Dear Parents,

We have submitted our actual numbers this week and the staffing unit of the Department of Education and Training have informed me yesterday that we have enough student numbers to form a 21st class. The Assistant Principals and I have worked over night to restructure the school to include a new 2/3 class which will be operational as of Monday 15th February, 2016. Many classes have been affected with children that we need to move to new classes to accommodate everyone. If your child needs to move a class, you will have received a phone call from one of the Assistant Principals today telling you about the changes that need to occur. I thank you for your patience in the first few weeks whilst we have operated tentative classes and will commence our new 2016 class structure on Monday 15th February.

The classes and whole school staffing for 2016 are:

- KM – Ms Chloe Murphy
- KG – Mrs Jodie Goninan
- KP – Ms Fernanda Puebla
- KR – Mrs Nikki Royle
- 1M – Mrs Kathy Murphy
- 1B – Miss Fiona Bennett
- 1S – Miss Rachel Schupfer
- 1/2S – Ms Tammy Simmons
- 2M – Mrs Danielle McClements
- 2K – Mr Luke Kelly
- 2E – Miss Emma Miller
- 2/3F – Mrs Kylee Francis
- 3/4I – Mrs Amanda Ivory
- 3/4G – Mrs Julie George
- 3/4T – Mr Jeremy Thackray
- 3/4R – Mrs Helen Rutherford
- 4/5A – Mr Michael Attard
We have celebrated some wonderful achievements in the pool this week with lots of children participating in the Annual Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all children on their involvement.

Congratulations to Keira Copeland, Angus Warne and Caiden Grimmett on the records they broke at the carnival – an outstanding effort!

Well done to Hargraves House who were the overall Champion House on Friday. They cheered and swam all day. Good work.
Congratulations to our age champions for 2016 who are:

Junior Boys – Angus Warne  
Junior Girls – Mia McClements  
11 years Boys – James Hillsdon  
11 years Girls – Keira Copeland  
Senior Boys – Caiden Grimmett  
Senior Girls – Abby Leven

Junior Girl Champion – Mia McClements  
Junior Boy Champion – Angus Warne

11 Year Girl Champion – Keira Copeland  
11 Year Boy Champion – James Hillsdon
Senior Girl Champion – Abby Leven

Senior Boy Champion – Caiden Grimmett

Our school photos will be taken by Advanced Photography on Tuesday 16th February. Please note this is a new company we are using. Information is attached to this newsletter regarding school photos. Envelopes for school photos were sent home last week. If you require any further information, please contact the office at school.

Infants (Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2) Assemblies are held every second Friday at 2.15pm in the McMullen Hall. The next Assembly is Friday 12th February. All parents and friends are very welcome to join us to celebrate our accomplishments.

Primary Years (3, 4, 5 and 6) Assemblies are held every second Wednesday at 2:10pm in the McMullen Hall. The next Assembly will be held on Wednesday 24th February at 2.10pm. All parents and friends are very welcome to join us to celebrate our accomplishments.

As a staff we continue to modify our Assessment and Reporting practices to ensure we are reporting to the new Australian Curriculum and to also ensure parents obtain feedback each term on their child’s progress from their child’s classroom teacher. At anytime, if parents have any concerns or issues about your child’s learning, you are encouraged to contact the school to make an appointment to speak with your child’s classroom teacher. The Assessment and Reporting schedule for 2016 is:

- Term 1 Week 4/5 - Monday 15th February-Friday 26th February – Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Term 2 Week 9 - Thursday 23rd June – Semester 1 Reports home
- Term 3 - Parent/Teacher Interviews (Dates to be advised)
- Term 4 Week 9 – Thursday 8th December – Semester 2 Reports home

The days and times for Parent/Teacher Interviews for weeks 4 and 5 is outlined below. Notes will be sent home late next week if classes are finalised regarding these meetings.

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- Please note the change of date for KP Parent Teacher Interviews

**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 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
Library News

What a fantastic start in the library. Thank you to students that have library bags and have started to borrow books.

During library lessons we have been reading Dinosaurs love Underpants by Claire Freedman and designing underpants for dinosaurs. We have some new books in the library, come and see our new books. Ms Morris.

Swimming Report

Bathurst Public School’s Annual Swimming Carnival was held last Friday on a beautiful sunny day at the Aquatic Centre. Everyone had a fantastic day at the pool swimming, cheering for their house and supporting their team mates.

We have some extraordinary swimmers at our school and many achievements were made. Whether that be their first race at a swimming carnival, a personal best or even a new record for the school!

Three students broke records in the following races:

Keira Copeland broke records in the 11 years 50m Freestyle with 36.60 seconds, 11 years 50m Backstroke with 43.72 seconds and 11 years 50m Butterfly with 40.00 seconds, which is a record broken by 6 seconds!

Angus Warne broke the record for the Junior Boys Individual Medley with 4.02.75.

Caiden Grimmett broke a 27 year old record for the 12 years 50m Freestyle with 35.85 seconds.

