Term 3
Week 6
Wed 19th Aug
Playgroup, Hall, 9.30-11.30
Future Moves, Y6, CSU
iExplore, selected Yr 5
Thurs 20th Aug
Sky Stories Event 5-7pm
Canteen Meal Deal
Fri 21st Aug
Assembly, Hall, 9.15-10.00
Stage 2/Euc Excursion

Week 7
Mon 24th Aug
Book Week
Book Fair 10am-12pm
Pause Week
Tues 25th Aug
School Concert
Wed 26th Aug
iExplore6
Playgroup, Hall, 9.30-11.30
P&C Meeting
Thurs 27th Aug
Orange Eisteddfod Yrs 3-6
Fri 28th Aug
Western Athletics
Eucalypt Multi Sports day
Assembly, Hall, 9.15-10.00

Week 8
Mon 31st Aug
SAS Recognition week
Tues 1st Sept
Bathurst Eisteddfod
Choir Cluster Rehearsal
Bathurst Eisteddfod
Wed 2nd Sept
iExplore, selected Yr 5
Playgroup, Hall, 9.30-11.30
Bathurst Eisteddfod
Thurs 3rd Sept
FLYING START
Bathurst Eisteddfod
Australian National Flag Day
Assembly, Hall, 9.15-10.00
Fri 4th Sept
Father’s Day Breakfast-

Week 9
Mon 7th Sept
Bathurst Eisteddfod
Tues 8th Sept
Bathurst Eisteddfod
Wed 9th Sept
Playgroup, Hall, 9.30-11.30
Bathurst Eisteddfod
FLYING START
Thurs 10th Sept
Principal’s Afternoon Tea
Bathurst Eisteddfod
Assembly, Hall, 9.15-10.00
Infants Athletics
Fri 11th Sept

Dear Parents/Carers

The PCYC and other interest groups have been very popular and there has been a real buzz about the playground. The kids seem to be having a great time and we hope that the new activities beginning this week are just as popular.

Last week I mentioned that we would be looking at the number of negative incidents at school since changes were made to playground activities. Well, I’m happy to tell you that so far the plan has been highly successful, with playground incidents reduced by 36% since before the program began and negative classroom incidents also down by 25% in the same time frame. Interestingly, we have also already had more positive incidents recorded this term than for all of Term 2!

It is great to see teachers able to use their own talents and skills outside the classroom to improve outcomes across the school. It is also fantastic to see a strong partnership forming with the PCYC. We hope to strengthen and expand this partnership in the future.

The next week or so is even busier than usual, with Sky Stories on this Thursday, the Book Week parade next Monday, and the School Concert on for two shows next Tuesday. Keep an eye out for more information about these fun events.

The P&C are selling raffle tickets at the canteen for a chance to win some high quality artworks. These will also be on sale as you arrive for the concert. Also, if you would like to know more about the Father’s Day breakfast (or offer help), don’t forget to ask at school or contact James Meares at jmeares@ozemail.com.au. Dad’s jokes are also welcome – I need all the help I can get!

Have a great week.
Darren Denmead, Relieving Principal
School Awards
Congratulations to -
Kai, Summer, Gabriel,
Charlotte, Skyla, Riley,
Cooper, Leanne, Mackenzie, Brooke, Nevarone,
Eli,
Yasmin, Shobhit, Zoe, Ruby, Lyla, Tara, Riley,
Sarah, David, Ruby-Layne, Garrett, Alannah,
Callie,
Alex, Christopher, Carla

Principal’s Awards
Congratulations to -
Kai, Mackenzie, David,
Alex, Callie

Canteen News

Roster
Mon 24/8 J.Baillie
Tues 25/8 J.Baillie,
Wed 26/8 J.Baillie, R.Coello
Thurs 27/8 J.Baillie, R.Small
Fri 28/8 T. Roels, C.Griffiths

MEAL DEAL ON THURSDAY. To those parents who are able to donate items for the meal deal could you please send them by Wednesday 19th August so that I know if I have enough items for the meal deal. Thank you very much for your donations without them we would not be able to keep the prices of the meal deals so low.

Any child who has not put in an order will have to bring their lunch to school on Thursday 20th August as there will be no hot food available only basic sandwiches.

Time Warp
School Concert
Tuesday 25th August, 2015
12noon and 6pm
Tickets on sale from Thursday 13th August
$4 each only from the office

P&C Concert Raffle - Cost $2 per ticket
Prizes: paintings generously donated by Dean Mobbs. The draw will take place at the end of the night time concert. Tickets will also be available at the Canteen

Book Week Parade and Fair:
Next Monday, 24th August, is the date set for our annual Book Parade and Book Fair. All children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character for the day. Parents, grandparents and carers are also invited to get in to the spirit of the day and to come dressed up. Our Book Parade will be under the Coolibah from 9.15am– 10am, with the book fair taking place in the iCentre after. Books range in price from $1.50 - $15.00. Thanks to the generosity of our community last year, we received over 150 books from the Book Fair sales. These were placed in the library collection, used for presentation day awards and handed out to students as prizes throughout the year. It would be great to equal or better this result this year!
Sarah Peard and Annie Carr

Swimming K-4 Advance Notice
In Term 4 K-4 children are invited to be involved in a learn-to-swim/water safety program at Bathurst Aquatic Centre. The program runs for 8 days in early November. The cost for the 8 lessons, including pool entry and bus fare, will be $85.

