Dear Families,

Thank you to the parents who attended the P&C meeting on Monday night. I am amazed at the commitment and enthusiasm shown by this group. I do strongly encourage all parents and friends of the school to consider lending a hand when P&C organised activities are looming and assistance is requested. This will keep the momentum of the P&C moving forward, share the workload and minimise burn out. The P&C not only fundraises for all students within the school but also provides great advice and support in the overall running of our great school.

The P&C have a few fundraisers occurring that I would like to give you some notice on.

**Trivia Night – Saturday August 22nd** 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start in the school hall. Table bookings/ticket sales can be made via the front office.

**Father’s Day stall – Friday 4th September** during school time. Gift prices to be advised.

**Second Hand Book Stall – Saturday 5th September** 8.00am-1.00pm in the school hall.

**District Athletics**

Well done to our 46 participants who took part in last Friday’s District Carnival. It was great to hear of some brilliant results (listed later in this newsletter). Our School Athletics Carnival ribbons along with Age Champions will be presented at this Friday’s K-6 assembly at 2pm in the school hall.

**SRC – Remote Control Day**

The students had a blast today with their remote control toys at school. Those who could not bring along one still had the chance to look at the wide range of toys that were being used. The gold coin donation went towards the SRC to contribute towards their school based initiatives. Well done SRC!

**Tell Them From Me (Parent Survey) – The Partners in Learning**

As you are aware our students in Years 4-6 will be completing a survey as part of the ‘Tell Them From Me’ program. Another aspect of this is to survey our parents from the 17th August to strengthen and clarify the relationship between school and home. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. I have attached a Frequently Asked Questions note for all families regarding this survey. In future weeks I will provide you with a link that enables you to complete this survey at home. If you do not have Internet access at home you are welcome to come to the school and we can provide you with access to allow completion of this survey.

The third aspect in this program will be for staff to also complete a similar survey. This will also be done at the same time the parent survey is occurring.

**Keep on Track – Winner**

Our ‘Keeping on Track’ winner for this week was Jason Dennis. Jason received a $4.00 canteen voucher as his prize. Well done!
School Swimming Scheme
Our school is in the process of finalising our 2015 School Swimming Scheme. We have made some changes to how this program operates in 2015. The changes will reduce group sizes for the lessons as well as having the capacity to cater for all levels of swimming development from beginner to the more able swimmers. A permission note regarding this program will be distributed to all Year 2-6 students in the near future. The program will operate early Term 4.

REMINDER - 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.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Cross
Principal

Term 3 2015 Calendar
Thursday 6 August – Junior AECG Kelso High Campus 11.30am AECG postponed
Wednesday 19 August – Guide Dogs visit K-6
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 Aug-4 Sept – Bathurst South PS NAIDOC 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
Friday 4 September – Father’s Day Stall
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 Finals day
Wednesday 16 September – SRC Cup Cake day
Friday 18 September – Principal’s Morning Tea 10.45am
Friday 18 September – Last Day of Term 3

Reminder
The Woolworths Earn & Learn Boxes are located in the school Front Office and at Woolworths in the Bathurst City Centre
Public Speaking Competition

Our school’s Public Speaking competition will be held in week nine of this term, Thursday 10th September.

Public speaking is a valuable component of our school’s English program. Even though only two students per grade are ultimately selected to present speeches on the final competition day, all students are expected to present a speech to their class. Everyone will be given special speaking opportunities in class time and be supported and encouraged through this process.

Kindergarten will prepare and present a one minute speech.

Years One, Two and Three will prepare and present a two minute speech.

Years Four, Five and Six will prepare and present a three minute speech plus a one minute impromptu.

Michelle Chiaramonte

Book Week

Bathurst South PS will be holding our annual Book Week celebration’s on Tuesday 25th August. On this day we will also be holding our Book Fair in the school Library. As part of the celebrations, we are encouraging students to come to school as their favourite book character. The order of the day’s events are as follows:

• 10:40am—11:15am Visitors are invited to attend classrooms to visit students and see their work
• 11:00am—11:45am and 12:15pm—1:00pm visitors can attend and buy from the Book Fair
• 11:15am—11:35am Morning Tea can be purchased by parents from the SRC in the Art Room
• 11:45am—12:15pm Book Character Parade on Middle Level

Normal lunch time routines and normal afternoon class sessions from 1:15pm onwards.

A wish list for the Book Fair will be sent home with your children in Week 6. All details will be on this note.
Saturday August 22nd
6pm for a 6.30pm start
Bathurst South Public School Hall
Over 18s only
Tickets available for purchase NOW from the School Office
$15 a head or $100 for a table of eight
Tea & Coffee Available
Bring Your Own Nibbles & Drinks

District Athletics Carnival 2015

Results:

11 Years Girls 200m—Emma Eldridge 3rd
9 Years Boys 100m—Joshua Babbage 3rd
11 Years Boys 100m—Jesse Limon 1st, Enrico Koekemoer 2nd
11 Years Boys 200m—Jesse Limon 1st
11 Years Girls 800m—Emma Eldridge 4th
Junior Boys 800m—Tim Babbage 4th
11 Years Boys 800m—Jesse Limon 3rd, Blaize Grindle 4th
Junior Boys Relay 3rd—Joshua Babbage, Tim Babbage, Tyler Olive & Zane Newham
11 Years High Jump—Amy Parker 1st
Senior High Jump—Zoey Wade 2nd
11 Years Long Jump—Amy Parker 1st
Senior Girls Shot Put—Zoey Wade 2nd
Senior Girls Discuss—Zoey Wade 2nd
Junior Boys High Jump—Joshua Babbage 1st
11 Years Boys Long Jump—Jesse Limon 3rd
11 Years Boys Shot Put—Enrico Koekemoer 4th

Junior Boys Shot Put—Aaron Ford 4th
Junior Boys Discuss—Tim Babbage 1st, Zane Newham 4th
11 Years Boys Discuss—Enrico Koekemoer 2nd, Jesse Limon 3rd

11 Years Boys Age Champion—Jesse Limon