Dear Parents and Carers,

**P&C AGM**
Next Monday will be the 2013 P&C AGM. You would have already received correspondence regarding this meeting as well as vacant positions on the P&C executive that will be up for nomination and filling during the meeting. I cannot stress the importance of this organisation and the invaluable work the committee does in supporting all students within the school.
I urge you to consider attending the meeting and nominating for a position in 2013. It will be rewarding and give you a great insight into our school.
I thank the 2012 P&C committee and applaud the wonderful work they have done during the past 12 months.

**iLearn and iExplore**
Kelso High Campus and Bathurst High Campus ran their first full day of activities as part of the 2013 Year 6 High School Transition program today. These programs have proved to be enormously successful in the past and have given all Year 6 students great confidence when they actually commence High School the following year.

**Regional Swimming - Swimming Carnival**
Good luck to our District Swimming representatives at this Friday’s Regional Carnival. I know you will do your best and have a great time. Thank you to all parents for assisting with transport to and from Dubbo.

**Stage 3 Dance Program**
Stage 3 students had the opportunity to audition for a Dance Troupe that has commenced in 2013 under the guidance of Mel Horwell (Former Bathurst South student and current Kelso High student). Mel is an extremely talented dancer in her own right and we welcome her expertise within our school.
The dance troupe is made up of 23 Stage 3 students (boys and girls) and will be participating in the Bathurst Eisteddfod and hopefully the Western Region Dance Festival in 2013. This troupe rehearses each Wednesday afternoon from 2.15pm under the supervision of Mrs Rayner.

**Stewart House Donation Drive 2013**
Every year our school distributes Stewart House Donation Drive envelopes to support this most worthwhile cause. Simply place a $4 donation inside the envelope and return it to school (ensuring you have written your details on the reverse of the envelope) by 1st May to be in the draw for a $4000 holiday. Every year some of our students have the opportunity to visit Stewart House, so your donation is greatly appreciated and indirectly supports our students as well as Stewart House itself.

**Year 6 – Year 7 Enrolment**
All Year 6 students today received their individual ‘Expression of Interest’ form regarding Year 7 enrolment. This form is to be returned by EVERY student to our front office no later than Friday 22nd March. Please note that based on your child’s current residence the ‘designated’ secondary school is already filled out for you in Section B. If you are in agreement with this, simply sign Section B, if you would prefer an alternative Government school, you will need to complete Section C and outline your reasons for this at the bottom of page 10. If your child is enrolling in a Non-Government school in 2014, please complete Section E.

**Relay for Life**
Many of the staff from Bathurst South PS have entered a team in this year’s Relay for Life that will take place on March 16th. Our team is called ‘Beat it’. If you would like to donate to our team you can go to the relay for life website and locate our team page or simply drop off a donation to our school front office and we can add it to our donations that will be made on the day. [http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2013/bathurstdistrict2013/Beat-it](http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2013/bathurstdistrict2013/Beat-it)

**Clean up Australia Day**
Following our weekly assembly this Friday afternoon all classes will be participating in a Clean-up Australia Day activity within our school grounds to reinforce the importance of clean, healthy and hygienic living. Each class will be allocated a specific location within the school to clean up. Students are asked to bring in a plastic shopping bag to place any rubbish in. Students may wish to bring in a pair of gloves but if unable to the school will provide these.
Caught You Being Good
Congratulations to Zoey Hodges who was this week’s winner of the ‘Caught You Being Good’ award. Zoey received a $4 lunch voucher to be used at our School Canteen as her prize.

Reading with your child at home
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading. Find out more:


Removing head lice and nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.


Reminders:
School Fees now due: $30 per child/$50 per family.
P&C AGM – Monday 11 March 7pm in the staffroom.

Kind regards
Greg Cross
Principal

Pay your child’s school fees during Term 1 to go into the draw for either 2 three course lunch vouchers to Cobblestone Lane Restaurant or a $70 voucher to the King’s Hotel bistro.
Fees are $30 per child or $50 per family.

YEAR 6 JERSEY’S
The Final payment for the Year 6 Jersey is to be paid by Friday 8th March 2013
Community Notices!

**Bathurst Junior Rugby Registration:** Bathurst Junior Rugby registration for the 2013 season for all age groups (U7’s to U17’s) will be held at the Anne Ashwood Park complex on Saturday March 9th from 10:00am to 11:00am and Friday March 15th from 5pm to 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Martin Fox on 0407 814 766.

**Bathurst Tennis Centre Autumn Holiday Clinic:** First week school holidays, Monday 15th April to Thursday 18th April. 9am to 1pm each day. Ages 5-15yrs. Phone: 6331 3786 or 0419 499 467.

**Club 29 Neon Underage Dance Party:** Thursday 28th March at Bathurst City Community Club, 28 William Street, Bathurst. 6yr-12yr from 5pm-7pm. Tickets $10 (soft drinks and lolly bag included.

**BOOK Club:** Final orders for Book Club are due on Friday 8th March. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN.

**Easter Raffle!**

Please keep your Easter Egg donations coming in!!!
We hope to have lots of Easter baskets for our big Raffle!!!!

**Merit Awards**

Tyler Olive, Sabine Trevillion, Jordan Austin, Charlotte Glen, Matilda Young, Jeremy Cummings, Zane Newham, Jade Newham, Rohan Hale, Amy Parker, Taylah Muller, Layla Wohlgemuth, Nash Chatfield, Samantha Hollis, Mackenzie Chatfield, Gabrielle Pallister, Thomas Snitch, Taylah Catley & Hunter Kelly

**Large Merit Awards**

Sabine Trevillion, Jordan Austin, Gabrielle Pallister & Rohan Hale

**Well Done!**

**Bathurst Family Day Care Scheme:** provides home based child care in compliance with federal government legislation. Currently the Scheme has vacancies for child care in Bathurst suburbs. For further information, kindly phone 63382800.

**Bathurst Children’s Party Central:** We have parties to suit all ages from three years and up, Themes include Pirate, Fairies and Hawaiian and Hollywood parties! Prices start from $14 a head. For more information call Liz 0466 559 382.
School Carnival Champions 2013!

Gina Bruce
Ashleigh Taylor
Cal Sutton
Emily Wade
Ethan Taylor
Zane Watson

International Friendship
Harmony Day Celebration

Live Cultural Music & Entertainment
Multicultural Finger Food
Children’s Activities
Prizes

Join us Saturday, 23rd March 2013
6pm – 10.00pm, Bathurst City Community Club

kets available Bathurst Information & Neighbourhood Centre, 96 Russell Street

Adults $10  Family $20  Child Over 12yrs $5  Under 12yrs Free