Dear Families,

‘Welcome Event’ 2016

It was wonderful to see so many parents and students last Wednesday at our BBQ and Bingo afternoon. The staff and I hope you found this to be a worthwhile time to informally catch up with your child’s teacher as well as interact with other families within our school. Thank you to Garry Hawkins, Graeme Wiggins and Tim Parker for their BBQ skills and to Bianca Young for running the Bingo.

School Leaders / House Captains / SRC Representatives - Induction Friday 2.00pm

I could not be more impressed at how well all of our 2016 school leaders, sporting captains and SRC representatives have risen to the challenges of their roles so far this year. Last Friday’s Induction Assembly was a wonderful occasion and I was thrilled to see so many proud family members in attendance. Congratulations go to the entire student population on the wonderful manners that were on display (as they always are) and to Mrs Chiaramonte for coordinating the assembly.

NAPLAN 2016

Students within Years 3 and 5 will participate in the NAPLAN Assessments between May 10 and May 12. I have provided an information letter with today newsletter for these respective families.

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.

The Tell Them From Me - student feedback survey Years 4-6

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 11 March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.
Keep on Track – Winner
Our ‘Keeping on Track’ winner for this week again was Sophi Petford. Sophi received a $5.00 canteen voucher as her prize. Well done!

School Fees
Thank you so much to the families that have already paid their 2016 school fees. The amount of $30 per child or $50 per family 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.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Cross
Principal

Term 1 2016 Calendar – so far!

Friday 4th March – Western Schools Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 9th March – Year 6 ‘iLearn’ visit to Kelso High. 9.30-1.30
Monday 14th March— P&C AGM 5.30pm—6.30pm
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
Wednesday 23rd March – Year 6 ‘Check it Out Day’ CSU
Thursday 24th March – Easter Hat Parade
Friday 25th March – Good Friday
Monday 28th March – Easter Monday
Friday 1st April – Cross Country
Friday 1st April – PBL Cut Off Day
Tuesday April 5th – PBL ‘On Track Day’
Wed/Fri 6th-8th April – Year 4 Red Hill excursion
Friday 8th April – Last Day Term 1

Clean Up Schools Day – 2016

This Friday will be the annual Clean Up Schools Day at Bathurst South. Children and staff will be involved in picking up litter around the school grounds. We are lucky that our school tends to be mostly litter free though, there are some areas that sometimes get overlooked. Children are encouraged to bring an old gardening glove. Litter bags will be provided at school. Hats and drink bottles will be encouraged as well.
MERIT AWARDS

Olivia Lowe, Karla Truscott, Remi Hefferen, Layla Wohlgemuth, Jordan Austin, Matilda Young, Kane Buller, Rohan Smith, & Jed Montgomery

LARGE AWARDS

Samantha Hollis, Layla Wohlgemuth, Rory Elphick, Isabell Falzon & Elle Montgomery

BOOK AWARDS

Elle Montgomery, Max Montgomery & Conner Eagles

WELL DONE!

BOOK CLUB

This year we are trialling a new Book Club system. This is an online ordering process directly with Book Club and saves the bother of sending the order and money into the school. If you do not wish to use this system all you have to do is fill in the order form with your child’s name, class and books required and return to the Front Office with payment. A flyer is attached to assist you, should you choose to order online. Please make sure all online and school orders are in by 21st March as we cannot accept late orders.

Orders are due in by Monday 21st March 2016

• Bronwyn Skulander
• Librarian

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) News

The three expectations that we are focusing on are Respect, being a Positive Learner and being Safe. All students will receive ten minutes extra play on Thursday as part of our whole school reward system. All students are collecting their individual track stickers and those who have made it around their Track for Term 1, will participate in our ‘on track’ day which will be held on Tuesday 5th April. Students should be aiming to be half way around their track at this stage. This week students will be participating in lessons focusing on expectations on the floor.

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Michelle Chiaramonte
Easter is just over three weeks away

One of our major fundraisers is our Easter Egg Raffle. We would love donations of eggs to make up our baskets for the raffle.

If you can donate some Easter eggs please drop them into the office.

The winners will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade!

The SRC will be selling ice creams on Thursday 10th March at recess in the canteen.

Ice creams will cost $1.00 and all money raised will support our World Vision Sponsor Child Babakir Hasan.

Thank you for your support.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2016

Good luck to Max and Kobe at the Western Swimming Carnival on Friday.