



Bathurst West Public School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2

Thursday, 2nd February, 2012

Principal: Mark Snow P & C President: Kristy Donlan School Captains: Elspeth & Steven

Calendar Events

Term 1

Week 2

Thursday 2nd Feb Kinder 1st day of school

Week 4

Thursday 16th Feb Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Week 5

Thursday 23rd Feb PBL Reward Day
Life Education Begins

~ Positive Behaviour for Learning Focus ~



At Bathurst West Public School students are encouraged to practice respectful, responsible and safe behaviours in order to learn, succeed and grow.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Administration Office Hours - 8.45am - 3.30pm
School commences at 9.15am
School finishes at 3.15pm
Students are supervised from 8.45am

2012 Term Dates

Term 1 ~ Friday 27th January - Thursday 5th April
Term 2 - Monday 23rd April - Friday 29th June
Term 3 - Monday 16th July - Friday 21st September
Term 4 - Monday 8th October - Friday 21st December

Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to 2012 School Year

It was wonderful to welcome back staff and students to the school this week as we embark on another year at Bathurst West Public School. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to the new students and their families to the school. Have a fantastic year and let's work together to make school life a great success in 2012.

Classes

Students have been placed into classes to commence the school year. These classes may change as a result of student numbers and we will endeavor to have final classes formed by February 15th. If you have any concerns please contact the school to make an appointment with the relevant Assistant Principal.

Executive Team 2012

Principal: - Mr. M Snow
Kindergarten and Stage 1 - Mrs. J Jackson
Stage 2 - Mrs. K Lloyd
Stage 3 - Mrs. Low
Special Education - Mrs. Gallop.

We've got school covered

Practical help for parents is available online at the School A to Z site. Created by the Department of Education and Communities, this is a thriving online community with comprehensive homework and school life support for parents that is easy to use, relevant and engaging. There are free apps to download, informative podcasts, videos and articles by experts in the field. Check it out and save it to your favourites : www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au

National Year of Reading 2012

Welcome to a new school year. This is the national year of reading and to celebrate, there is a host of literary-related events and competitions happening right around Australia. For an events calendar and more information go to: www.love2read.org.au. Why not make a late New Year resolution to read more yourself? And if you have younger children and don't already read regularly to them, set aside some quality time to help instill a love of books and reading.

Mark Snow

School Events

Student Leaders for 2012

School Captains



Elspeth



Steven

School Vice Captains



Lauren

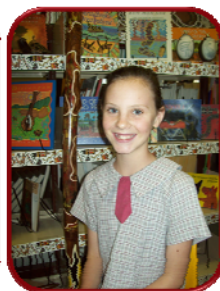


Declan

School Leadership Team



Hannah



Bobbi



Jade



Marcus



Angus



Our Aboriginal Dance Group enjoyed performing during 2011

Canteen News

Our school canteen is open. If you have any queries pop in and see the Julie and the team.



Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival will be on Thursday, 16th February at the Bathurst Aquatic Centre. This event is for all students in Stage 2 and 3. (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). All Stage 2 and 3 teachers will be attending so it is expected that all children will attend. There will be novelty events for the non-swimmers throughout the day so even if your child is not a strong swimmer, they will have the opportunity to get wet! Permission notes will be sent home early next week. Please keep an eye out for these in your child's bag.

Mrs Kerry Little



School Events

Positive Behaviour for Learning Focus

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a program supported by the Department of Education and Communities and is being implemented in many NSW schools. Bathurst West Public School has been implementing this program into our school environment to promote and maximize academic achievement and behavioural competence. It is a school-wide strategy for helping all students achieve important social and learning goals. We know that when good behaviour and good teaching come together, our students will excel in their learning. Bathurst West Public School is proud to be a part of this exciting initiative.

As part of the PBL program, we will establish expectations for the behaviour we expect in all areas of our school. We will explicitly teach these expectations to the students and reward them with star awards, shining star certificates, wristbands and star parties with staff for their great behaviour. The expectations for all student behaviour will be made clear throughout our buildings and playground areas. You will be able to ask "What are the rules in your school?" "How do you follow those rules?" "What happens when a teacher sees you following the rules?"

Our school rules will specifically address behaviours in a positive manner to provide for a safer school environment and give more time for learning. We will apply consistent consequences and positive reinforcement for all students. By detailing expected behaviours and teaching these to students in a positive way, we will provide a common language for everyone in our school.

We believe that by helping our students practice good behaviour, we will build a school community where all students have an environment where they can succeed and grow.

Each week in our school newsletter you will find information about PBL in our school. These may be useful to keep and build a conversation with your family and find out what is happening in your child's classroom and around the school.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

OUR TARGET AREA

All Settings



- * Speaking politely
- * Caring for people and property
- * Treat others, as you would want to be treated.
- * Follow staff instructions



- * Report any problems to staff
- * Look after school environment
 - * Co-operate with Others
- * Wait your turn



- * Look, think and listen
- * Keep hands and feet to yourself
 - * Moving calmly
 - * Be in the right place

School Events

~ Expression of Interest ~

Position Title:

Aboriginal Education Advisor

Position Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Year 12 HSC completion and recent school based experience.
- Demonstrates commitment to the values of public education.
- Ability to establish positive relationships with the principal, classroom teachers, students and the Aboriginal community.
- Capacity to work with children and young people and have an understanding of the wellbeing needs of all students.
- Demonstrates qualities in leadership and independence.
- Emergency Care/ Child Protection training is compulsory, with training supplied.

Conditions:

This is a Temporary position up to the end of 2012. Administrative hours and conditions apply. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Special Notes:

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Recent school-based experience is that which has been undertaken within the last year. Recent school-based experience may include experience in assisting classroom support to teachers and Aboriginal students in schools.

Closing Date: 16th February, 2012 - Close of Business

Applicants are to be submitted to the front office of Bathurst West Public School. Bathurst West PS Aboriginal Education Team will filter through applications; successful applicants will be contacted.

First Day of Kindergarten

