Dear Parents,

I would like to thank all the students and staff who represented the school at the Anzac March and Service on Saturday. All students displayed pride and showed great respect. Anzac Day is a day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

Bathurst Mayor, Mr Gary Rush presented our school leaders with their Bathurst200 Proclamation coins yesterday. Mr Rush discussed the importance and relevance for Bathurst. 2015 marks 200 years since it was proclaimed a town site by Governor Macquarie with the raising of the Union Jack on the banks of the Macquarie River on the 7th May, 1815. All students will receive their Proclamation coin at our stage assemblies next Monday 4th May at the start of Proclamation Week.

During Proclamation week there will be a number of events within the community. Next Thursday 7th May we will have a number of students participating an joining other schools in the unveiling of the Flag Staff. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to be part of Bathurst History.

We have been informed that Mr Stan Kowalski will be on leave for the next 5 weeks. Mr Darren Denmead will be the relieving Principal during his absence. Please continue to contact the school in regard to your child’s education.

Belinda Henry
Assistant Principal
School Awards

Congratulations to-

Principal’s Awards

Congratulations to-
Katy, Baiden, Sarah, Konner, Alexander, Liam

Canteen News

Roster

Monday 4/5   T.Roels
Tuesday 5/5   T. Roels, L.Press
Wednesday 6/5 T.Roels, R.Coello, A.Nelson
Thursday 7/5  T.Roels,
Friday 8/5    T.Roels, C.Griffiths

REMINDER
2015 Canteen price list is now in use.
All lunch orders must have Name & CLASS
Hot Dog Day is coming up. Gluten free options are available. Keep your eye out for notes this week. All orders on this day will go in to the draw for some fantastic prizes.

Opportunity Class Applications

The application website for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016 opened on Monday 27th April 2015 and closes on Friday 15th May 2015.

Late applications will not be accepted.

How to apply: All applications must be made online.

To make an application, go to the following link: Online application link is: https://www.shsocplacement.org.au/

Mother’s Day

The Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Wednesday 6th May. Items will be priced from 50c to $5. If you can help please leave your name and phone number at the Office.
In NSW, all children from six years of age are legally required to attend school or be registered for home schooling.

If your child is absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence. Family reasons, sick and unwell are not satisfactory explanations for absences. If a note is sent to school with these explanations the absence remains unjustified on the roll.

Please explain the nature of the illness to meet the Department of Education & Communities requirements.

Classroom teachers will issue a school absentee note for unexplained whole day absences. If you have any queries or seek clarification contact the school.

Debbie Barratt
School Attendance Co-ordinator

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**Student Writings from Boronia 4**

Under the sparkling stars, beneath the forest trees, beside the warm ashes there was a road.

It was a dusty road. The road saw many travellers: circus clowns making cheesy jokes; petite acrobats bending like rubber; slow rock like elephants clumping along; cheeky monkeys stealing things and dancers gracefully prancing around. The road watched them all.

Jesina

Under the cloudless sky was an ancient city. Beside the city was a sleepy road surrounded by towering columns. But now the road started to tremble. If one was to look carefully they would be able to see loose stones that had fallen from the columns shaking in fear. And if that same person was to look into the hazy distance they would be able to see an army of front line troops marching down the now awakened road.

Joshua

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**2015 ANZAC March & Commemorative Service**

Congratulations to our students who attended the march with our school.

All students were outstanding ambassadors for our school.

The ANZAC spirit with its qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice could be reflected upon at this time.

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**iOC Information Night Invitation**

As a part of our schools orientation program for the 2016 Opportunity Class there will be an Information Night held at the school on Thursday the 7th May, 2015 from 6 to 7pm.

The Information Night will be held in the OC classroom - Boronia 4.

Mrs Janelle Evans will speak about what a day looks like in the Opportunity Class.

There will also be the opportunity to speak informally with parents and students currently in the Opportunity Class.

Please contact the school office if you are attending.

Janelle Evans

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**POSTPONED till next term**
NetBall

Last Friday Miss McKay took our PSSA Netball Team to Orange to compete in a whole-day competition. The team played three games on the day and were wonderful representatives of Bathurst West Public School. Although the girls did not win, they were respectful and courteous all day. The Team will be involved in their next Netball gala day next Friday, 8th May. Well done and good luck!

Central West OOSH Services (CWOOSH)

CWOOSH provides before and after School care for 5-12 year olds. We offer a variety of activities including art & craft, sports activities, billy carts, homework corner. Breakfast and afternoon tea is also included. CWOOSH is located in the school hall. Please call Tanya on 0411 521 460 or email admin@cwoosh.com for further information.

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”

Book Club orders are due back by Thursday 7th May

CWA Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to our school representatives who will be participating in the area CWA Public Speaking Competition at Kinross Wolaroi School, Orange on Tuesday 26th May, 2015

Year 3 ~ Kai
Year 4 ~ Angus
Year 5 ~ Caitlin
Year 6 ~ Jack

Alexandria Banksia 1
Won first prize for her cake and received the overall primary school exhibit champion award at this year’s Bathurst Royal Show!
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 toothed 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.

St Pat’s Hockey Club
junior hockey competition starts at the beginning of next month. For details contact President, David Clews, president@stpatshockey.com Secretary, Wendy Hastings, secretary@stpatshockey.com

Bourke Public School
Horse Sports Day
Monday 15th June 2015
Enquiries: Bourke Public School, Kylie Pennell, 6872 2051

Parent-teacher interviews
Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.

The simplest way
...to understand Health Star Ratings.

You may have noticed Health Star Ratings on the front of many packaged foods.
What do they mean?
Health Stars will help you make healthier choices when choosing packaged foods at the supermarket. The star rating is based on an assessment of the nutrient content of the food including the kilojoules, saturated fat, sugars and sodium (salt) as well as fruit, veg and fibre content. The more stars, the healthier the product.

Why?
63 percent of adult Australians, and ¾ children are now classed as overweight or obese. The Health Star Ratings help us make healthier choices for our whole families – with a quick glance at the packet.
Cancer Council NSW helped develop the Health Stars – because we want healthy eating to be easier for everyone. Remember, nothing beats fresh – but if you need to buy a packaged snack – look for five stars!

For more information visit
www.eattitobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eattitobeatit

The simplest way
...to work out how much fruit + veg you need.

Eating two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables every day will help keep you and your kids healthy. But what does a serve look like?

A serve of fruit is 150 grams or:
• 1 medium fruit (apple/banana) or
• 1 ½ tablespoons dried fruit (apricots/sultanas) or
• 1 cup of chopped or canned fruit (fruit salad)

A serve of veg is 75 grams or:
• ½ cup of cooked veg or
• ½ medium potato or
• 1 cup of salad

Pack fruit and veg every day for school lunches – every bit counts towards your child’s daily total – plus healthy food gives them extra strength to concentrate longer.
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Bathurst GIANTS JARFC

The Bathurst GIANTS Auskick program commences on Wednesday 6th May and will run each Wednesday in Term 2, (4:00-5:00) at George Park. In addition to the Wednesday sessions, we also have 3 Sunday Carnivals throughout the season.

The Auskick program is an introductory AFL Program (for 6 – 9 years) focussing on fun, participation and skills development in the game of AFL.

The cost of the program is completely free for West Bathurst Public school students and will include the regular Auskick Pack and some other very special giveaways. To register email Bathurst.giants@gmail.com or contact Steve on 0447697723