Permission notes will be issued week 8 of this term and full payment and notes will need to be returned by the 16th October (Week 2, Term 4) for your child/children to be enrolled.

Look out for the note in Week 8!

Letter from the P&C President
I am writing to inform that I am resigning as President of the Bathurst West P&C. I have enjoyed serving the P&C this year, however, unfortunately due to health reasons I am unable to continue in this Executive role. I will continue to support the school and P&C as a parent who appreciates the way this school and its teachers encourage, teach, grow and nurture our children. Any casual vacancy on the Executive shall be filled by a ballot of the members of the association at a general meeting. The next general meeting will be held on August 26th. I encourage all parents to continue to support our P&C.
Louise Blencowe
The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: [http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents](http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents)

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 25 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do **not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Monday 24th August**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey

Our school will also be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 25 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.


How to Catch a Dad’s Joke

1. Hang around Dad (or Pop, or Uncle … )
2. Ask him if he knows any jokes
3. Listen
4. Get him to repeat the joke
5. Quickly write it down
6. Put it in the box in the school office

Congratulations ! You have captured a Dad’s Joke.

All jokes to be displayed at the Father’s Day breakfast on 4/9.
The Australian Ballet visits us.
Bathurst Little Athletics
Registration for 2015/16 Season
On line at www.lansw.com.au from August 1st
Or
In person at Bathurst Panthers
August 23rd at 10am-3pm
Suitable for children 3 to 17 years of age
For more information go to www.bathurstathletics.org.au
Or call Sharon on 0466 855 528
Annual registration fee
3-5yrs $70, 6-17yrs $85-$95
No ongoing weekly fees

Bathurst West Public School
Sky Stories Catering Slip

Eldest Child’s Name: _____________________
Class: _______________
We require ______ sausage sandwiches at the Community Sky Stories event on Thursday 20th August from 5-7pm.
Return by Wednesday 19th August for catering purposes.

2015 Carp Blitz Sunday 1st November,
Evans Bridge, 7.30am—2.00pm
FRESH FOR KIDS  EAT FRESH AND WIN CAMPAIGN

From Wednesday 10th August 2015 the Canteen will be running a promotion to encourage children to eat fresh fruit and vegetables from the Canteen.

WHAT IS EAT FRESH AND WIN CAMPAIGN
Every child who purchases a piece of fruit or product with fruit in it e.g. jelly with fruit or a sandwich, roll or lavash with salad or vegetable filling e.g. cheese and tomato will receive a Eat Fresh and Win sticker card. The sticker card has one token sticker, which must be stuck on the entry form.
To be eligible for a minor prize, student must make two separate transactions to complete the entry form.

WHAT DO THE CHILDREN RECEIVE ONCE THEY HAVE COMPLETED THE CARD?
Once students have completed the card they will be rewarded with a minor prize of a pencil with an eraser. There are seven different designs for students to collect. These will be available from the Canteen once the student has completed the entry form.

MAJOR PRIZE
Children can enter the draw as many times as the like for the major prizes. They simply need to complete their Eat Fresh and Win entry form by placing 2 tokens on designated areas. Entry forms can be given to the Canteen and I will send them to the Sydney Markets for inclusion in the draw. Forms must be completed and given to me by WEDNESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER to allow time for them to be posted to the Markets in Sydney. They will be put in a draw where students can have the chance to win further prizes including 1st Prize: Home Entertainment Pack including a 32” LED LCD TV and a 3D Blu-ray Player. A full list of prizes are listed on the posters around the school. Prize winners will be notified by the Sydney Markets organizer. The draw takes place on Wednesday 14th October 2015.
This is a fun campaign which is supported by the Sydney Markets and the school canteen. It gives the children a reward for purchasing fruit and vegetables over the promotion period of 4 weeks. Hopefully it will show the children that fruit and vegetables are both good for you and tasty too. We hope they might get use to buying fruit and keep purchasing it after the campaign closes.
There are posters positioned at the canteen so your child can find out all details of the campaign and all the major prizes that are up for grabs.

If all of the pencils are given out and we can not get any more Sydney Markets will supply alternate tattoos.

Happy fruit eating and best of luck with the prize draw.

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Student Notes Sent Home
- Whooping Cough
- Choir - Orange
- Stage 2 excursion
- K - Orange excursion
- Sky Stories Catering
- Sports Day Euc & Bor1
- P&C Family Portrait
- Partners in Learning Survey
- Tell Them from Me survey Yrs 5 & 6