Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to commence the 2013 school year giving a very special welcome to our new students and their families who have commenced at Bathurst South PS.

What a great start we have experienced this week as our classes were formed for the 2013 school year. All students have quickly adapted to their new class, class teacher and classroom.

I have been enormously impressed with how quickly our 26 new Kindergarten students have adapted to ‘Big School’. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and family members within our school on Monday morning in support of this special occasion. Our Kinders have been well supported by our Year 6 students within the playground and already have settled well into our school routines.

I congratulate all staff on how quickly their organisation has allowed our school year to commence in full swing. Classrooms look lovely, classroom learning is organised and planned and already students are engaged in quality learning.

I extend welcome to our newest staff members, Mrs Michelle Chiaramonte, Mrs Rachel Clark and Mrs Peta Connell. Mrs Chiaramonte is our Assistant Principal – Primary and will be teaching 5/6C from Monday - Thursday and will be on Maternity Leave each Friday (Mrs Skulander will have 5/6C on Fridays), Mrs Clark is a permanent member of staff and will be teaching 2C on Mondays and Tuesdays and will be on Maternity Leave each Wednesday-Friday, Mrs Connell will be teaching 2C each Wednesday-Friday.

**Class organisation for 2013**

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***SCHOOL CANTEEN***

School Canteen will not be operating for K-2 this Friday at school.

Please read details regarding Canteen News on page 3.

**Due to Ms McAlister being our Reading Recovery teacher, Mr McBryde will teach K1D each Monday and Wednesday as well as between 9:15am and 11:15am each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Congratulations to our School Leadership Team for 2013 that were announced at last year’s presentation day. On Friday 15th February, our 2013 School Captains, House Captains and SRC will be inducted. This assembly will commence at 2:00pm in our School Hall. Parents and friends are welcome to join us on this special occasion. Congratulations to the students who are listed on the back page of this newsletter who were yesterday elected as House Captains.

This Friday 8th February our School Swimming Carnival will be held at Stannies. Children in years 3-6 as well as those children in Year 2 who are turning 8 this year and can swim 50m unaided are eligible to enter the competitive section of the day. Notes for this event have already been distributed. Parent helpers are required for the carnival. If you are able to assist please contact Mrs Rayner.
Home Reading

Our Home Reading Program will commence in week 4. This is a very valuable program which greatly assists your child to develop their reading skills. We require parent volunteers to assist with changing the Home Reading books on Monday through to Thursday each week for our K-2 classes. This involves collecting the books from the classroom changing the readers and if time permits listening to the children read. If you are able to assist with the Home Reading Program please fill in the slip on the attached letter that will be sent home with our School Newsletter and return to your child’s teacher.

Jo Cafe
Assistant Principal

Guitar Lessons available at school.

As of Monday 18th February, Harmonikos will be offering guitar lessons to interested students. Lessons will be held at the school every Monday. For beginners, the cost would be $17 per week for a 30 minute small group lesson (max 3 students per group). Need a guitar? Book in for these lessons and receive a brand new guitar with carry bag for only $80. For more information, or to register, pick up an information form from the school office, or phone Harmonikos on 63329416.
The Bathurst South Toast Program.

We are looking for volunteers willing to spend 20 to 30 minutes cooking and serving toast from 8.45am – 9.05am.

Please call the school office on 63311297 if you are able to help.

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WELCOME TO THE VEGETABLE GARDEN!

The Vegetable Garden is run by a group of parent volunteers each fortnight, from 11am – 3pm. Two parents are rostered for gardening sessions on these days with the classes, helping them to plant, weed, harvest and prepare food from the garden for the children to sample/eat.

We would like to invite any parents interested in joining the garden group to join us for a short introduction to the Garden. Don't worry if you don't know much about gardening - it's all a learning experience! Those interested are invited to meet at the vegetable garden near the Leena St entrance this Thursday, 7 February at 3.15pm.

Juanita Kwok - 63313158

Canteen News!!!!

The canteen will be operating at the Swimming Carnival this Friday.

Canteen WILL NOT be opened for children remaining at school.

Lunch orders for the children attending the carnival can be placed in the lunch order box at school in the morning before the children leave for the pool.

For transportation reasons only sandwiches, pies and sausage rolls will be available to order on the day.

Please DO NOT include drinks in your order. Drinks can be purchased at the pool for recess and lunch.

Price list of the snacks that will be sold on the day at the pool.

Sour worms– 50c  Killer Pythons-$1  Milko/Redskins-20c
Chips-$1  Mars Bars-$1.50  Jelly cups (house colours) 50c
Iceblocks – 40c to $1 Water-$1 Juice-$1.40
Softdrink- $1.50  Fruit - Varies in prices
House Captains 2013

Chifley
Faith Watson
Heath Olive

Macquarie
Paige Albon
Jordan Harvey

Evans
Matthew Denmead
Sierra Press

Sturt
Darcy Inwood
Gina Bruce