Dear Parents/Carers,

Mini-Fete
Well done to Year 6 students who organised and ran a terrific mini-fete last week. Everyone at school had a great day, with a huge variety of food, stalls and fun. With well over $3000 raised on the day, I would like to say thanks to Year 6, their teachers and everyone who supported the event.

West Bathurst Preschool visit
We welcomed West Bathurst preschool today for some Indigenous dance and games. Our school has a lovely partnership with the preschool and it is a delight to see those wide-eyed little ones enjoying the fun at “big school”.

Permission to publish
Our Facebook page has been set up following very strict NSW Department of Education policies (some of the best in the world), including removal of face tagging and a first name only rule for our kids. Peter Sutton from Kai Ming Consulting, an expert in social media and protecting privacy on-line, has been instrumental in helping us establish this wonderful sharing opportunity. To make the most of this, we ask that you return your permission to publish notes to school if you haven’t already done so. We will be sending a new note home today to families that are yet to reply, giving you an opt out option. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Riddle of the week
Last week’s riddle: A girl is sitting in a house at night that has no lights on at all. There is no lamp, no candle, nothing. Yet she is reading. How? A: The woman is blind and is reading braille.
This week’s riddle is:
Q: Using only addition, how do you add eight 8’s and get the number 1000?

K-4 Swimming
This excellent program begins next week. Mrs Cummings has worked tirelessly over the past few months to organise this wonderful opportunity for our kids. Summer must be here already!

All the best to our talented choir children as they head to the big smoke to sing with the combined schools choir at the Opera House on Friday. I can’t wait!

Darren Denmead
Relieving Principal

Due Now
- P&C Walkathon
- PERMISSION TO PUBLISH
Canteen News

Roster
Mon 2/11 T.Roels
Tues 3/11 J.Baillie,
Wed 4/11 J.Baillie
Thurs 5/11 J.Baillie, L.Kitto
Fri 6/11 T. Roels, C.Nicholls, L.Howarth

SUPPLY OF MILKS FOR THE CANTEEN. Last week during the storms in Sydney the depot for the Dairy Farmers lost its roof. We are having trouble getting flavoured milk to sell at the Canteen. At the moment we have in stock a long life variety of milk which is made by Dairy Farmers and is also called Moove milk. It is in a popper form and is the same price as the normal milk. There is both chocolate and strawberry. We will continue to sell this milk until we are able to get our regular supplies up and running. This milk is also a green item with the Canteen Healthy School Association. Once our regular supplies are back we will delete the long life variety from the canteen. Hoping this does not cause too many problems. Thank you.

School Awards
Congratulations to -
Anthony, Tiarne, Olivia, Hunter, Benray, Malik, Benjamin, Hayden, Zubair, Ronald, Siyarna, Ethan, Miley, Aisheh, Hayden, Skyla, Claire, Daniel, Brycen, Khan, Peter

Principal’s Awards
Congratulations to -
Tiarne, Hayden, Hayden, Ethan, Skyla, Jayda, Peter

Rainbow Dress-up
Walk-a-thon
On Thursday 29th October from 2.15pm on the School oval. Colours for each block are
Wattle - Red
Banksia - Orange
Waratah - Yellow
Eucalypt/Boronia 1 - Green
Boronia 2,3,4 - Blue
Grevillea - Purple
Don’t forget to return your sponsor sheet

The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 28th October starting at 6.45 pm, in the library

Mrs Little – A Biography
Mrs Little didn’t want to answer some questions - she can be difficult at times! Anyway after refusing she informed me that she was born in England - I’m guessing England must be a miserable place as she chose to come to Australia.

Mrs Little’s favourite TV show is Hogan’s Heroes. When she was little she liked to ride bikes. In her teens she moved to Bathurst. One birthday she went to Wet n’ Wild in Queensland and swam with dolphins. Mrs Little’s favourite thing is her pets and her favourite food is everyday healthy food. She says her body is a temple.

Her family consists of a mum, dad and two brothers. Currently she has cats, dogs and chickens. She has three kids who she adores and spoils. She did not disclose their identities.

Lastly, her favourite clothes are T-shirts and shorts - NO DRESSES!

Written by Dusty

Student Notes Sent Home This Week
• Walk-a-thon reminder
• Permission to publish
Selective High School Entry to Year 7 in 2017

Applications close on Monday 16th November 2015.

Applications can only be made online through the Selective High Schools website.

Stage 3
Myuna Bay
16th - 20th November, 2015

Many families have completed the medical and consent forms online. Forms can only be completed online this year.

The details below will be needed to complete the forms:


Booking Number 0452257
Booking Start Date 16/11/2015
Booking Venue Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre
If you need assistance contact Debbie Barratt this week.

School Leader Applications close this Friday 29th October, 2015.

Interested Year Five students need to hand completed applications to Mrs Barratt.

WEAR WESTERN WEDNESDAY

All students who have been selected as representatives at Western Region level can wear the red and green sports gear tomorrow.

This is a time to celebrate and acknowledge your sporting success this year.
**Whooping cough information for schools**

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age. A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

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**HOLD THE DATE!!**

The Talent Quest is coming up on **Monday 14th of December**.

If you wish to audition please bring **$2** for your audition.

The auditions begin **Tuesday Week 3** so start thinking about and practicing your act!

There is no need to rush your audition.

It would be appreciated if you could bring your own music if you are doing a dance.

Be creative with your audition, some ideas are – dance, sing, play/skit, playing an instrument, a show.

Thank you,

Callie & Michaela
SRC Representatives

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**Head Lice**

Several cases of head lice have been reported in the school. Please check your child’s hair and treat accordingly.

For treatment advice visit: 
School Terms & Vacations 2015
Term 4 - Tues 6th October to Wed 16th Dec
Summer Vacation - Thurs 17th Dec to Tues 26th Jan 2016

School Terms & Vacations 2016
Term 1 - Wed 27th January to Fri 8th April
Autumn Vacation - Mon 11th Apr to Fri 22nd Apr

Term 2 - Tues 26th April to Fri 1st July
Winter Vacation - Mon 4th July to Fri 15th July

Term 3 - Mon 18th July to Fri 23rd Sept
Spring Vacation - Mon 26th Sept to Fri 7th Oct

Term 4 - Mon 10th Dec to Tues 20th Dec
Summer Vacation - Wed 21st Dec to Thurs 26th Jan 2017

Central West OOSH Services
Central West OOSH Services provide quality & caring out of school hours care (including vacation care, pupil free days) for children & families in the Central West NSW.

- Care provided for children aged 5-12
- Transport provided to & from schools in Bathurst and Kelso
- Breakfast is provided till 8am at before school care
- Government CCB & CCR is available to eligible families

Before School Care - 7am-9am
After School Care - 3pm-6pm
Vacation Care - 7am-6pm

For more information please contact Tanya on 0411 521 460
The P&C and our school in general would like to send a big thanks to James Meares (organiser), Donna Bateup, Dave Whittingham, Erin & Maddi Clary, Melissa Kemp, Stuart & Ethan Light, Danielle & Callie Molkentin, Maryanne Gould and Leo Meares for their efforts at the P&C barbecue on Saturday at Bunnings.

As a result of their efforts they raised well over $700 to go towards the cost of a new Thermomix for the school canteen.

If you are interested in helping at the second Bunnings barbecue on Saturday 21/11/15 (8:30-11:30; 11:30-1:30 or 1:30-close), please contact James via jmeares@ozemail.com.au.

Oh, and enjoy those tennis balls, students!