Congratulations to Hargraves, the winning house and their House Captains for doing a wonderful job throughout the day – Nick Peachey, Sidney Speirs, Jesse Downey and Lola Love.
Congratulations also goes to the following Age Champions.

Junior Boys – Angus Warne
Junior Girls – Mia McClements
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All the teachers are very proud of the sportsmanship students displayed and also for having a go in the pool!
School Contributions

School Contributions for 2016 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.

Term 1 2016 Calender

- Friday 12th February – Infants Assembly 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall
- Monday 15th February – 3/6L and K/3C Parent Teacher Interviews
- Tuesday 16th February – School Photos
- Wednesday 17th February – 3/6N and 3/6C Parent Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday 17th February – P&C meeting 7pm in the Staffroom
- Thursday 18th February – 3/6H Parent Teacher Interviews
- Thursday 18th February – KP Parents Teacher Interviews
- Friday 19th February – District Swimming Carnival
- Friday 19th February – Canberra Raiders NRL visit
- Monday 22nd February – Stage 2 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Tuesday 23rd February – Stage 3 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday 24th February – Kinder Parent Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday 24th February – Primary Assembly

Canteen Roster

- Friday 12th February – M Lucas and A Thomas
- Monday 15th February – T Tonkies
- Wednesday 17th February – C Allbut
- Thursday 18th February – Volunteer Needed
- Friday 19th February – M Lucas and R Denyer
BOOK CLUB

Issue 1 of Book Club has just gone home with your child/children. There are a lot of great books in here to get your mind active. The return date for these orders is 15th February 2016.

CLOTHING POOL/LOST PROPERTY

Our second hand uniform shop will now be open every Tuesday & Friday morning from 8.30am-9.00am or by appointment, so children have 2 opportunities to collect lost property.

We have plenty of jumpers (sizes 4-16) and an assortment of other uniform pieces all for a gold coin donation per item purchased with all money collected going back into the school for resources.

All donations of second hand uniforms will be gratefully accepted and sold back into our school.

In an effort to keep our school tidier, all the uniforms in lost property will be removed and stored in the clothing pool every Tuesday & Friday morning. Children can come and collect items from me at this time. Any unclaimed items at the end of the term will be re-sold from the clothing pool.

For more information or to book a time with me to have a look, call Liz Arrow on 63342853 or 0438210748.

Jumpers to collect from lost property. Size 12 Simpson and Tiahna Barker.
Mother Hubbard syndrome?

Uh oh – all out of bread for school lunches and can’t even find 20 cents on the floor of the car? No worries! That’s the beauty of our new canteen online ordering system. Simply set up an account at www.flexischools.com.au, which you can top up with Visa, MasterCard, PayPal or direct deposit – no coins/notes (or paper bags) required!

Online ordering has been introduced to provide another option for busy parents/carers, while also making it easier for our hard-working canteen volunteers (counting coins and sorting orders can take ages some days). So why not give it a try and say goodbye to that last-minute lunch panic. (Paper bag orders with cash still accepted in the canteen slot before 9am.)

First meeting for 2016

Come along to our first Parents & Citizens Association meeting of 2016 on Wednesday February 17 at 7pm in the staffroom (located in the main building). Our meetings are friendly, informal and informative and are open to everyone. New faces are always welcome and you don’t need to commit to anything – you can attend meetings as often as you like and be involved as much (or as little) as it suits. Each meeting generally covers:

- the Principal’s update on staffing, policy and curriculum changes and upcoming school events
- fundraising ideas to provide school equipment
- events/activities that build a strong school community
- issues or ideas aimed at supporting the students and staff of the school.

Contact P&C Secretary Tracey Platt on 0405 153 169 for more information on meetings or to be added to our email list. For more information on the role of P&Cs in schools, visit www.pandc.org.au
Our school photos will be taken on Tuesday the 16th February 2016.

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school.

Envelope Orders: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code: KVE J6W FGL. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that:

1. Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.
2. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
3. The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

All orders placed online will be delivered to the school for collection
now available

Get Started with Flexischools...
Set up an account for online ordering...
You can set up an account online – it only takes a minute.
2. **Top-Up your account** via Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or direct deposit.
3. **Make an order** by selecting from the range of options made available by your school and proceed to make payment for the order listed in your order pad. Canteen cut off time for orders is 9.30am.
4. **Review Orders** by logging back in to your Flexischools account. You can set recurring orders, view transaction history or cancel orders via your Flexischools login.

Any issues – phone Flexischools on **1300 361 769**

**What does it cost?**
**Online Ordering Fees** - $0.25 per order
**Account Top-Up Fees** - Direct Deposit $0.00 – allow up to 5 days
Credit card (Visa/Mastercard) $0.29
PayPal $0.35 - available instantly

You can still put your name, class, order and money in a paper bag and place it in the canteen slot before 9am.

New Kindy Families.

Why not try out canteen tomorrow when the Primary students are at the swimming carnival?