Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the Choir for their wonderful efforts in Orange last week. This exceptional group scooped the pool in the hotly contested Orange eisteddfod. The choir entered three events and won all three! Well done Mrs Low, Mrs Peard and children!

This is Book Week, please encourage your child to turn off the television and pick up a book. If you have little people, enjoy the experience of reading a book to them, with the T.V. off. It was great to see the children dressed as their favourite character yesterday. Thank you to Mrs Peard, for organising such a happy event.

Attached to the newsletter is an expression of interest form for Ethics classes. Parents who would like to have their child attend classes should return the form to the office by Thursday 28th August.

I have published the School Discipline Code for parents later in this newsletter. I would appreciate parents talking with their children about the code and our expectations for a positive learning environment. When home and school speak the same learning language, children are able to see a clear picture of expectations.

Have a great week!

Stan Kowalski
Principal
School Awards

Congratulations to-
Hayden, Rose, Logan, Fro, Zac, Alec, Summer, Tiffany, Jamee, Alia, Mackenzie, Makayla, Sarah, Shobhit, Dillon, Ella, Krishti, Chaise and Krystal

Principal’s Awards

Congratulations to-
Rose, Zac, Alec, Mackenzie and Makayla

Canteen News

Roster

Monday 25/8       T. Roels
Tuesday 26/8       J Baillie
Wednesday 27/8     J.Baillie
Thursday 28/8      J.Baillie, J. McNab
Friday 29/8        T.Roels, F. Mitchell

EAT FRESH & WIN CAMPAIGN.

Once again the canteen is running the Fresh Food for Kids Campaign. This is run annually and is designed to encourage children to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables. Listed below details what is involved:

Each time a student makes a fresh fruit or vegetable purchase from the canteen, they will receive an “Eat Fresh & Win” sticker card which has a token sticker. This must be stuck on the entry form, which they will also receive. To be eligible for a minor prize, students must make two separate purchases to complete the entry form. Once the entry form has been completed, it must be returned to the canteen where they will receive their minor prize. The canteen supervisor will keep the entry forms and will then send all completed forms to Sydney at the end of the campaign for a chance to win a major prize.

Examples of eligible purchases are: any fruit, salad sandwich, rolls, or wraps or any item that has a salad item on the food. Eg. Chicken burger with lettuce, cheese and tomato sandwich. This is a great way to encourage children to make healthy choices at the canteen. The campaign will start on Monday 25.8.14 and will finish on Friday 19th September. If we run out of the minor prizes alternate prizes will be sent to us.

Let’s all get into the fresh food campaign and enjoy our fresh fruit.

NEW ITEM FOR OUR MENU.

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter the canteen trialled some new healthy options for our menu. From this trial we now have a great new product for the children. SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE. Cost is $2.90 each. This is a very tasty dish and is now available from the canteen. All those children who gave it a 10 out of 10 at the trials can now purchase this item from the canteen. Let’s give this a go and if this item is popular it will become part of our regular menu. We will then work out what other items to put on the menu. COME ON TRY THIS NEW ITEM. ORDER NOW!
**HEADLICE ALERT**

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

**Tips for tackling kids head lice**

Use hair conditioner and a fine head lice comb. Apply conditioner to the hair and comb through with a wide-toothed comb to remove the tangles. Let the conditioner dry, then use a fine metal lice comb to remove the lice and pull the nits off the hair.

The conditioner helps slow down the louse and makes it easier to comb out.

Then rinse out the conditioner

**THIS DOES WORK**

Make sure you re-treat your child’s head in seven days to catch any nymphs that may have hatched.

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**Clothing Pool**

The clothing pool is open every morning from 9.00 to 9.30

In stock now at the Clothing Pool: Kinder-sized polo shirts ($18 each), in sizes 4-6, as well as polo shirts in sizes 8-16. We also have a selection of Girl’s Summer uniform dresses in sizes 4-5, mostly pre-loved, in very good condition.

If you have uniforms that no longer fit, the Clothing Pool may be able to sell these as second-hand stock on your behalf. Come in and see us.

Fleecy jumpers in sizes 4-16 available for purchase including a selection of second-hand jumpers at reduced prices.

V-neck jumpers - $20
Zipped hoodie jackets - $30
Polar fleece jumpers - $25
All-Weather Jackets - $37

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**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 2hour sessions will be split by “fruit breaks”

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**Central West OOSH Services**

provides 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@cwoosh.com for further information

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**Charles Sturt University - Explorations**

FREE - Public Lecture

Speaking my languages: Celebrating multilingual children
Professor Sharynne McLeod

Wednesday 20th August, 6.00-7.00pm
Charles Sturt University Bathurst Campus followed by light refreshments
RSVP Kate Esdaile, phone 6338 4645
e-mail kesdaile@csu.edu.au
Further details about Professor McLeod’s Work may be found at:
http://www.csu.edu.au/research/multilingual-speech

