Dear Families,

I extend a very warm welcome to all new and existing families of Bathurst South Public School. We are part of a wonderful school and I am sure that you and your child/ren will enjoy your time with us. We have had a really positive start to the 2016 school year. All students have settled easily into school routines and seem eager to learn and play. As you are aware our classes have been formed and we are very hopeful of maintaining this structure for the remainder of the year. This will be confirmed in next week’s newsletter.

Each week our newsletter is uploaded onto the school’s website on Wednesdays at:
http://www.bathursts-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Exciting school snippets and school related information are regularly posted on Facebook and Twitter at the following addresses. Please ‘follow’ or ‘like’ us and feel free to engage with our school via these online channels.
https://www.facebook.com/BathurstSouthPSNSWDoE or our Twitter handle is @BathurstSouthPS

**Swimming Carnival (Primary Students)**

We will be in desperate need of parent helpers to aid in time keeping and other roles at Friday’s carnival which is being held at Stannies. If you can spare any time between 10.00am and 3.00pm, we would be very appreciative of this. The weather forecast is for a comfortable 24 degrees. Please ensure your child has returned their permission note for this activity. Congratulations to the following students who were elected as House Captains. Their first official duty will be leading their respective House at this Friday’s Swimming Carnival.

**Big Steps for Tiny Feet**

Next Monday at 10.30am the Western Advocate will be attending Bathurst South PS to photograph our Kindergarten classes as well as our school leaders for their upcoming segments of Big Steps for Tiny Feet and Student Leaders which are due for publication during February.

**Major Excursions**

This year we have scheduled our Stage 3 Canberra and Year 4 Red Hill excursions to both occur in Term 1. This will allow the students a great opportunity to bond in an out of school setting early in the year and establish solid relationship with peers and staff.

**School Fees**

I am sure you will agree that school fees of $30 per child or $50 per family are extremely reasonable! This amount can be paid at our school front office by cheque or cash. If you pay before the end of Term 1, you go in the running for a $70 restaurant voucher at a location in Bathurst of your choice. A great incentive to pay early!!!!
School Timetable/School Activities

- I am currently finalising the school timetable. Until this is completed (hopefully next week) all class library times are yet to be confirmed. When these times are firmly set your child’s teacher will advise you within their class ‘Term 1’ letter.

- Our regular weekly assembly for Kindergarten-Year 6 commence on Friday February 12th at 2.00pm.

- Scripture/Buddhism is scheduled to commence from Wednesday February 17th. All Year 1-6 students will attend their same group as per 2015 unless we are otherwise advised in writing by you.

- 2016 school photos are scheduled to occur on 22nd March. Master School Portraits will again be our photographer. Order envelopes will be distributed very soon to all families. (Approximate costs $25)

- The senior band, junior band and strings group will rehearse on Mondays commencing next week as well as group/individual rehearsals commencing on this same day. Please remind students to bring instruments and music books each Monday.

- The Primary Choir will be commencing very soon. We have been successful in our audition for the Choral Concert later in 2016 to be held at the Sydney Opera House. This is wonderful news. Approximate cost for participating students will be $45.

- Our School Canteen will be opened on Wednesday and Friday each week from next week. Please remind students to place their lunch order in the wooden box that is placed outside the canteen on these days.

Please remember that if you have any concerns or questions regarding the education of your child to make a time to discuss this with their teacher, either Mrs Cafe or Mrs Chiaramonte (Assistant Principals) or me.

Allergies

We do have students at our school with allergies to nuts. I ask all families to be mindful of this when packing recess and lunch and not send products to school that contain nuts.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Cross
Principal

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Reminders

- Canberra Excursion final payment due by Friday 26th February

- Red Hill deposit due by Monday 15th February

No Canteen this Friday 5th February
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) News

PBL is continuing this year and moving into all classrooms. The three expectations that we are focusing on are **Respect, being a Positive Learner** and **being Safe**. This week students will be participating in lessons focusing on classroom routines and expectations.

Students will continue to collect flag stickers for their racing track to complete a lap of Mt Panorama. Students receive a blue award when they are half way around the track and another when the lap has been completed. Students who complete a lap will be acknowledged with participating in a no cost on track day. This day will be held on the last week of the term.

Michelle Chiaramonte

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Red Hill

All Year 4 students received an expression of interest note this week for the excursion to Red Hill. This year’s excursion will take place in Week 11 of Term 1, 6th, 7th & 8th April 2016. It is anticipated the final cost will be approximately $200 per student based on all students attending. This will cover all activities, accommodation, food and transport. In order to make the final arrangements, please return the permission note to the school by **15th February 2016 with a deposit of $50**. This is a fantastic excursion and hopefully all Year 4 students can attend.

Michelle Chiaramonte

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**Term 1 2016 Calendar – so far!**

- Friday 5th February – School Swimming Carnival at Stannies
- Monday 8th February – P&C Meeting 5.30pm in the staffroom
- Monday 8th February – Western Advocate here to photograph Kinders and School Leaders
- Monday 15th February – Red Hill Deposit Due
- Thursday 18th February – Aboriginal Education Consultation Group (AECG) 1.45pm at Kelso PS
- Friday 19th February – District Swimming Carnival
- Friday 26th February – Induction Assembly for School Leaders, House Captains and SRC representatives
- Friday 4th March – Western Schools Swimming Carnival
- Wed/Fri 16th-18th March – Stage 3 Canberra excursion
- Thursday 17th March - Aboriginal Education Consultation Group (AECG) 1.45pm at Bathurst Hospital
- Tuesday 22nd March – School Photos
- Thursday 24th March – Easter Hat Parade
- Friday 25th March – Good Friday
- Monday 28th March – Easter Monday
- Tuesday April 5th – PBL ‘On Track Day’
- Wed/Fri 6th-8th April – Year 4 Red Hill excursion
- Friday 8th April – Last Day Term 1
This week elections were held for our eight House Captains for 2016. I would like to congratulate these students. I am sure they will do a wonderful job representing their house groups.

**Chifley** – Mackenzie Suringa & Maddison Browne  
**Evans** – Sophie Whalan & Jackson Carter  
**Macquarie** – Layla Wohlgemuth & Owen Trevillion  
**Sturt** – Isaac Bower & Karla Truscott

Michelle Chiaramonte

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**BATHURST SOUTH PS - GARDEN NEWS FEBRUARY 2016**

This Thursday after school (tomorrow, 4 February) from 3.15-3.45pm, parents from the garden group are meeting at the garden to plan for this year’s gardening activities.

**Would you like to get involved?**

If you can spare a half day (generally from 11.30am onwards) this term to join in a garden session with other parent volunteers and help our school classes plant, weed and harvest, please come along to the meeting tomorrow or call Juanita on 0410034916.

Parents, please feel free to explore the garden with your child of an afternoon or even weed the garden while you wait!

**Wanted:** (Please call Juanita)
- Someone who knows how to prune trees!
- Horse, sheep or cow poo for our compost