Dear Parents,

Thank you to the many parents who attended the Parent/Teacher Interviews in the past 2 weeks. It has been wonderful to see and speak to so many parents and I know the teachers have found these meetings very rewarding. I would like to reiterate that if parents/carers have concerns at any time, to please contact the school and make an appointment to speak to your child’s teacher. Formal School Reports will be issued in Terms 2 and 4 and we have Parent/Teacher Interviews scheduled again for Term 3.

After a few weeks of very warm Bathurst weather, we would like to thank the children for being so sensible on the playground. We have restricted playground use on a few very hot days and had alternate indoor activities for children to participate in. Thank you to the staff for the reorganisation of classrooms to cater for this change in organization.

We wish our 17 District Swimming Representatives the very best of luck as they travel to Dubbo this Friday to compete in the Regional Trials. We look forward to hearing lots of news on their return. The children attending the Regional Trials are: Kai Barclay, Jacob Lamb, Keira Copeland, Abby Leven Mia McClements, Oliver Hamer, Brodie Wolfe, Tyler Johnson, Angus Warne, Oscar Simeonidis, Sam Hamer, William Sloan, Mitchell Lamb, Caiden Grimmett, Amelia Ridley, Kayli Burke and James Hillsdon.

**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

Dogs on the School Grounds

We have recently been reminded by our WH&S Directorate, that under the Companion Animals Act 1998 Section 14, that Dogs, whether leashed or unleashed, are NOT permitted on school grounds. Please remember to not bring dogs into the school to pick children up or drop children off.

Money and Notes

As all parents and children are aware, all money, when it comes to school for an event, goes directly to the school office. This procedure is working well and we thank everyone for following this process.

We are now changing the process for ALL permission notes that need to be returned to school. When children and/or parents return notes to school, they need to be taken to the office. All notes will be collated and kept in the office and staff will pick up notes after the closing date. We are hoping this streamlines the process with notes.

Assemblies

- Wednesday 9th March – Primary (3-6) Assembly – 2.10pm McMullen Hall
- Friday 11th March - Infants (K-2) Assembly – 2.10pm in the McMullen Hall – 2E showing work or an item.

Student/Family Update of Information

It is important that the school has up to date information about every student. It is imperative that address and phone contacts are always accurate. Attached to this Newsletter is a Student/Family Update of Information sheet. Parents are asked to please fill this form in for your family and return it to the front office at school so we can check that all address and phone contacts are correct.
P.S.S.A Sport in 2016

In 2016, Bathurst Public School will nominate teams in the following N.S.W. P.S.S.A. Knockout Competitions.

Boys Sports – Cricket, Soccer, Touch Football and Hockey
Girls Sports – Hockey, Soccer, Netball and Touch Football

Announcements for teams are made on morning messages to the entire school so that children who may be interested in putting their names down to participate in these sporting teams can see the appropriate teacher to do so. Trials are held and then a team selected. Training occurs at lunch times and teams then travel to participate in games. Children selected in the teams will get a note to inform parents of dates, times and venues for games.

Other teams such as AFL, will play in the AFL Paul Kelly Cup and will follow the same selection process.

NAPLAN 2016

The NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) will be held for all children in Year 3 and 5 during Week 3 of Term 3. The schedule for the assessments is as follows:

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K-2 Easter Hat Parade/Dance/Raffle – Tuesday the 22nd of March

We commenced our dance rehearsals for the Easter Hat Parade this week. We are all very excited and are enjoying our dancing!

The Easter Hat Parade, Dance and Monster Egg Raffle will be held on Tuesday the 22nd of March from 11.40am.

Raffle tickets are attached to this week newsletter. The tickets are $1.00 each. When you have sold your tickets please return them with the money to the front office. If you require any more ticket books, you can collect them from the office.

Thank you to those children who have donated eggs and baskets. To make our raffle a success we need donations of Easter Eggs and baskets, large or small. Baskets and eggs are collected daily during our 9.00am Assembly where the children are acknowledged for their donations.

Thank you for your support.
STAGE 2 WRITERS AWARDS

BPS are producing some fantastic writers in Stage 2. Each fortnight at Assembly, one writer from each class will be selected for excellent writing, improvement or contributions to writing tasks. Here are this fortnight’s writing winners:

3/4R - Sophie Lindsay  
3/4I - Sakina Baziani and Campbell Denyer  
3/4G - Ryan Taylor  
3/4T - Oliver Gumpert  
4/5A - Alex Brown

Stage 2 writing winners this fortnight can be viewed in the window of 3/4R

Netball Nomination

The 2015 BPS Netball team has been nominated for a Bathurst District Sport and Recreational Council (BDSRC) Award in the School Team of the Year category. The Award nomination is the result of outstanding effort and results from this team, reaching the state finals for PSSA Netball 2015. Congratulations to the team and good luck when the awards are announced on Friday this week at the Bathurst RSL.

School Violin

Please be advised that the students who have Violin lessons on Tuesday’s with Angela Lindsay at school, will have a change of day for next week from Tuesday the 8th of March to Monday, the 7th of March. Could students please remember to bring their violins to school on Monday instead of Tuesday. Thank you.

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.
Another great year of public speaking is about to begin at BPS.

It is always wonderful to listen to the presentations delivered by the children. We ask each child in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 to prepare a speech on topics given in Term 1.

Your child has their topic list now.

In Term 2, Week 1, students deliver their speech in their class and winners are chosen to then compete in the Bathurst Public whole school Public Speaking Competition in Week 2.

