Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of our families at the recent P&C school picnic evening. The P&C and all of our BBQ mums and dads did a great job cooking, preparing our sausage sizzle and organising all of our super fun races on the night. Thanks to everyone!

**Bathurst City Centre Woolworths Donate to our School**

Huge thanks must also go to Lyn and Matt from Woolworths, who continue to support our school in so many ways. Last fortnight they provided lots of fresh fruit and vegies for our crunch and sip program and then provided all of the goodies for our family picnic evening as well as our upcoming Easter raffle. We appreciate all the support they provide for our students and families.

**Georgie to represent in Western Region Swimming**

Good luck this week to Gerogie McP who will race in the 50 metres freestyle event at next week’s Western Region Swimming carnival in Dubbo. Georgie is our only Bathurst District rep and I know she will participate well. Good luck Georgie!

**Tyler to participate in Western Region Basketball Trials tomorrow.**

Good luck also to Tyler P who will try his skill against the best in the region at the Western Region basketball trials tomorrow. We wish him all the best!

**Staff Complete Half Day Staff Development Day**

Yesterday afternoon staff completed their work on our new Learning Support policy and procedures and the online training of emergency care. All staff are trained in emergency care, which covers all first aid procedures, CPR, asthma and anaphylaxis training. These half days are scheduled each term in place of the 2 Staff Development days usually held at the end of the year.

**Easter Raffle Tickets attached for each family $2 each or 3 for $5**
Blue Star and Gold Awards

Congratulations to our only blue star award winner for this week Shelby W. Well done Shelby.

Our apologies also to the children who received a Blue Star award at the very last assembly of 2014. Photos were taken of you but our camera was stolen in the break in right before Presentation Day. Alexandra R was one such student who received this award and missed her photo in newsletter, well done Alexandra.

Barramundis win House Points for Week 4 Assembly

Congratulations to all the Barramundis who picked up their first award for the year. Pictured are Darcy and Shaun with the trophy. (Cody was at District Swimming)

Swimming Lessons

Four more weeks of swimming lessons to go and everyone is doing a fabulous job and showing lots of improvement. Please remember if you are paying weekly that your money needs to be at the front office before lessons commence.

Head Lice Alert

We have had a few recent cases of head lice. Please ensure you do a good check of your child’s head and treat when required. Children need regular checking!

Missed Something!

Check our website for a copy of our newsletter.

Plus other great photos from our classes!
Kindergarten Interviews
Kindergarten parents have commenced interviews in regard to Best Start assessments with Mrs Keough. These interviews will provide parents with a detailed summary of where their child is at in Literacy and Numeracy and activities they can try at home to help their child along. Please take on board this feedback and assist us to give your child the very best start to school!

Our next assembly will be held Friday 6th March at 10.50am.
Year 2/3 will be performing.

Year 1 did a super job telling us all about their work with Fergus and singing beautifully!

Numeracy Continuum Groups – Let’s Focus on Fractions
Last week our children in years 2-6 started focused numeracy groups based on their position on the Numeracy Continuum. The children will spend three weeks on a Thursday and Friday during maths time with their continuum teacher. This will include Mrs Kerr, Mr Dickson, Mrs Bicanic, Ms Naylor and Mrs Holt. The focus for weeks 5, 6 and 7 is fractions. These classes will include activities all around the teaching of fractions and will include a pre and post test. Children may not be in these lessons with their home teacher. Mr Dickson and Mrs James have set assessment tasks which will sort the children into their correct continuum level, the focus being on each child moving forward on the continuum in the area of fractions. We look forward to sharing our results with you!

Term One Small Schools Gala Day – Friday 13th March – All Years 3-6
Friday the 13th March is the Small Schools Gala Day. All students from Year 3-6 are required to attend. We will be travelling in on the bus and leaving Perthville School at 9.30am.
We will arrive back at school by 2.30pm. During the day students will be running the cross country event, practising touch football, rugby league, soccer and hockey drills and trying out for the small schools teams in Rugby League, hockey, soccer and touch football. The cost of the day is $4 ($2 for sport + $2 for the bus). Students will need to be in their sports uniform, bring along a hat, recess and lunch and plenty to drink. There will be a canteen operating on the day. Head gear (Rugby League), mouth guards and shin pads (Soccer & hockey) are required if trying out for our teams. Please return the permission note attached if you haven’t already done so.

