Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday morning I was walking around the school visiting classrooms. It was wonderful to see the Home Reading parents enthusiastically reading with our Infants students. This is such a worthwhile program and can only operate with the assistance of these fantastic volunteers.

Relay for Life
As I mentioned last week, many of the staff will be participating in the Relay for Life this weekend. Thank you very much to the families who have donated to our team as part of this worthwhile cause. We may have some very tired staff next week. A bit of extra TLC might be in order!

To raise awareness and encourage support of the Relay, all students are invited to wear as much ‘Purple’ to school on Friday. Students can also bring in a gold coin to donate to our team’s fundraising effort. If students do not have any purple clothing then any bright colours will do. Please remember sensible sun safe clothing and appropriate footwear!


P&C AGM
Monday Night’s P&C doubled as the March meeting and the AGM. I would like to once again applaud the outgoing 2012 P&C executive. I also would like to announce and welcome the following parents who are the 2013 P&C Executive:

President – Barbara Hill
Vice President – Chelsea Litchfield
Secretary – Tamara Geerkens
Treasurer – Cath Snitch
Clothing Pool Coordinators – Theresa Kelly & Bianca Young
Fundraising Coordinator – Damien Allan
Garden Club Representative – Kirsty Lewin

Clean-Up Australia Day
Mr McBryde coordinated our school Clean-Up Australia day activity last Friday. Quite surprisingly we managed to find a large amount of litter within our school. Now that we have a sparkling clean school I am sure that we can maintain it. This initiative reinforces to our students the impact that litter as well as recycling can have on our environment.
Yesterday and today I have been in Dubbo attending the Western NSW Principal’s Conference. This is a wonderful opportunity to network with colleagues as well as engage in important professional learning that can be transferred back into our school. Thank you to Mrs Cafe who has relieved as principal during this time.

**Arts Out West Grant**
Our P&C committee has been fortunate to successfully apply for a Country Arts Support Program grant in excess of $2000. This funding is provided by Arts NSW via Regional Arts NSW and supported in the central west by Arts Out West. All 217 students will be involved in classroom workshops in the lead up to a whole school mural project that will be painted on the large brick wall near our Vegetable Garden. Mrs Cathie Hale will be our Artist Coordinator for the workshops and mural.

**Regional Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to our 6 Bathurst District Representatives who attended the Western Area Swimming trials in Dubbo on Friday. The students reported they had a good day and enjoyed the experience. The senior girls relay finished 4th in their heat, Ashley Taylor finished 9th overall in the 9yrs girls 50m freestyle and Ethan Taylors best result was 9th in the senior boys butterfly. Congratulations!

School relay ribbons will be handed out at this Friday’s Assembly.

**Caught You Being Good**
Congratulations to Ethan Semmens who was this week’s winner of the ‘Caught You Being Good’ award. Ethan received a $4 lunch voucher to be used at our School Canteen as his prize.

**Reminders:**
- School Fees now due. $30 per child/$50 per family.
- Stewart House Donation Drive 2013 envelopes can be returned to the school front office.
- Year 6 – Year 7 enrolment forms are to be returned to the school front office by March 22nd.
- School Photograph envelopes are to be returned to the school front office by March 25th.

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.

Kind regards

Greg Cross

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**Year 7 Expression of Interest Form:**

Year 6 Students please complete and return the Expression of Interest Form to the School Office ASAP.
CWA Competitions

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

The Country Women’s Association of NSW are hosting a public speaking contest for schools. If students wish to participate they can begin preparing for the contest. Contestants are asked to prepare a two minute speech on one of the three topics provided for each section.

Year 3: The pet is my friend, Through the keyhole, I must eat my vegetables.
Year 4: Washing the dog, It was too quiet, My secret helper.
Year 5: Adventures of a dollar, I found a note under my pillow, Things I’d change.
Year 6: Why blame me? Pressures to conform, Good news.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLS

The CWA are hosting an International Competition for students K-6 to complete a project on the country of Morocco. The closing date for this competition is Friday 31st May 2013. If you would like further details about participating in this competition please see Mrs Chiaramonte.

Easter Raffle!

Please keep your Easter Egg donations coming in!!!

We hope to have lots of Easter baskets for our big Raffle!!!!

MERIT AWARDS

William Collins, Owen Trevillion, Isabella Falzon, Aleksandra Fraser, Bryon Lewis, Darius Hull and Seth Brittain

LARGE MERIT AWARDS

Darius Hull and Jeffrey Knox

BOOK AWARD

Rohan Hale

WELL DONE!
Our staff and friends will be walking in a team effort for 19 hours to raise funds for the Cancer Council.

Come down to the Bathurst Show Grounds to support your Teachers and Friends this Saturday 16th March, from 3:45pm and cheer them on.

If you still would like to make a donation to our team “Beat it” please go to www.relayforlife.org.au search Bathurst then click on the team “Beat it”, or simply drop off a donation to the School Office.


Purple Day This Friday!!!!
$$$$$$
Gold Coin Donation :)

SOUTH BATHURST
TEAM "BEAT IT"