Dear Parents/Carers

Last Friday was a day we will all long remember – it is not often we get a winter wonderland in our own backyard! It was such a treat to watch the kids laughing and playing in the snow, happily building snowmen. I will admit though, to looking forward to some warmer weather!

Just so you all have plenty of warning – Book Week is in Week 7, so start thinking of your costumes now! For new families, our book week parade is a highlight of the year where we all dress up as our favourite book character. Teachers will once again be going all out in an effort to finally upstage Mrs Muldoon! If you have any questions, please speak to your child’s teacher or Mrs Peard in the Library. More information will be forthcoming as we draw closer.

Community is not about where we live, but how we live. It’s our responsibility to build and maintain a school community where children can participate harmoniously, creatively and productively, based on mutual kindness and respect. Sadly, we have received and witnessed several reported incidents of “car park rage” recently. It is very frustrating for all of us who teach kids the core values of respect, responsibility and safety, to watch some parents behave in the opposite manner.

The car park is a small shared space that requires courtesy, kindness and a good helping of patience. Our community needs and expects this. If you become frustrated or angry when dropping off or picking up your children, please take a deep breath and put things into perspective. Safety is our priority. Please remember that our kids are watching and learning. Please also be advised that dogs are not permitted on school grounds unless permission is gained prior.

Good luck to all students sitting the Opportunity Class placement test this week. All you have to do is try your best to make us proud.

Have a great week.

Darren Denmead, Relieving Principal

P&C Meeting THIS WEDNESDAY
22nd July 6.45 in the iCentre (Library)
School Awards

Congratulations to -
Katy, Baiden, Riley, Shanese, Eliette, Jack, Caitlin, Isha, Seth, Trae, Sophie, Molly, Mackenzie, Jayde, Sarah, Kahleigh, Jaxon, Jemma, Tully, Mya, Chad, Trinity, Jovi-Ella, Khan, William, Ryan, Zac, Rhiannon.

Principal’s Awards

Congratulations to -
Shanese, Caitlin, Kahleigh, Zac

NAIDOC WEEK 2015

During the holidays Bathurst West had four children representing our school at the official NAIDOC Week flag raising at the Council Chambers. These children had two days notice (some a day) to dance the “Clearing Dance” and “Welcome Dance” at this ceremony. Well done to Kira-lee, Allira, Brendon and Noah.

Flying Start

Due to a timetabling clash, Flying Start will commence on Thursday, 3rd September, NOT Thursday, 27th August as previously advertised.

Back-to-School (Thursday, 30th July)

Come along and help us celebrate Education Week the “Old Fashioned” way. The day will commence with a whole school assembly at 1.15pm. But be warned – Principal Denmead will NOT tolerate any nonsense! Join your kids for an afternoon-tea picnic on the oval at 1:45pm to be followed with a fun filled afternoon of old fashioned games. Come along dressed in your finest “vintage” clothing from anytime in the past 200 years. Children are encouraged to dress up too! We hope to see you all there!

Canteen News

Roster

Mon 27/7          T. Roels
Tues 28/7         J. Baillie, L. Press
Wed 29/7          J. Baillie, A. Nelson
Thurs 30/7        J. Baillie, R. Small
Fri 31/7          T. Roels, C. Griffiths

A big welcome back to all the families of Bathurst West Public School. We had a very exciting return to school with the fall of snow last week. Just a reminder that the canteen has a great range of delicious meals available for purchase. They are a great way to ensure your child has a hot lunch on these cold winter days. The canteen made spag bol, cottage pie, fried rice and mac & cheese, have been a big hit with the children and teachers alike. We also sell WARM MILO’S AT THE AFTERNOON TEA BREAK. Some hot food is also available at afternoon tea. Hope to see you all at some time at the canteen ordering your child a delicious lunch.

Book Club Orders - last day to order books is Thursday, 30th July

Kindergarten 2016

We are now accepting enrolments for children starting school in 2016. Forms are available at the Office. ‘Flying Start’ 5 week transition program leaflets are also available at the Office. The program runs each Thursday from 3rd September to 15th October, from 9.15 to 10.30 or 11.30 to 12.45 or 1.30 to 2.45. Application forms must be returned to the School by 7th August.

Your child 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.

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Clothing Pool
The Clothing Pool will be open from 9-9.30am Monday, Thursday and Friday only

Central West OOSH Services (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.

WRITINGS FROM Boronia 4

Woolworths Earn & Learn
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.
Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.
We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

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”

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Diary entries (After the novel)
EAGLE OF THE NINTH 121AD
Butterflies knocked vigorously inside my stomach. The day had finally arrived. I watched her walk gracefully down the aisle. Oh how beautiful she looked. My dear Cottia, the love of my life.
She spoke her vows with passion and heart, then, it was my turn. My hands trembled with fear. My voice was shaking like an earthquake. I spoke like I was choking on a hard-boiled egg. I was humiliated but Cottia and the audience seemed to have a good chuckle. I could hardly hear the priest after that.
My eyes were simply fixed on Cottia. She made all my troubles melt away like an ice-cream outside on a hot summer’s day. I don’t know who I’d be without her. The ceremony went by like a breeze.
Later on we all watched the sun fall like meteors in the sky. Once we all left the rum came in. We spent the whole night drinking wine and mingling with friends. It was the most spectacular night in the history of the world but I’m sure there are many more to come.
Caitlin

Letter home from the Bathurst Migrant Camp
Dear Daddy,
How are you? Here my life is hell! It is very hot, dry and dusty. Everything is dead and brown. Yesterday was my birthday; we celebrated by having a humongous pretzel. I guess it could be worse. People keep telling me to put it in perspective, but I have absolutely no idea what that means.
The boat ride was terrible! People vomiting (the Australians call it chucking) all over the place, kids running around, jumping off the boat and asking “Are we there yet?” Then when we got here everything is so depressing and dead.
Joshua.

School Terms and Vacations 2015
Term 3 - Mon 13th July to Fri 18th September
Term 4 - Tues 6th October to Fri 18th December

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What a great Friday!
Bourke PS Horse Sports - New date - Friday, 7th August 2015 Entries due Monday 3rd August
Trivia Night
Saturday 25th July

It's that time of year again

Sofala P&L would like to invite you to our annual Christmas in July Trivia night. Treat yourself to a three course sit down meal. Enjoy great company, great food and challenge your friends to a night of trivia too!!!