Gemma Beecham, Tiaani Bijelic, Kayli Burke, Tegan Bush, Angus Café, Claudia Campbell, Miranda Campbell, Phoebe Connors, Keira Copeland, Tianna Copeland, Cody Cramer, Blaine Dawes, Toby Dinger, Holly Downey, Ben Everitt Foran, Troy Forrest Scales, Caiden Grimmett, Ji Hartland, James Hillsdon, Sophie Hillsdon, Les Horne, Rachel Horne, Nash Hutchings, Liam Kimbel, Jacob Lamb, Mitchell Lamb, Gabriel Langdon, Abby Leven, Sophie Lindsay, Johnnie Mokaraka, Kauri Mokaraka, Caitlin Morris, Katelyn Morris, Ben Neary, Matilda Partridge, Abby Lee Robinson, Hayden Sarkis, Zara Sheader, Charlotte Simpson, Nicholas Spinks, Slayta Swadling, Sienna Tangaroa, Hugh Thomas, Chloe Turner, Ja’ime White and Zeke White.

Bathurst Public is also celebrating the success of our ‘Bathurst Blues’ debating team who are Zone Winners of the Premier’s Debating Challenge. Both the Blue and White teams presented impressive debates over the past few weeks, with our Blues team winning all three of their debates. Thank you, Mrs Johnson for coaching these teams. Our Blues Team will now be in the Regional Final at Bletchington Public School on Friday 18th September.
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.

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

Regards
Kate White
Principal
Premier’s Debating Challenge 2015 – Video Conference Debate with Coonamble Public School

Last Friday ‘The Whites’ debated Coonamble Reds by video link.

Our adjudicator was Mrs Kerri Parkes in Orange.

Results:
Debate 1: Bathurst Whites Vs Coonamble Reds
Topic: “That we should ban smartphones and tablets for people under 18.”
Winner: Bathurst Whites - affirmative

Debate 2: Bathurst Blues Vs Coonamble Blues
Forfeit by Coonamble Blues : winner Bathurst Blues

Debate 3: Coonamble Blues Vs Bathurst Whites
Forfeit by Coonamble Blues : winner Bathurst Whites
Congratulations Bathurst Whites! A great effort for your first debating season.

Mrs Johnson – Debating 2015

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.
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.

WESTERN NETBALL

Last week we had 4 girls represent Western Region in the NSW PSSA Netball tournament in Tamworth.

Zara Sheader playing C, WA, and WD, was fast through the court and integral in attack. Sophie Hillsdon at GS and GA played well in attack to bring the ball into the goal and score points. Tianna Copeland defending in GK and GD prevented many scoring opportunities for the opposition and Tegan Bush playing defence also made it difficult for the opposition to make easy passes.

Western played 13 games with these girls central to their team, getting plenty of court time and making a good impact during each game. In a really tough competition, Western won 3 games and came 11th overall. An improvement from last year thanks to the efforts of these girls and their teammates.

Well done girls, you are netball superstars!
Like Bathurst Public School on Facebook!

P&C NEWS

BAG A BADGE
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 3

**Friday 31st July 2015**
A Bennett

**Monday 3rd August 2015**
N Forrest

**Wednesday 5th August 2015**
M Reeks

---

**Term 3 2015 Calendar**

- 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

Bathurst Public School

“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
Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

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.
Dear Parents,

Wow! Our Concert is shaping up to be amazing. We are all looking forward to performing for you tomorrow.

Our School Concert will be held tomorrow, Thursday 30th July 2015. Our Matinee will commence at 11.00am and the evening performance will commence at 6.30pm. Both performances will be held in the Theatre of the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre. We expect the concert to go for approximately 2 ½ hours.

Some reminders and general information:

- All children will leave school at 9.45am and will travel by bus to the Entertainment Centre. Children will travel by bus back to school at the conclusion of the concert at approximately 2.30pm in time for the end of the day at 3.00pm.

- All children will need a packed recess and lunch as well as a drink on Thursday. 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.

- Children will also need to wear their broad brim hat – please ensure that your child’s name is clearly written on it.

- Children are asked to come dressed in their sports uniform and have their costumes and full school uniform (for choirs, band, jazz group, drumming, strings) with them to change into at the BMEC.

- Children will be under the supervision of all school staff during the day.

- For the evening performance on Thursday, 30th July 2015, children are asked to be at the BMEC at 6.00pm in preparation for the commencement of the concert at 6.30pm. Children will need to have had dinner prior to their arrival at the evening performance. It would be appropriate for the children to have a bottle of water and a light snack with them.

- When dropping children off for the evening performance children should go to:
  - Kindergarten – City Hall
  - Year 1 – Conference Rooms on the ground floor
  - Year 2 – Conference Rooms on the ground floor
  - Year 3 – Conference rooms upstairs
  - Year 4 – Conference rooms upstairs
  - Year 5 – Upstairs Mezzanine
  - Year 6 – Upstairs Mezzanine
  - Support Children – Green Room upstairs
Thursday Evening Student Pickup

After the concert on Thursday night, students can be collected from the following locations within the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre.

**Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2** classes will be located in City Hall. Parents will be called a class at a time, beginning with Kindergarten. Parents are asked to exit the BMEC by the door closest to City Hall.

**Support Unit** students can be collected from the front of the green room upstairs. We will have all of their siblings waiting with them so you only have one pickup place. Parents are asked to exit the BMEC by the door closest to the Box Office.

**Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** can be collected from the Conference rooms in the top foyer. Parents will be called a class at a time, beginning with Year 3. Parents are asked to exit the BMEC by the door closest to the Box Office.

To ensure ease of pickup, we will group siblings in the youngest sibling’s class. For instance, if your youngest school age child is in Year 1, all other siblings will be waiting in the Year 1 class.

If someone else will be picking up your child on Thursday evening, please ensure a note is given to your child’s classroom teacher no later than 9.00am on Thursday morning.

Video and Photography

This year, our School Concert will be professionally photographed and videoed. Thank you to Mr Tony McBurney and Mr Richard Ellis for providing this service to the school – it is very much appreciated. Photos and videos of the School Concert will be available for purchase in the week after the Concert. These are sure to be a wonderful keepsake. More information will be available about this in the coming days. No videoing or photography apart from these Professional people will be permitted in the Theatre. This is a child protection issue. If any parent does not wish their child to be photographed or videoed professionally, please contact Mrs White at school by Wednesday 29th July at 3pm.

Regards

Kate White
Principal
29/7/15