Dear Families,

The last two weeks of term do not appear to be slowing down! There is still a range of activities to occur for our students as well as the regular wonderful classroom learning that happens on a daily basis. I am sure the students (and staff) will enjoy a well-earned rest in one and a half weeks.

Congratulations to the organisers of last weekend’s P&C Second Hand Book Fair. The number and range of books was fantastic. Over $1000 was raised on the day between the book sales, the BBQ, the cake stall and the plant stall. The P&C plans to run this activity again at a later date so start storing any books that you may wish to donate. Thank you to everyone who donated books, sent in cakes and slices or plants and obviously to the organisers and those who manned the stalls on the day.

Eisteddfod
Our Stage 3 Dance Troupe performed at the Bathurst Eisteddfod today and were awarded a Highly Commended our School Choir and Band perform next Tuesday and Wednesday respectively. The amount of rehearsal, individual practise and organisation that goes into these events is enormous. Congratulations to all students, and to the adults that coordinate and lead these activities to allow our students such wonderful opportunities to perform.

Public Speaking Competition
Tomorrow’s Public Speaking competition is at 9.30am in the school hall. This event is one of the highlights of the school year. The quality of the student’s speeches is outstanding each year and the confidence shown by the students in getting up and delivering their works in front of 250 plus people amazes me. Mrs Chiaramonte has coordinated our school competition again this year and I thank her for this. I also thank every classroom teacher for the explicit teaching that supports our students in participating in all aspects of this competition, from in-class speak offs through to tomorrow’s finals. A huge thank you also goes to all parents who support and assist their children with their speeches when given as a homework task.

Keep on Track – Winner
Our ‘Keeping on Track’ winner for this week was Alexis Dennis. Alexis received a $4.00 canteen voucher as her prize. Well done!

Visitors – Signing in
Please remember to sign in if you are visiting the school. The sign on book is located in the front office foyer and ‘Visitor’ labels are available for use.

Tell Them From Me – Parent survey reminder
Please take the time to complete this survey as mentioned in previous correspondence.
1. To access the survey go to: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com
2. Enter the username of: parent16835
3. Enter the password of: Bat3847
4. Complete the survey
**SRC Cupcake Day and Organ Donation Awareness Day**

Mrs Connell has the SRC ‘humming’ this year. Their next two initiatives will occur next week.

1. Cupcake Day - I look forward to seeing the range of decorations on the cupcakes on show next Thursday. New and varied designs appear each year. The cupcakes can then be purchased at recess for a gold coin donation.

2. Footy Colours - Last Friday there were two initiatives held across communities that involved the wearing of colours or the jersey from your favourite football team. One initiative was the Fight Cancer Foundation and the other was ‘Jersey Day’ to help raise awareness for organ donation after Hills District youngster Nathan Gremmo, who tragically lost his life earlier this year, saved six other lives. We were unable to participate on this specific date due to our NAIDOC celebrations but the SRC thought it was a good idea to still hold these events to raise awareness of both initiatives. Our school will be encouraging students to wear their favourite sporting team’s colours, their jersey or simply ‘mufti’ clothes to school on the last day of term (Friday 18th September’) in support of both initiatives.

**Term 4 Staffing**

There will be some staff changes in Term 4 due to staff commencing leave as well as returning from leave. The changes will be as follows:

- 3/4S – Mrs Sewell will be on Long Service Leave for the first eight weeks of term. Miss Catto will teach 3/4S during this period.
- Library and 4/5M (on Fridays) – Mrs Skulander will be on Long Service Leave for the first eight weeks of term. Mrs Watson will teach the Library lessons and 4/5M on Fridays during this period.
- 2M – Mrs Clarke returns from Maternity Leave each Thursday and Friday. Miss McGrath will remain teaching 2M on Monday – Wednesday.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Cross
Principal

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Thankyou all very much for supporting the Book Fair at our school. A total of $3100 was spent of which the school received $280. Thanks again for your support!

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**Term 3 2015 Calendar**

Thursday 10 September – K-2 Traditional Indigenous Games 2pm-3pm
Thursday 10 September - Bathurst South PS Public Speaking Finals 9.30am School Hall
Friday 11 September - 3-6 Traditional Indigenous Games 12pm –1pm
Tuesday 15 September – Senior Choir Eisteddfod
Wednesday 16 September – Senior/Junior Band Eisteddfod
Thursday 17 September – SRC Cup Cake day
Friday 18 September – Footy Colour ‘mufti’ day – Organ Donor Awareness/Fight Cancer Foundation
**MERIT AWARDS**

**Merit Awards**

**LARGE AWARDS**
Will Collins, Olivia Young & Charlotte Porter

**BOOK AWARDS**
Marcus Lewin

**WELL DONE!**

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**PBL News**
The three expectations that we are focusing on are Respect, being a Positive Learner and being Safe. 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. Kindergarten students will watch a movie and enjoy a sausage sizzle. This will take place on Thursday 8th October week 1 of Term 4. Students will receive a note for this event next week. We require some parent helpers to assist at Mount Panorama if you are able to assist can you please let me know. Thank you.

Michelle Chiaramonte

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**SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME**

Students from Year 2-6 have the opportunity to participate in the School Swimming Scheme. The Scheme will continue daily for two weeks from Monday 12th October to Friday 23rd October from 11.30am-12.15pm and the second group from 12.15pm-1pm.

The total cost for the 10 day scheme is $75.00. We have 15 spaces still available. 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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**Reminders**

Canberra deposit due Friday 11th September

Woolworth’s Earn & Learn sticker sheets need to be returned to the Front Office by Wednesday 16th September
All students from K-6 have presented a prepared speech to their class on a topic of their choice. On Thursday 10th September at 9.30am in the school hall the finalists from each grade will present their speeches to the school. Everyone is welcome to attend this special event where a winner and runner up from each grade and Junior and Senior Champion will be decided.

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We will have two special guest judges from 2BS adjudicating the day. Good luck to all the finalists and thank you to all students you have made this such a quality competition.

Michelle Chiaramonte