Dear Families,

It was a wonderful commencement of the term with our ‘On Track’ activities occurring last week. Kindergarten loved their sausage sizzle, ice block and movie while the Year 1-6 students had a terrific time at the ‘Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000’. Well done to all staff for the organisation of both events.

I must apologise for two errors in last week’s newsletter. The Year 7 orientation to the respective high schools is on December 2nd instead of November 2nd and Year 6 have already attended CSU for the Future Moves program earlier in the year and will not be attending CSU again this year.

**Mowbray PS Band**

Mowbray PS Band will be visiting our school this Friday and providing a free hour long concert for all classes. It is wonderful for our school to be able to host such band tours and watch and learn from larger school bands.

**‘EnvironMentors’ Workshops**

Next Tuesday and Wednesday our Year 1-6 classes will be participating in one hour workshops led by the EnvironMentors. Bathurst Regional Council has partnered with Keep NSW Beautiful to fund environmental Education in our local area and our school has decided to take part in the program.

This program gets students engaged with sustainability through movement and novelty, combining practical lessons for how students can reduce their environmental footprint while imparting crucial ideas about why this is important. The two modules selected by Bathurst Regional Council for delivery in 2015 are – ‘Lunches Unwrapped’ and ‘Catchment Action’.

**School Swimming**

Our 76 students who are attending the Special Swimming Scheme over the next 2 weeks have had a terrific start to this program. Group sizes are approximately 7-8 students per instructor. This is very beneficial for all participants.

**State Library Visit**

Today our Stage 2 students along with 4/5M enjoyed a presentation from the NSW State Library. This was a fascinating presentation with some wonderful artefacts on display. One student was amazed at having the opportunity to view Captain Cook’s shoe buckle that was worn when he was in the company of the King.

**Keep on Track – Winner**

Our ‘Keeping on Track’ winner for this week was Alex Coetsee. Alex received a $4.00 canteen voucher as his prize. Well done!
Class/Merit/Achievement/Book Awards

It is wonderful that our school reward system is so highly valued by students, families and staff alike. As you know the students love to receive their awards that get presented during Friday assemblies. Students take great pride in their achievements as do their families.

Part of the administrative process in regard to our award system is the physical ‘stamping’ on the back of the award. The student’s next level of award is presented to them at the next ‘Friday’ assembly e.g. from Class award to Merit award to Achievement award to Book award. This ‘stamping’ is done so that we can register the use of each award during the process.

Unfortunately this ‘stamping’ is unable to occur (as the stamp rubs off) if the awards have been laminated at home. Could I please request that awards are not laminated until they have been stamped. Parents are most welcome to send in their child’s respective awards in plastic zip lock/sandwich bags which eliminate the need for our office staff to staple them together.

Kindergarten Transition

Mrs Cafe and Ms Meadley coordinated our Kindergarten 2016 parent information session that was held this Monday. We had a wonderful attendance of parents who commented on how informative the session was - Thank you Mrs Cafe and Ms Meadley! Today saw our first session of the Kindergarten Transition occur for our 2016 students. This program will operate each Wednesday and Thursday over the next five week period.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Cross
Principal

Term 4 2015 Calendar

Wednesday and Thursday 14/15 October and for the next 4 weeks – Kindy Transition
Monday 12- Friday 23 October – Swimming School
Friday 16 October – Mowbray Band performing at BSPS
Tuesday 20- Wednesday 21 – ‘Environmentors’ workshops Yr 1-6
Tuesday 27 October – Balgowlah PS Band performing at BSPS
Thursday 29 October – AECG at Bathurst Public School
Friday 30 October – Choral Concert ‘Opera House’ performance
Friday 30 October - Calmsley Hill Farm Year 1- Year 2 excursion
Monday 9 November - P&C Meeting
Tuesday 17 November – Greg at Principals meeting
Monday 23 November – Beach to Bush session for Kindergarten - Year 6
Thursday 26 November – AECG at McKillop College
Thursday 26 November – Year 6 Mini Fete
Wednesday 2 December – Year 6 High School Orientation Day
Friday 4 December – Volunteers Morning Tea
Tuesday 8 December – Year 6 Farewell
Thursday 10 December – Presentation Day
Friday 11 December – Adventure Playground/Class Parties
Monday 14 December – Term 4 ‘On Track Day’
Wednesday 16 December – Final day of 2015 school year
MERIT AWARDS

Aliyah Loh, Karli Butler, Oliver Bestwick, Sarah Lawson, Grace Camenzuli & Anne-Marie Cochrane

LARGE AWARDS

Kobe Borgstahl, Alexandra Taylor & Maya McGrath

WELL DONE!

PBL News

The three expectations that we have at our school are Respect, being a Positive Learner and being Safe. This week students will be focusing on and following school wide expectations when they are at their desk.

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Students will continue to collect flag stickers for their racing track to complete a lap of Mount Panorama. Students receive a blue award when they are half way around the track and another when the lap has been completed. This Term’s on track day will be on Monday 14th December.

Michelle Chiaramonte

Greetings from the school vegetable gardeners,

Spring has sprung and the vegetable garden is looking verdant.

That means it’s time for us to get back in the garden to plant out our vegetables for summer.

We invite you to join us for a garden session with a couple of classes on Thursday 15 October from 2pm-3.15pm. You will get to see the kids in action in the garden.

This will be followed by our garden meeting from 3.15pm to 3.45pm at which we will be planning our roster for this term.

Can you spare a morning or afternoon this term to join us for a session? No experience required, just a willingness to don some gloves and keep the garden and henhouse going as a great resource for the school children of Bathurst South.

Come by this Thursday or call Juanita on 0410 034 916.

Reminders

Calmesley Hill Farm money due Friday 23 October

Book Club Orders and money due in by Friday 23 October, no late orders will be accepted.

The canteen has requested that the senior swimming group not order Pizza’s, Hot Dog’s or Toasted Sandwiches as it is hard to keep them warm without ruining.

P&C News

• Second hand clothing is available for purchase through the Clothing Pool
• Fundraising ideas welcome for consideration by the P&C Committee
Aligning the School Creed to PBL

One definition of a creed is ‘a set of beliefs or aims which guide someone’s actions’. It should instil a sense of pride in students and teachers. A school creed should inspire, motivate, and challenge. It should set the tone throughout the school.

With this in mind, our school is in the process of changing our creed to align it with the School’s PBL expectations. An updated creed will be introduced from the start of 2016 following a process of development and consultation. As you are aware our PBL expectations at Bathurst South are to be Respectful, be a Positive Learner and to be Safe. The school PBL committee have consulted with all staff, students and the P&C in the development of the new creed. The next step in our process is to gain your feedback on our proposed creed. Following the timeframe provided for you in responding, our PBL committee will finalise the creed for adoption in 2016.

If you have any feedback (positive comments as well) or suggestions please write them down and drop them in at the office by Friday October 23rd, addressed to the PBL committee.

SCHOOL CREED

This is our School

We show respect with kind words and actions.

We choose to be safe by obeying the rules

We strive to be positive learners through engagement and participation

As a member of this School

I accept responsibility for my actions

I celebrate my successes and learn from my mistakes

I value our differences.

This is my School.