Dear Families,

It was wonderful to have our 2015 Athletic ribbons presented to the respective students in front of so many parents and visitors at last Friday’s assembly. The champion house was also announced and for 2015 it is Evans. The following students were presented a medal as our 2015 Age Champions, congratulations to these athletes:

**Junior Boy Champion:** Tim Babbage  
**Junior Girl Champion:** Ruby Shannon  
**11Yr Boy Champion:** Jesse Limon  
**11Yr Girl Champion:** Amy Parker  
**Senior Boy Champion:** Cal Sutton & Tait Borgstahl  
**Senior Girl Champion:** Zoey Wade

**iLearn**  
Next Wednesday our Year 6 students participate in their 3rd day of transition to high school. Both the Kelso and Bathurst High Campus programs (iLearn Kelso and iExplore Bathurst) set up the students for a great start in their high school years. I am sure the students will have a great day.

**Guide Dog**  
Mr McBryde has organised a visit from Guide Dogs Australia for next Wednesday for all students from Kinder to Year 5. As a PR and motivational Speaker for Guide Dogs NSW/ACT, Matt Bryant takes part in various campaigns and media events for the organisation. Matt and Guide Dog Bronco visit schools, clubs, seniors and other community groups to talk about Matt’s own experience with vision issues and how he manages his life, living with a Guide Dog and the many different ways anyone with vision impairment can be assisted by the organisation to live an active and independent life.

**Star of the Month – Darcy Press**  
Congratulations to Darcy Press who was recently announced as the July Star of the Month. Darcy is one of our school leaders and demonstrates great leadership qualities, initiative and a wonderful sense of humour. Congratulations Darcy.

**Keep on Track – Winner**  
Our ‘Keeping on Track’ winner for this week was Jordan Porter. Jordan received a $4.00 canteen voucher as his prize. Well done!
Term 3 2015 Calendar

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

Yours sincerely,

Greg Cross
Principal

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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 1, 2 and 3 will prepare and present a two minute speech.
Years 4, 5 and 6 will prepare and present a three minute speech plus a one minute impromptu.

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**MERIT AWARDS**

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Takoda Wipaki, Nicholas Fraser, Taleah Watson, Edwin Trevillion, Tarron Cooper, Lachlan Falzon, Daniel Pentecost, Kyeisha Loftus, Rory Elphick, Preston Albon, Grace Camenzuli, Henry Parsons, Kobe Borgstahl, Karli Butler, Jed Montgomery, Max Montgomery, Elle Montgomery, Savannah McDaid, Shannon Hastings & Zane Newham

**LARGE AWARDS**

Isaac Bower, Mya Hawkins, Ellyce Bestwick, Jed Montgomery, Max Montgomery & Elle Montgomery

**WELL DONE!**

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**SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME**

Today a note has gone home to all students from Year 2 to 6 in regard to the School Swimming Scheme. The Scheme will continue **daily for two weeks** from Monday 12th October to Friday 23rd from 11.30am-12.15pm and the second group from 12.15pm-1.00pm.

The **total cost** for the 10 day scheme is $75.00. Places are limited to 80 students and will be filled on a first in bases. If you are having difficulty covering the cost, please contact the school. A $30 deposit is required to hold a space in the program with the total amount to be finalised by Wednesday 7th October.

**This program is different to past swimming scheme programs run by the school. This year we are organising our own program which the Bathurst Aquatic Centre is running. Instruction this year is open to ALL STUDENTS from Years 2-6 regardless of swimming ability. Swimming group sizes have also been reduced. Daily water safety and survival messages are taught and groups will be formed according to swimming ability.**

Michelle Chiaramonte

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**PBL Focus**

Speak Positively to Your Teachers and Peers

- Use kind words
- Praise each other
- Use your best manners
- Respectfully wait your turn to speak
Boys Touch Football – Morse Park

The Boys Touch Football team attended Morse Park last Wednesday to compete in Round 2 of the knockout. They played Kelso Public School in freezing conditions, Kelso won the match eliminating Bathurst South from the competition. The boys then had a friendly match with Oberon Public and drew the match. Despite being eliminated from the knockout competition, the boys played some good football and worked well as a team. I’d like to say a very big thank you to all the parents who helped transport the boys to and from the venue. Also for offering support and encouragement through the games.

Mr McBryde—Coach