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**“Flying Start”**

for children starting school in 2015

This is a 6 Week Transition Program running each Wednesday from 27th August to 15th October, 2014. Forms can be collected from the front office at the School. Children can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn 5 on or before 31st July in that year. By law, all children must be enrolled in school by their 6th birthday.
Welcome Prac Students….
We would like to welcome several professional work experience students from Charles Sturt University to our school. They will all be completing the final practical placement of their teaching degree with us for the remainder of Term 3. Miss Menchin will be with Mrs Little and Wattle 1; Miss Blowes will be with Mrs Cummings and Wattle 2; Miss D’Aquino will be with Miss Terrill and Banksia 1; Miss Gabriel will be with Miss McKay and Banksia 2; and Mr Lange will be with Mrs Jackson and Banksia 4.

We are very lucky as a school to have the chance to encourage and lead new teachers, and we hope that these budding teachers enjoy being at Bathurst West as much as we all do!

Miss Blowes
Miss Menchin
Miss D’Aquino
Mr Lange
Miss Gabriel

Bathurst West School Discipline Code
As part of the Positive Behaviour for Learning program, we have established several clear rules for the behaviour we expect in all areas of our school.
We believe that by helping students practice good behaviour we will build a school community where all students have an environment where they can succeed and grow.

At Bathurst West Public School we are respectful, responsible and safe learners.

Respectful when we:
- Speak politely
- Care for people and property
- Treat others as you want to be treated
- Follow staff instructions

Responsible when we:
- Report any problems to staff
- Look after the school environment
- Co-operate with others
- Wait your turn

Safe learners when we:
- Look, think and listen
- Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Move calmly
- Be in the right place

FREE TICKETS…
The GWS GIANTS would like to offer all staff, students and families up to FOUR FREE TICKETS to the GIANTS V Collingwood game on Saturday 23rd August at Spotless Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park. To take advantage of this offer go to www.gwsgiants.com.au/gogiants and follow the instructions.
The game commences at 4.40pm at Spotless Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park. In what will be a GIANT family fun day there will be plenty of activities for the whole family including jumping castle, AFL skills inflatables, face painting, roving performers, air brush tattoo artist, live bands and much more.
We loved seeing everyone dressed up for Book Week. The costumes were fantastic!!

Father’s Day Stall is Thursday 4th September. Gifts available for children to buy for the special dad/grandparent/carer. Gifts range from 50cents to $5.
If you can help with the stall by selling gifts please contact the P&C by email bwps.pc@gmail.com or by leaving your name at the front desk.

The next P&C Meeting is in week 7, Wednesday 27th August - it’s an evening meeting, 6.45pm in the iCentre.
On the agenda is *Bush Dance Arrangements
*Walkathon, and
*Manning the clothing pool and other arrangements with Mrs Nicholls retirement.

WIN. WIN. WIN
The 3-6 choir entered three sections at the recent Orange Eisteddfod and won all three sections. Quotes from the adjudicator included: "simply stunning choral work", "look fabulous", "exemplary choral singing", "simply beautiful", "magnificent performance", "I was blown away" "encore", "huge congratulations", "I loved every note"
Thank you to everyone involved in helping me with the 3-6 choir, what a wonderful group of singers we have and a great supportive group of parents and friends.
Special mention to Jill Groves our amazing accompanist.
Thank you also to Sarah Peard, a great backup this year.
The **beyondblue** National Roadshow is coming to Bathurst!

As part of **beyondblue**'s 30,000km National Roadshow, the big blue bus will visit Kings Parade for a Health Expo. Free information about depression, anxiety and ways to stay well will be available. Come and chat to **beyondblue** staff and local health service providers, find out about available supports, and enjoy a free BBQ!

**Date:** Monday 18 August  
**Time:** 1:00pm-4:00pm  
**Location:** Kings Parade, Bathurst
ETHICS CLASSES AT BATHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers,

Ethics classes are now available in NSW public primary schools as an option for children who do not attend Special Religious Education (SRE) / Scripture.

The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics, a not-for-profit organisation, to design curriculum and provide school communities with training and support to establish and maintain classes in their schools.

Classes are inquiry based and children use dialogue and discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument.

At this stage, curriculum is available for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 students. Classes for kindergarten will be available from term 3 2014.

We currently do not have ethics classes at Bathurst West Public School and are assessing demand for 2014. Please let me know if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child by returning the slip below by 28/8/14.

We are also looking for volunteer ethics teachers. For more information about ethics classes and Primary Ethics and how you can volunteer, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or phone 92781600.

Stan Kowalski
Principal

Please return this form if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child in 2014.

Child's Name: ___________________________ Class: ___________________________

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

School to keep this portion

School to return this portion to Primary Ethics GPO Box 4351, Sydney NSW 2001

Yes, please register my interest with Primary Ethics:

My name: ___________________________ In 2014, my child will be in year: ___________________________

My email address: ___________________________

Bathurst West Public School