Dear Parents,

On Monday, 17th August, Kayli Burke and Caitlin Morris travelled to Dubbo with Mrs Johnson to participate in the Regional Finals of the NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition. The girls spoke extremely well and have been praised by Mr Harvey, our Director Public School NSW, for their fantastic speeches. Well done Kayli and Caitlin on the manner in which you represented our school. We are extremely proud of you both.

On Tuesday, 18th August we had a Guide Dog visit to our K-2 children to raise awareness of people with vision issues and also the use and training of Guide Dogs. The children really enjoyed this experience.
Book Week will be held next week 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

In the coming weeks, Bathurst Public School has many commitments at the Bathurst Eisteddfod. We commence performing at the Bathurst Eisteddfod on Wednesday 2nd September. We have 21 entries in this years Eisteddfod. We wish all our groups and individuals well and hope lots of parents and friends can come along to support us. All children participating in the Eisteddfod have received permission notes this week. Please contact the office if your child did not get a note. A reminder that full school uniform for children should be worn to this event. This is:

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

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

The outline of our groups and their performance dates and times is below.

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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
NAIDOC Public Speaking Final 2015

On Monday 17th August, our Public Speaking Team, consisting of Kayli Burke and Caitlin Morris travelled to Dubbo to compete in the NAIDOC Public Speaking Final.

The Final was held at the Bangamalanha Centre in Dubbo, where the 10 Primary School Public Speaking team finalists and the 4 High School Debating team finalists gathered.

Both Kayli and Caitlin represented our school with distinction. This is the first year we have moved through to the final, so we are very proud of the girls’ achievement.

Mrs Johnson –Public Speaking 2015

OUR SCHOOL CONCERT DVD IS AVAILABLE FROM THE FRONT OFFICE FOR $15. THIS DVD IS A WONDERFUL KEEPSAKE.

Like Bathurst Public School on Facebook!
Beginning on August 24th and running for 4 weeks until the end of Term 3, BPS will celebrate Fruit and Veg month.

Healthy eating will be promoted even more in the classroom and on school assemblies daily. Each classroom will introduce a compost bin to collect scraps from crunch and sip daily. The compost will be collected and begin to form our newly created compost area. There will be a class prize for the class that collects the most compost over the month event. The winning class will be invited to a cooking class with a local chef.

There will be weekly canteen meal deals and a fruit and veg sculpture competition.

More information will be sent home as the events begin but for now, consider... HOW HEALTHY ARE YOU?

Most Australians eat only half the amount of fruit and vegies recommended for good health. Adults need to eat at least 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegies each day. The requirements for children vary depending on age.

STAGE 2 and 3 WRITERS AWARDS

BPS are producing some fantastic writers in the primary. Each fortnight at Assembly, one writer from each class will be selected for excellent writing, improvement or contributions to writing tasks. Here are this fortnights writing winners:

3/4F - Phoebe Connors
3/4I - James Hillsdon
3/4R - James Pietsch
3/4T - Mimi Taylor
5/6D - Lola Love

Stage 2 writing winners this fortnight can be viewed in the window of 3/4R.
BOOK WEEK PARADE NETBALL BBQ

Don’t forget to order your BBQ lunch for Book Week Parade Day. Help the netball team raise money to go to Sydney for the State PSSA Finals.

Sausage Sandwich and drink MEAL DEAL $4.00
Steak Sandwich and drink MEAL DEAL $5.00
Sausage Sandwich $2.50
Steak Sandwich $3.50

Order at the office by Tuesday, 25th August 2015.

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.
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.
SAVE THE DATE
Dad can celebrate Father’s Day twice this year! As well as making him breakfast in bed on Sunday, you can also shout him a famous P&C egg & bacon burger on **Friday September 4**. So ditch the burnt toast and come along to the school to enjoy a delicious Father’s Day brekkie with your family. How to pre-order and more details will be sent home soon.

POSITIVE PROGRESS
There was much to talk about at last night’s P&C meeting. Among other things we gave a big **thumbs up** to the school uniform committee (consisting of staff and parents) who have worked hard to update the school uniform policy that will be finalised soon. We also welcomed the introduction of **flashing lights** to indicate the school speed zone in George Street, which we hope will make it safer for our kids. Remember that double-parking is a big **thumbs down** and that teachers who don’t allow students onto the road to enter these cars have their safety at heart (and are doing a great job – **thumbs up**)!

NEXT MEETING
When: 7pm, Wednesday 16th September 2015
Where: School staff room
All welcome!

Canteen Roster Term 3
**Friday 21st August 2015**
K Campbell
**Monday 24th August 2015**
D Bijelic
**Wednesday 26th August 2015**
Volunteer Needed
Term 3 2015 Calendar

- 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
- Friday 28th August – Regional Athletics Trials in Dubbo
- Monday 31st August – Friday 4th September – SASS Recognition Week
- Tuesday 1st September – Choral Cluster Rehearsal
- Wednesday 2nd September - Primary Assembly at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Wednesday 2nd September – Year 3/4R to Eisteddfod – Verse Speaking
- Friday 4th September - Infants Assembly at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Wednesday 9th September - Year 1 and 2 Dance to Eisteddfod – Dance Group
- Wednesday 9th September – Stage 2 Dance to Eisteddfod – Dance Group
- Wednesday 9th September – Stage 3 Dance to Eisteddfod – Dance Group
- Sunday 13th September – Jazz Singers to the Eisteddfod – Individual Jazz performances
- Monday 14th September – Netball Team to NSW PSSA Finals at Homebush
- Monday 14th September – String Ensemble to Eisteddfod – Strings performance
- Monday 14th September – Drumming Group to Eisteddfod – Drumming performance
- Monday 14th September – Recorder Group to Eisteddfod – Recorder performance
- Monday 14th September – Support Classes to Eisteddfod – Support Unit performances
- Tuesday 15th September – Infants Choir to Eisteddfod – Infants Choir performance
- Tuesday 15th September – Primary Choir to Eisteddfod – Primary Choir performance
- Wednesday 16th September - Primary Assembly at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Wednesday 16th September – Junior Band to Eisteddfod – Junior Band performance
- Wednesday 16th September – Senior Band to Eisteddfod – Senior Band performance
- Thursday 17th September – Stage 1 Workers in the Community Day
- Thursday 17th September – Stage 2 Blue Mountains Excursion
- Friday 18th September - Infants Assembly at 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Friday 18th September – Bathurst Blues Debating Team in final at Bletchington PS
- 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.

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