## Calendar of Events

### 2016 Term 1

#### Week 6
- **Wed 2nd Mar**: Life Ed Van Playgroup, Hall, 9.30-11.30
- **Thurs 3rd Mar**: Western Region Basketball
- **Fri 4th Mar**: Assembly, Hall, 9.15-10am

#### Week 7
- **Mon 7th Mar**: PSSA Boys Cricket
- **Tues 8th Mar**: Stage 2 AFL Clinic
- **Wed 9th Mar**: Playgroup, Hall, 9.30-11.30
- **Thurs 10th Mar**: AECG Meeting
- **Fri 11th Mar**: Canteen Meal Deal

#### Week 8
- **Mon 14th Mar**: Harmony Day
- **Tues 15th Mar**: Principal’s Afternoon Tea
- **Wed 16th Mar**: Playgroup, Hall, 9.30-11.30
- **Thurs 17th Mar**: iExplore Yrs 5 & 6
- **Fri 18th Mar**: Canteen Easter Celebration

#### Week 9
- **Mon 21st Mar**: District Swimming Stars
- **Tues 22nd Mar**: Congratulations to all students who represented our school at the Bathurst District Swimming Carnival. Our competitors had a wonderful day. Max and the Senior Girls relay team (Michaela, Machayla, Hayley & Molly) will represent Bathurst District at the Western Region Swimming Trials this Friday.

#### Week 10
- **Mon 28th Mar**: SETTLED START
- **Tues 29th March**: It is lovely to walk around the school, pop into classes and join in on the playground, and see just how everyone is so lovely and settled. It has been a great start to the year and the feeling amongst children and staff is very positive. Let’s all work together to keep up those enthusiasm levels and finish the term like we started!

#### Week 11
- **Mon 4th Apr**: Cross Country Parent/Student Info Evening
- **Tues 5th Apr**: Playgroup, Hall, 9.30-11.30
- **Wed 6th Apr**: State Swimming
- **Thurs 7th Apr**: Assembly, Hall, 9.15-10
- **Fri 8th Apr**: Browne Mug

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### Principal’s Report

**Dear Parents/Carers**

**Parent/ Teacher Interviews**

These interviews are an excellent way for teachers and families to get to know each other better. Parents can also learn about what is planned for the year, view classrooms and discuss any important issues relating to the education and wellbeing of their children. Most teachers are holding these important interviews during this week, so I hope you can find time to meet. Of course, if you can’t make it, please feel free to make an appointment to see your child’s teacher at another more suitable time.

**Bell changes**

As most of you know by now, we have removed the morning and afternoon ‘warning’ bells. The kids will only hear one bell at 9.15am to come to class, and one at 3.15pm to go home. This change has so far gone very smoothly.

**District Swimming Stars**

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Have a lovely week,
Darren Denmead
Relieving Principal

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**Due Now**

- School contribution
- Meal Deal
- Solid State Circus
**School Awards**

**Congratulations to -**

Ellie, Allira, Aidan, Emily, Josef, Eamon, Bobbie-Lee, Alyzza, Morrison, Riley, Ashley, Zoe, Shani, Amanda, Jack, Skyla, Latoya, Lilly, Jfrieda, Adan, Shae Anne, Mitch, Ishana, Baiden, Hugh, Lily, Skye, Blake, Khan,

**Principal’s Awards**

**Congratulations to -**

Aidan, Emily, Bobbie-Lee, Alyzza, Morrison, Zoe, Jfrieda, Jaylea, Mitch, Baiden, Ishana, Khan

**Badge Awards**

**Congratulations to -**

Jaylea, Baiden, Ishana,

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**Canteen News**

**Roster**

| Mon 7/3 | T.Roels |
| Tues 8/3 | J.Baillie |
| Wed 9/3 | J.Baillie, R.Coello |
| Thurs 10/3 | J.Baillie, C.Merrick |
| Fri 11/3 | T.Roels, K.McClure, K.Riley |

**ST PATRICKS DAY MEAL DEAL.** Notes went out late last week regarding this fantastic meal deal. Please check your child’s bag if you did not receive one. It is to be held on Thursday 17th March and cost is $4.50 for either of the deals available. Money and orders must be to the canteen by Tuesday 15th March so we can order the pizzas. **NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.** There are spare notes available at the canteen if your child did not receive one, they can call in and pick one up.

**EASTER CELEBRATIONS AT THE CANTEEN.** The canteen has a special afternoon tea for primary children and morning tea for the infant children to celebrate Easter. The children in infants have a bunny hop in the morning so there are lots of visitors on this day. As Easter is early this year the canteen is having two great deals over the two weeks. The pizza/chicken nuggets deal for lunch on 17th March and then the Easter morning tea on the 24th March. The cost of the Easter morning tea is $1.00 for each item. We normally don’t have these deals so close but have no option but to run them over the two week period. Notes for the Easter deal will go out this week so that you can read it and put your orders in if you would like to. I apologise for the closeness of these deals but this is just how the dates have fallen. I hope you will be able to participate in these great fun deals.

Don’t forget on these hot afternoon days the canteen has a range of cooling iceblocks for purchase at afternoon tea. Cost is from 50c to $1.50.

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**Student Notes Sent Home This Week**

- Life Ed Merchandise
- Meal Deal
- Solid State Circus
- School bell times
- Playgroup
- Tell them from me survey

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**John and Karen Retire**

Last Friday saw the end of an era with the retirement of our amazing cleaners, John and Karen. They have provided many years of service to our school as wonderful cleaners, but they are also wonderful people that we will miss deeply. John and Karen will be attending our school assembly this Friday to officially say goodbye, so you are welcome to help us send them off in style. I am sure you join with us in wishing them all the best for the next exciting stage of their lives.

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![Image of John and Karen]
The **Tell Them From Me** student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others 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.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students in Years 4, 5 & 6 to provide our school 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 and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (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 consent form to school by **Wednesday 9th March**. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

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

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**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

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**School Terms & Vacations 2016**

**Term 1** - Wed 27th January to Fri 8th April
Autumn Vacation - Mon 11th Apr to Fri 22nd April

**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 23th 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

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**Western New South Wales Family Referral Service**

Your link to support
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**NSW Health**

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**UnitingCare Burnside**
FAMILY FUN
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PIT COMPLEX
MOUNT PANORAMA
9.00AM

SUNDAY
10 APRIL
2016

11km RIDE
FIT FUN FOREVER YOUNG

Sign up online www.b2b.asn.au

Or register on
Saturday 9 April 12noon - 4.00pm
Sunday 6.30am - 8.00am
at the Pit Complex | Mount Panorama

Bathurst City Red Tops

Sign Ups

Sunday 28th February 2016 10Am–2Pm
Location: Proctor Park Club House
Gormans Hill Road

Fees:
U/15s - U15’s: - $80
u/10 & U/11’s: - $80
U/12 - U/17’s: - $120
U/18’s: - $120
Adult Student: - $160
Adults: - $200

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Registration

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