Dear Parents

Our Year Six children are now in their final term of school and it is wonderful to see them working towards transitioning to High School. This is a time when all of the memories of primary school return to the children as they face the challenges of moving into the world of secondary school and beyond. We are all very proud of them as I’m sure their families are.

Please remember the P&C Bush dance on Friday 24th October, tickets are still available.

We have had a number of cases of Scabies and Impetigo within the school this term. It is very important that if parents notice sores on their child that don’t relate to a graze or injury that they seek medical advice. Both conditions are highly contagious, Impetigo is a bacterial infection and Scabies is an infestation of a skin mite. There are specific treatments for both conditions however they must initially be correctly diagnosed.

Have a great week!

Stan Kowalski
Principal

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**Term 4**

**Week 2**

- **Wed 15th Oct**
  - Flying Start
  - PSSA State Athletics
  - Playgroup, Hall, 9.30-11.30
  - Yr6 CSU Future Moves

- **Thurs 16th Oct**
  - PSSA State Athletics
  - Stage 2 CSU performance

- **Fri 17th Oct**
  - Wagga Dance Group to
  - BMEC
  - Assembly, Hall, 1.00-1.30
  - Stage 3 Interschool Sport

**Week 3**

- **Wed 22nd Oct**
  - Playgroup, Hall, 9.30-11.30

- **Fri 24th Oct**
  - Assembly, Hall, 1.00-1.30
  - Stage 3 Interschool Sport
  - P&C BUSH DANCE

**Week 4**

- **Mon 27th Oct**
  - Stage 1 Responsible Pet Care

- **Wed 29th Oct**
  - Playgroup, Hall, 9.30-11.30

- **Thurs 30th Oct**
  - AECG Meeting, Bx South PS

- **Fri 31st Oct**
  - Teachers Day
  - Assembly, Hall, 1.00-1.30
  - Stage 3 Interschool Sport

**Week 5**

- **Mon 3rd Nov**
  - K, Stage 1 & 2 Swimming

- **Tues 4th Nov**
  - Canteen Donut Day

- **Wed 5th Nov**
  - Playgroup, Hall, 9.30-11.30
  - K, Stage 1 & 2 Swimming
  - Walkathon

- **Thurs 6th Nov**
  - Australian Kindness Day
  - K, Stage 1 & 2 Swimming

- **Fri 7th Nov**
  - Assembly, Hall, 1.00-1.30
  - K, Stage 1 & 2 Swimming

**Week 6**

- **Mon 10th Nov**
  - K, Stage 1 & 2 Swimming

- **Tues 11th Nov**
  - Remembrance Day
  - Mini Fete

- **Wed 12th Nov**
  - Playgroup, Hall, 9.30-11.30
  - K, Stage 1 & 2 Swimming

- **Thurs 13th Nov**
  - K, Stage 1 & 2 Swimming

- **Fri 14th Nov**
  - Assembly, Hall, 1.00-1.30
  - K, Stage 1 & 2 Swimming

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**Due soon**

- Update of Student Records
- P&C Bush Dance
- Euc & Bor1 Christmas Party note
- Swimming, K, Stage 1 & 2
School Awards
Congratualtions to-
Jayde, Dominic, Benray, Charli-Ann, Brooke, Georgia, Kadeesha, Bella, Alaska, Rhiannon, Zac, Alec, Shae’Anne, Mikaila, Brodie, Leo, Tiarni, Konrad, Brodie, Jamayne, Ryan, Corey, Brodie, Jayde, Brendon, Nevarone, Tyrell, Mason, Alarni, Ruby, Tayne, Krystal, Drew, Jonathon, Liam, Nicolas

Principal’s Awards
Congratualtions to-
Alaska, Rhiannon, Tiarni, Leo, Brodie, Krystal, Tayne, Ruby

Canteen News
Roster
Monday 20/10 T.Roels
Tuesday 21/10 J.Baillie
Wednesday 22/10 J.Baillie
Thursday 23/10 J.Baillie, J.McNab
Friday 24/10 T.Roels, F.Mitchell

A big welcome back to all families of Bathurst West School. Hope you all had an enjoyable break. The canteen is up and running and is serving a great range of delicious food items for lunch and afternoon tea. Ice blocks and ice creams are available at the afternoon tea break and a great range of salad items are available for the lunch time break. Why not let your child put an order into the canteen. Hope to see you there.

IT’S BACK. We have just restocked the delicious spaghetti Bol. This was such a hit with the children last term that we had to make more. This is a GREEN ITEM. Cost is $2.90 with an option of adding Garlic Bread for 60c extra. Get your orders in.

NEXT SPECIAL DAY AT THE CANTEEN. The canteen will be holding a donut afternoon tea on Tuesday 4th November. Notes are out today so keep an eye out for them. There are spares available at the canteen for those children who didn’t receive one. This is a very popular afternoon treat so get your child’s order in before Friday 31st October so we can put our order into the bakery.

This Saturday Neesha will be competing at the International Karate World Cup. This event takes place every 4 years. Neesha has qualified and after Saturday will have an official World ranking. Congratulations Neesha, BWPS wishes you all the best

Student Notes Sent Home This Week
- K, Stage 1 & 2 Swimming Program
- P&C Bush Dance

Clothing Pool
The clothing pool is open every morning from 9.00 to 9.30
Welcome back to Term 4! The P&C has 2 events coming up this term, with all monies raised going to the school.

