Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our wonderful Strings and Recorder players who attended the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Opera House last Thursday with Ms Puebla, Mrs Crook and Ms Baker. The children were absolutely magnificent and I was so extremely honoured to be able to attend and listen to our children perform. Thank you to the many parents and friends who also travelled to Sydney to watch the children. It is truly a magnificent event to view. Thank you to Ms Puebla for her work preparing the Recorder players and to Ms Baker, Mrs Thompson and Ms Hudson for their preparation and organisation of the Strings players.

Strings players outside the Opera House
On Wednesday of this week, Out There, The Australian Ballet in school program conducted workshops for Years 2-6. Students were given the opportunity to participate in an hour long intensive workshop. In these sessions, students were involved in practical dance exercises using both individual and cooperative learning. In addition, all participating students were invited to see the dance presenters in action. Several dance styles were shown during this session as well as some beautiful costumes used in past ballet presentations.

Thank you to the Australian Ballet for providing the unique and wonderful opportunity for our school. It was great to see the looks of delight and total commitment of all participants. Thank you to Mrs Rutherford for coordinating this amazing opportunity for our children.
Class 3/4 R and Mrs Rutherford were thrilled to hear they had been named the winners of The Bathurst Regional Council, Local Government Week, Illuminate Bathurst Competition. The students gave up recess and lunchtimes to help complete the class poster during the very busy lead up to the school concert. The theme for the class poster was based upon all the work Stage 2 had completed in History and Literacy sessions during Semester 1. The best part was that the prize was $500 to spend on resources. Thank you Bathurst Regional Council for such a generous prize.

Class 3/4R with their poster

OUR SCHOOL CONCERT DVD WILL BE ON SALE FROM THE FRONT OFFICE ON MONDAY 17TH AUGUST - $15. A WONDERFUL KEEPSAKE.
**Book Week** will be held from Monday 24th August till Friday 28th August 2015 – Week 7.

The theme is “Books Light Up Our World”. All children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character for the Book Week Parade to be held on Thursday 27th August. The following is the outline of the activities organised:

- **Monday 24th August – Wednesday 26th August** – All children K-6 preview the Book Fair
- **Thursday 27th August** – Children K-6 purchasing from the Book Fair from 9.15am-11.00am
- **Thursday 27th August** – Book Parade for all children K-6 under the COLA 11.40am-1.10pm
- **Thursday 27th August** – Book Fair open for parents and children to purchase books 1.00pm-2.30pm

**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
Australian Ballet Visit

Like Bathurst Public School on Facebook!
The Theme for Book Week 2015 is

**BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD!**

You are invited to the Bathurst Public School Book Week Parade

When: Thursday 27\(^{th}\) August 2015
Where: BPS COLA
Time: 11:45am

Please come dressed as either a character from a book or something that represents our theme: ‘Books light up our world’.

Book Fair books will also be available for purchase in the McMullen Hall on this day.

Cash and EFTPOS will be accepted.
THIS MONTH’S MEETING

Want to find out about Bathurst Public School’s new School Uniform Policy? Then come along to our next P&C meeting to discover how the results of last year’s survey have shaped the uniform choices.

Also on the agenda this month:
- Father’s Day gift and events
- future fundraising ideas.

P&C meetings are open to everyone and are a great way to find out about school events and achievements, staff changes and upcoming activities. We hope to see you there!

When: Wednesday 19th August  
Time: 7pm  
Where: School staffroom

"Mom forgot to do the laundry last night, so I made clothes out of Legos."

Lasagne is back on the menu!!

Canteen Roster Term 3
Friday 14th August 2015
A Thomas

Monday 17th August 2015
J Heterick

Wednesday 19th August 2015
P A’quino
Term 3 2015 Calendar

- 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

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.
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
‘Drop-off and Pick-up’
area safety tips

Safety tips for drivers using a ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ area

- Always drop-off or pick-up your child from the designated area, following the school’s procedures.
- Drivers should remain in their vehicles at all times in the ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ area.
- Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
- Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationery.
- Never double park.
- Never park across a pedestrian crossing.
- Never undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.

Safety tips for students

- Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped in the ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ area.
- Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position, eg on the floor.
- Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seatbelt.
- Always get in and out of the backseat of the vehicle through the safety door – the rear footpath-side door.

Safety tips for volunteer supervisors

- Wear a conspicuous, identifying safety item such as a fluoro vest, sash and/or hat.
- Assist students to exit and enter each vehicle in turn in the ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ area, while remaining on the footpath.
- Do not attempt to direct traffic and do not enter the road environment.

For further information  www.rta.nsw.gov.au  9218 6084