Winners of our School Competition will then compete in the CWA Public Speaking Competition to be held at All Saints College, Bathurst on Tuesday, 31st May 2016.

2016 Topics:

Year 3: I like collecting      At the circus      I can’t wait
Year 4: I just don’t understand  “Whatever happened to my kitchen?” said Mum   Where’s my pet?
Year 5: If I could be someone else     Is it good news?      Sport is a health hazard
Year 6: Seeing the difference   Family Matters   The finishing line

Mrs Johnson – Public Speaking 2016

Term 1 2016 Calendar

- Friday 4th March – Western Swimming Carnival
- Friday 4th March – Hockey Garla Day
- Wednesday 9th March – Primary Assembly
- Friday 11th March – Infants Assembly 2E
- Tuesday 15th March – Support classes to Indoor Cricket
- Wednesday 16th March – P&C Meeting and AGM 7pm in the Staffroom
- Tuesday 22nd March – Easter Hat Parade 11.40am
- Wednesday 23rd March – AFL Paul Kelly Cup
- Wednesday 23rd March – Primary Assembly
- Friday 25th March – Good Friday – Public Holiday
- Monday 28th March – Easter Monday Public Holiday
- Wednesday 6th April – Primary Assembly
- Friday 8th April – Infants Assembly 2F
- Friday 8th April – Last day of Term 1

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday 16 March - 7pm, school staff room
Come along to our AGM to find out how much money we raised last year through fundraising and the canteen, and see who is voted in to the 2016 Executive Committee. All P&C positions are up for grabs (see below) and we welcome nominations from all financial members of the P&C.

Executive committee
President
Vice Presidents x 2
Treasurer
Secretary

Canteen committee
Convenor
Treasurer’s representative
Minute taker
Committee members x 2

For more information about what these roles involve, visit pandc.org.au
Not a member? This is still a great opportunity to come along to find out more about what the P&C does and consider joining up. The AGM will be a quick meeting, followed by our regular March meeting where we’ll be discussing the latest school happenings, Mother’s Day ideas, fundraising suggestions and much more!

Canteen Roster

Friday 4th March – M Lucas and K Campbell
Monday 7th March – M Reeks
Wednesday 9th March – Volunteer Needed
Thursday 10th March – Volunteer Needed
Friday 11th March – M Lucas and A Thomas

BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 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 11th March 2016.
Please return orders to the school office.
CLOTHING POOL/LOST PROPERTY

Clothing Pool closed this Friday 4th March 2016. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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.

Library News

Calling all talented sewing/ craft people, we have two couches in the library that need covers made for them. Please come and see me if you can help. During library lessons we have been reading Willy the Champ by Anthony Browne and learning some interesting ant facts. We have some new books in the library, come and see our new books.

Ms Morris
School Communities Working Together
Fact Sheet for Parents and Carers

Introduction

The role of schools is to work in partnership with parents to provide an environment that encourages students to connect with each other and their community, so they can succeed and thrive. Parents, teachers and the community all play a role in fostering this environment.

Schools have well established systems which support student wellbeing and address instances of anti-social behaviour such as bullying, threats of physical violence and other offensive behaviours.

Your role in supporting your child

- Be involved in your child’s life – dedicate time to really understand your child. Know where they are, who they are with and what they are doing.

- Be cyber-aware:
  - regularly monitor what they are looking at on the internet and on social media sites and do what you can to reduce their exposure to inappropriate content;
  - place the computer or device in a common area of the house, so your child is less likely to try and access inappropriate web sites or use social media sites inappropriately; and
  - consider using content filters to help control what your child can access.

- Encourage open and honest discussion at home – encouraging your child to learn about and understand other points of view is a valuable life skill. If you stop discussion about topics that you are uncomfortable with, for example religion, politics, racism, drugs, extremism or terrorism, your child may find it even more interesting and may try to find information without you knowing. This could lead them to inaccurate information.

- Encourage positive outlets for your child’s energies – sports, performing arts, hobbies and organised clubs, all provide a sense of belonging and somewhere to focus their interests, though it may take a few attempts to find the right interest for your child.

- Be a role model – modelling positive, respectful relationships, positive ways to show emotions and how to apply objective thinking skills are valuable life skills for your child.

How you can help your child

You know your child better than anyone else and are in a good position to notice any changes in their behaviour. If their behaviour changes significantly, try to find out what is happening in their lives. There are many reasons for a change in behaviour, so don’t jump to conclusions.

The best way to support your child is to maintain open, non-judgemental communication with them. By keeping a positive relationship you may be in a position to help them if they want to talk about their problems. Listen to their concerns and try to understand their perspective.

Even if you disagree with what they are saying, it is important to find some way to let them know they are accepted and that you are there to help them.

What to do if you are concerned for your child

If you do have concerns that your child is involved in or supporting extremist behaviour there are a number of options for seeking advice. You may like to talk to someone from your child’s school such as the Principal, your child’s Year Advisor, a teacher, or a trusted staff member.

You may wish to talk to your child yourself, or ask a close friend or family member to do so. Alternatively, there are government assistance and advice lines and websites. Some are listed below.
Remember
As your child grows, they will be exploring their own values and beliefs. They may search for and push the boundaries of acceptable, responsible behaviour during this process.

Cyber Safety

If you are concerned that a person in your community is showing possible signs of terrorism, you should call the National Security Hotline - 1800 123 400 or email hotline@nationalsecurity.gov.au

Resources
- 000 (triple zero) if you feel unsafe or in danger
- 1800 RESPECT – http://www.1800respect.org.au
- Domestic violence line (24h) 1800 65 64 63
- Black Dog Institute – http://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au

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