Dear Parents/Caregivers

New Principal– Term 2
It is with a great deal of sadness that I have to inform the community that I will be leaving Bathurst West at the end of this term. As a result of the merit selection process I have been appointed to Cooerwull PS in Lithgow which will provide me with the opportunity to be closer to my family. A new principal will be appointed to Bathurst West this term and will commence duty at the beginning of Term 2. Bathurst West is a fantastic school and I will work very closely with the new principal to ensure an effective transition plan is put in place.

Pacific Way Entry– Trial opening
The Pacific Way entrance to the school will be opened next week for a trial period to provide access for those students who live in that area. Gates will be open in the morning and afternoon to enable access. Please note that the gates will be closed during the school day. The area has been cleaned up and students will be advised of the opening times this week.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
An opportunity for parents/carers to have an interview with their child’s teacher will be provided this term. The date for the interviews will be on Thursday the 28th February. If there is a demand for interviews teachers will also provide opportunities on Wednesday. The P&C will provide an afternoon tea outside the canteen area during the afternoon. I would encourage all parents/carers to participate in the interview process.

Where can I wait to collect my child in the afternoon?
The expectation of an afternoon is that parents/carers are to wait outside the buildings for their child. This time is a very important time of the school day. If you would like to see the classroom teacher please make an appointment through the office to arrange a suitable time to meet.

Assembly News– Week 3
Waratah 4 will be presenting an item this week. The School Leaders have stepped up this year and have been managing the assemblies to a very high standard. Parents/carers are most welcome to attend. Assembly commences at 1pm on Friday in the Hall.

Foyer Display– Week 4
Grevillea 2

Have a great week,
Mr. Mark Snow
Principal
Hello everyone.
I’d like to extend a special ‘welcome’ if you are new to our school – look forward to meeting you. Our next meeting is the Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is where we will vote for the positions of President, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President for 2013. The meeting is scheduled for February 27th 2013 (assuming the auditors return our books on time). You don’t have to stand for election, so please come along and have your say.
There will be a ‘normal’ meeting after the AGM Thanks to those who provided some feedback about the Breakfast Club at the end of last year. For those new to the school (or if you’ve just forgotten), BWPS P&C is investigating the idea of a breakfast club. The idea is that breakfast will be served to the children, and will be open to everyone, at no cost. What is served, how often we run it and by whom, will be part of what we sort out this year. I imagine we will need our children, parents, teachers and the broader community to be involved. The next stage is to go and visit a school that already has a Breakfast Club. Stay tuned (and if this interests you and you haven’t already done so, please leave your name and contact details at the front office, or come to the P&C meeting)
Here’s to 2013
Danielle

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**Canteen News**

**Roster:**
Monday 18/2  J.Baillie
Tuesday 19/2  J. Baillie
Wednesday 20/2  J.Baillie
Thursday 21/2  J.Baillie, E.Westoner
Friday 22/2  T.Roels, K.Riley

Attached to the newsletter is the CANTEEN PRICE LIST FOR 2013. We have endeavoured to keep our prices as low as possible and have only put up items that have increased in cost to us over the previous year. Copies are available at the canteen if you lose your list. All profits made from the canteen are given to the P & C for the purchase of items for the children at the school so if you are able to support the canteen by allowing your child/children to either place a lunch order now and then or purchasing something for afternoon tea this is one way of helping the canteen.

If anyone still hasn’t sent in their note regarding ways of helping the canteen now is the time to do it. We didn’t receive a big response so I am asking again if you are able to help in any way please call in and see me so we may be able to organise a day on canteen or put you on the donation list. We are the only primary school that operates 5 days a week and we are hoping to keep it that way. Thank you.

**HEADLINE ALERT**
PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD’S HAIR AND TREAT IF NECESSARY. YOUR COOPERATION WILL ENSURE THAT WE MINIMISE NFESTATIONS QUICKLY. THANK YOU

**Dear Parents**
Just to make you aware that there is a second entrance to the School. It is via Gowrie Walk, off Edgell Street - no congestion, no traffic and no parking problems. It is much safer for you and your children - Give it a try.
The Pacific Way gate will also be open for a trial period next week. Both gates are open morning and afternoon but closed during actual school hours