First on the calendar is the Bush Dance, an event for the whole family on Friday 24th October from 6pm. We have booked a live band for 3 hours of toe-tapping fun. Come along, don’t be shy! The band will call all the dances to teach everyone the steps. We are also running some fantastic raffles on the night, with a huge range of amazing prizes to be won! There will be a sausage sizzle as well before the dance (included in the purchase price of your ticket), as well as drinks and light refreshments available to purchase. Tickets are available at the Office.

Our last fundraising event for the year is our annual Walkathon in November - stay tuned for more information.

Central West OOSH Services
Provide before and after school care for children aged 5-12 years. We provide a variety of activities and experiences and breakfast and afternoon tea is available. CWOOSH is located in the School Hall. Bookings are essential as places are limited. Please call Tanya on 0411 521 460 or email admin@cwosh.com for further information.

K-4 Swimming Program
Final date for payment is Thursday, 30th October.
To assist our planning for this program, could you please return the permission slip this week if your child is intending to participate in the program. Thank you.

School Terms and Vacations
Term 4, 2014 - Tues 7th Oct to Wed 17th Dec
Term 1, 2015 - Tues 27th Jan to Thurs 2nd Apr

GENERAL INFORMATION
Administration Office Hours - 8.45am - 3.45pm
School commences at 9.15am
School finishes at 3.15pm
Students are supervised from 8.45am

9.15-11.15 Class session 1
11.15-11.45 Play
11.45-1.45 Class session 2 which includes lunch Inside at 11.45
1.45-2.15 Afternoon tea and play
2.15-3.15 Class session 3
The two 2 hour sessions will be split by “fruit breaks”

Lunch box ideas
Kids tired of the same old sandwiches for lunch each day? School A to Z’s Lunchbox section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches. http://bit.ly/qsfDOE

Getting organised for Term 4
Welcome back to school! Keep track of the week numbers of each Term and help your family stay on top of the million and one things happening this time of year with School A to Z’s monthly planners. They’re easy to print out and pop up on the fridge for all to see. You might even want to print a spare for each child’s bedroom so there are no excuses for them to forget homework, chores and other weekly activities. http://bit.ly/UbmQz8

Don’t forget the Bush Dance
Impetigo

Disclaimer: This fact sheet is for education purposes only. Please consult with your doctor or other health professional to make sure this information is right for your child.

What is impetigo?

Impetigo, sometimes called "school sores" is an infection of the skin with bacteria. The main bacteria causing it are strains of staphylococcus aureus (golden staph). The usual golden staph strains which cause impetigo are not dangerous.

What does it look like?

Impetigo occurs in two forms, blistering and crusted.

In blistering impetigo the blisters arise on previously normal skin and grow quickly in size and number. The blisters quickly rupture and leave slightly moist or glazed areas with a brown crust at the edge. The spots expand quickly even after they break open and can be many centimetres wide. They sometimes clear in the centre to produce ring shaped patterns. The condition is not usually painful but can be itchy.

Crusted impetigo has a thick soft yellow crust. Beneath this crust is a moist red area. Crusted impetigo spots grow slowly and are always smaller than the fully developed spots of blistering impetigo. The condition is not usually painful but can be itchy.

Impetigo can occur on top of other skin conditions, particularly itchy ones. When the other skin condition is scratched the infection can enter through the broken skin. Some of these conditions are atopic dermatitis (eczema), scabies, insect bites and head lice.

How is it treated?

Impetigo is very easy to catch from other people. If possible the child should be isolated until the blisters have dried out. Bathing the blisters with salty water will help to dry them out. Your doctor should take a swab from the spots to check which antibiotic to use.

The result of this takes several days. The doctor will probably start an antibiotic which is likely to be the correct one while he/she is waiting. For just a few small spots an antibiotic cream may be enough but more often a medicine needs to be taken by mouth. It is important to finish the whole course (usually 5 days) and not stop when the condition starts to clear. If there are any other underlying skin diseases these should be treated properly. These can be treated at the same time as the impetigo. If other family members have skin lesions they should be treated as well.

Check with your doctor for a treatment plan.

REMEMBER

- Impetigo is very easy to catch from other people.
- If prescribed antibiotics it is important to finish the whole course to make sure the impetigo will not recur.

Just Add Science
Sat 18 October 10am - 2pm
FREE ENTRY for all to Science Fair
Kids Free Museum entry (with paying adult)

Science in action
Rocks Robots
Fizz ics LIQUID NITROGEN
Skulls and Bones

FREE ENTRY to science fair

Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum
224 Howick St Bathurst

18 October 2014
Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum
HOME OF THE SOMERVILLE COLLECTION
P&C
Bush Dance

Friday 24th October 2014

Where - School Hall
Time - 6pm Sausage Sizzle (pre order with tickets)
- 6.30pm Dancing

Other light refreshments will be offered on the night for a small cost.

Come and have a great fun family night out. Dust off your boots and join in. Fun for the whole family.

There will also be raffles on the night with great prizes to be won

Nodding Thistles
performing live

We have a limited amount of tickets so get in early.

Single ticket - $6.00

Single ticket - $7.50 with a sausage

Family ticket - $25.00

Family ticket - $30.00 with sausages

Please have the exact money as the office does not have change.
All money raised on the night will go to the school.
Please come and support the school it will be a great night.

Hurry, time is running out!!!