Dear Families,

**Education Week 2015**
As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, this week is Education Week with the theme being ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’. Our school captains and I attended the official Education Week launch at BMEC yesterday and had the pleasure of presenting our school P&C President, Mrs Kim Potts with a certificate of appreciation to the P&C for the wonderful support that is continually offered to our school.

Bathurst South will again be opening its doors to our community of friends and families during Book Week. Exact times for classroom visits, the annual Book Fair and Book Character parade are yet to be finalised but the date of these events is **Tuesday August 25th**, so start thinking about your child’s Book Character Parade costume. It can be as easy as a sporting hero, an animal onesie or Charlie Bucket from Willy Wonka. Please don’t go to unnecessary expense or trouble as participation and enjoyment is the focus of the event.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page as we continue to showcase what great things are always occurring at Bathurst South.

**Kindergarten 2016**
We are now formally seeking enrolments for the 2016 Kindergarten class/es from within our local school zone area. If you are yet to enrol your child or know of someone in this situation, please do so or encourage them to do so as soon as possible. This will enable us to commence planning for our Kindergarten Transition program and the 2016 classes.

**District Athletics**
Mrs Rayner and Mrs Connell along with a team of 46 students will be participating in this Friday’s District Athletics carnival. I wish our team the best of luck. With so many students out of the school on Friday, we will not be holding our regular Friday afternoon assembly.

Ribbons and Age Champion medals from our school’s carnival will be presented to respective students at our K-6 Friday assembly on August 7th at 2.00pm.

**P&C Meeting**
All parents and friends of the school are invited to attend next Monday’s P&C Meeting which will be held in the staffroom commencing at 5.30pm and concluding by 6.30pm.

**Stage 3 Dance**
Our Stage 3 Dance troupe are now rehearsing each Wednesday (instead of Fridays) at lunch time under the direction of Ms Peta Johnstone (Dance instructor) and the supervision of Mrs Brill and me. The troupe is working hard in preparation of the upcoming Bathurst Eisteddfod.

**Student Use of Social Media**
It has been brought to my attention that there have been some unwelcomed comments posted using a group chat application called ‘Kik Messenger’ between some of our Stage 3 students.

Today I have provided all Stage 3 students/parents with an information page regarding Kik and its purpose and terms of use.

Could I remind and encourage all parents to be vigilant in monitoring any social media use by their children.

**Keep on Track – Winner**
Our ‘Keeping on Track’ winner for this week was Roxy Taylor. Roxy received a $4.00 canteen voucher as her prize. Well done!
Targeted Early Numeracy (TEN) – Mrs Cafe
Mrs Cafe has been selected to train as a Regional trainer in a program called ‘Targeted Early Numeracy’. This will occur in Sydney next Monday and Tuesday. The TEN intervention provides support for students experiencing substantial difficulty in learning numeracy in the early years. TEN is implemented within a normal daily lesson block, without withdrawal or an additional specialist teacher. It recognises that a small percentage of students are at risk of numeracy failure, despite participation within a quality early numeracy program. Mrs Cafe has been using this intervention in 1/2C and will train our K-2 staff in TEN during Terms 3&4 as well as training staff across the Bathurst Network of schools when required.

School Facebook Page – Updated
For those of you who are on Facebook and like our page; you will notice some changes in the near future in our cover picture. This is simply to freshen up the page; we will continue to post the wonderful range of activities that occur within our school to keep you updated on the education occurring at Bathurst South PS. As always, please feel free to positively engage with the page where appropriate.

Basketball
Congratulations to our school Basketball teams who participated in the NSW PSSA Western Area Gala Day last Friday. The teams unfortunately did not have any wins but they tried hard all day and had fun. (Which is what school sport is about!)

Musica Viva/Swag of Tales
All participating students had a fantastic time at these respective performances. It is important to provide such rich opportunities for our students to see quality performances. Thank you for your support of these activities.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Cross
Principal

MERIT AWARDS

MERIT AwarDeS
Darius Hull, Isaac Bower, Maclay Ryan, Bailey Chatfield, Aaron Ford, Cayden Cusack, Ruby Katoa, Kyla Whiting, Tyson Grubelic, Mya Hawkins, Ellyce Bestwick, Abbey Carter, Alexis Dennis, Chloe Warn, Jesse Limon

LARGE AwarDeS
Uriah Loudoun-Shand, Jake Richards & Amy Parker

WELL DONE!
**Term 3 2015 Calendar**

Friday 31 July – District Athletics
Monday 3 August – P&C Meeting 5.30pm in the staffroom
Wednesday 5 August – SRC Remote control day
Thursday 6 August – AECG Kelso High Campus 1.45pm
Saturday 22 August – P&C Trivia Night
Monday/Friday 24-28 August – Bathurst South Education Week and Book Week
Tuesday 25 August – Book Fair and Book Character Parade
Friday 28 August – Education Week assembly at Bathurst South 2.00pm
Friday 28 August – Western Athletics
Monday/Friday 31 August – Bathurst South PS NAIvOIC Week
Tuesday 1 September – Opera House Cluster rehearsal
Tuesday 1 September – Bathurst South PS staff development day (half) 4.30-7.30pm
Wednesday 2 September – Greg at Bathurst Principals meeting all day
Saturday 5 September – P&C Book ‘trash and treasure’ stall day
Sunday 6 September – Father’s day
Monday 7 September – Responsible Pet Owners sessions K-6
Thursday 10 September – Bathurst South PS Public Speaking Competition
Wednesday 16 September – SRC Cup Cake day
Friday 18 September – Principal’s Morning Tea 10.45am
Friday 18 September – Last Day of Term 3

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**PBL News**

**Focus:** — Speaking respectfully
- Positive talk to peers and adults
- Polite talk
- Remember your manners

**What does it look like?**
- Use kind words
- Encourage each other
- Say positive things

End of Term ‘**On Track**’ Activity
Students in Year 1 through to Year 6, who have made it around their Track for Term 3, will go to the ‘**Track Day**’ at Mount Panorama as a part of the **Bathurst 1000 Event**.
A separate activity will be organised for the Kinder students. This will take place in week 1 of Term 4.

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**Remote Control Day**

Next Wednesday 5th August, the SRC will be holding an exciting fundraising event.

Students will be able to bring their remote control car to school to be used in the basketball court at lunchtime.

Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation in order to join in on the fun.

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**Reminder**

**Book Club orders due back Friday 31st July**
TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST

Are you a champion at ‘Minute to Win It’ or ‘Who Wants to be a Millionaire’?

THEN YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS OUR TRIVIA NIGHT

Stay tuned, more details to follow shortly!

BOOK STALL—SCHOOL HALL

SATURDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER

Start to bring in your old books to the school front office.

Pie Drive Orders due back no later than Friday 14th August

Athletics Carnival