**EVANS CROWN HORSE SPORTS DAY**
**MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2013**
O’Connell Public School will again be hosting the Evans Crown Horse Sports Day. The event will be held on Monday 11th March, 2013, at Lithgow Pony Club grounds and will be run under the guidelines for Safe Conduct of Sport and Physical Activity in schools and the Pony Club Association of NSW Regulations. Entries close **Friday 1st March 2013**.
For further information contact Mrs Jackson at the School

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**Student Notes Sent Home This Week**
- Eucalypt Newsletter
- Eucalypt Pet Therapy
- Stage 3 Myuna Bay
CLOTHING POOL
Open Monday – Friday 9.00am to 9.30am.
Please phone 6331 9273 if you need service
outside these times
Second hand clothing always needed

NOW AVAILABLE
Fleecy Lined All Weather Jackets
Size 4-16 $37.00
Zipper Hooded Jackets Size 4-16 $30.00
School Logo Polo Shirts Size 4-16 $18.00
Size 18 $22.00 XXLarge $22.00
School Logo Sloppy Joes All sizes $20.00
Girl Summer Check Shorts Size 4-6 $24.00
Size 8-10 $26.00 Size 12 $28.00
Size 14 up $32.00
Wide Brimmed Hats $12.00
Bucket Hats $7.00
Library Bag $9.00 School Badges $4
Sport socks (maroon with a white stripe)
Small $1 Medium $12 Large $14

Jargon buster
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the
school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions
about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or
terms will help you to become familiar with the world
inside school.
Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/
home-work-and-study/home-work-tips/school-jargon-
busters

Avoiding injuries
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering
physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if
carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?
Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/
wellbeing/health/ways-to-keep-your-childs-back-and-
posture-healthy

Maths questions
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen
your child’s maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey’s
Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from
addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s
aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.
http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-
applications/maths-monkey-s-quest

Helping your child with homework
How do you help your child while allowing them to de-
velop independence? Teachers talk about how parents
can help kids take responsibility for their homework and
avoid Thursday night meltdowns.
Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/
home-work-and-study/home-work-tips/helping-your-

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at
www.scce.com.au, email scce aust@scce.com.au
or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our
international student profiles, and capture the spirit of
family and friendship!

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JUNE/JULY
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE IN 2013
For details contact Sandra Harders, Hosting Coordinator
Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd
PO Box 1420 Mona Vale NSW 1660
T: (02) 9997 0700 F: (02) 9997 0701
W: www.studentexchange.org.au

Art and Cartooning Program
for local children to attend our workshops.
Sat March 2nd - Sun March 3rd Country
Women’s Association, 172 Russell Street,
Bathurst.
Pamphlets are available at the School Office

Central West Women’s Health
Centre
2013 Yoga Sessions
Phone: 6331 4133 Fax: 6332 4310
Email: information@cwwhc.org.au

RELATIONSHIP AUSTRALIA EDUCATION
GROUPS
Bathurst Region Term 1, 2013
Sibling Rivalry, Reducing Stress After Separation,
Managing Strong Emotions, Surviving Adolescence &
Technology, Being the Best Dad, & Baby Makes 3
For Dates, Information & Bookings contact
Bathurst Family Relationships Centre, 91 Seymour St
6333 8888, bathurstfrc@ransw.org.au

Out of the Dark - A free, 3-week Family Vio-
ence Support Program for Women
For information and bookings contact
Annele at CWWHC - 6331 4133,
healthed@cwwhc.org.au
or Glenys at Relationships Australia - 6333 8888,
bathurstfrc@ransw.org.au

CRS Australia - Training for Parents
CRS Australia can connect you with employment
and training programs that meet a diverse range
of needs. Contact Kylie at the CRS Australia
Bathurst Office on 6330 9400, come in and see
us at Level 2, 230 Howick Street or visit
crsaustralia.gov.au to find out more
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### HOT FOOD
- Chicken Burger 2.70  
- lettuce/mayo or plain  
- Chicken Pieces 1.00  
- Ham & Pineapple Pizza 2.20  
- Hot Chicken Roll 2.80  
- Hot Dog 2.00  
- Hot Dog with cheese 2.70  
- Large Pies (with 1 sauce) 2.80  
- Lasagne in foil 2.80  
- Nachos 2.50  
- Party Pies (with 1 sauce) 1.00  
- Sausage Roll (with 1 sauce) 2.50  
- Extra Sauce .25  
- Spoons & Forks .10  
- TOASTED SANDWICHES
  All sandwiches on the above menu can be toasted. You can have any combination you would like. PRICES ARE THE SAME AS THE FRESH SANDWICHES.