Next P&C Meeting - AGM
Tuesday 10th March – 6pm (In Library)
All welcome!
Bathurst 200 years – Excursions for K-6 - Tuesday 17th March

Tomorrow a full permission note will come home for all students. This excursion to Bathurst will support our learning in History. The excursion will take place at the following places for the following classes. All children will be travelling to and from Bathurst by bus. All costs will be included with tomorrow’s note as they are different for each group.

**Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2/3**

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**Recorder – Opera House**

Practice has begun for students in the recorder group. Students will practice initially each Thursday lunch time with Mrs Bicanic. There will be a letter from Mrs Bicanic shortly with details about the Opera House trip and practice schedule. We look forward to this amazing opportunity and thank Mrs Bicanic for all her hard work with the group. Keep up the practice!

**Clean Up Australia Day**

Thank you to all our classes who did Clean Up Australia Day last Friday. Our school certainly looked spick and span and ready for our family Picnic evening! Well done kids, you did a super job keeping Perthville beautiful!
QUOKKA Reading with Kindergarten

We are really lucky to have wonderful volunteers from the QUOKKA reading program. These wonderful Bathurst people come to Perthville School each week and read with our Kindergarten children. The children love their involvement with their stripy vests and enthusiastic approach and we love having them. Thanks to everyone involved!

School Fees – Please pay promptly as part of this fee supports our online subscriptions.

The school fees assist us with purchasing online maths and reading programs, text books, sports equipment, art and craft supplies and stationary needs. This year school fees have been raised slightly due to increases in the cost of resources and online programs. Fees are as follows.

1 child = $60
2 children = $100
3 children = $150

We ask that you pay this contribution to the office before the end of term 1. If you are having difficulty please contact Mrs Rudge or Mrs Webb.

When is your Library Day?

Kinder – Tuesday
Yr 1 – Tuesday
2/3 – Thursday
3/4 - Thursday
5/6 - Tuesday
Term One Dates

March
6th  Western Region Swimming Carnival
6th  Assembly – 2/3 to perform – House captains & Library Monitors
10th  P&C AGM
13th  Gala Day (Yrs 3-6)
17th  Bathurst 200 Excursion – K-6
20th  Assembly – 3/4 to perform
27th  Questacon Visit

April
2nd  Assembly - 5/6 to perform & last day Term 1

Iceblocks Available
Tuesday and Thursday
IcyPoles $1.00
Fandangles $1.50
Zooper Doopers 50c

Permission Notes

Yrs 3-6 Gala Day

I give permission for my child/ren ____________________________ to attend the Bathurst Small Schools Gala Day on 13th March. I understand students are travelling to and from the venue by bus. I understand the cost of this excursion is $4.

☐ I have enclosed $4 per child

Medical conditions you need to be aware of are: ________________________________

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Firstly I would like to thank those who came to the Family Picnic Day on Friday. It was a lot of fun and we had a great turn out.

I would also like to apologise to those families who were hoping to get a photography session done. Unfortunately we didn’t have enough families register their interest for this event to go ahead but we may revisit it as a fundraiser in the future.

Easter Raffle tickets $2 each or 3 for $5. We ask that you please sell the attached tickets and return with the money by Monday 30th March. There are 3 Easter hampers to be won.

Why Join P&C?

The P&C is both a fund raising group as well as an informal forum in sharing parent views and school events. It was established as a link between Parents, Citizens, Students and teaching staff to promote the interests of the school.

We work closely with Mrs James, Mrs Kerr and all the teaching staff at Perthville Public School to assist in providing facilities and equipment to benefit our students education.

Being part of the P&C doesn’t necessarily mean coming to every meeting. Throughout the year we hold a number of fundraising activities with plenty of opportunities to help out and support the P&C. Baking, helping out with stalls and activities or sharing ideas all go a long way to helping.

It is also a great way to meet other parents and become involved in the school. Come and share your ideas and help us improve our already wonderful school.

AGM – Tuesday 10th May

Our AGM is being held on Tuesday 10th May at 6pm in the library. At the AGM the Executive and fundraising Positions with be up for voting. The Positions are:

President     Vice President
Secretary    Treasurer
Fundraising Co-ordinator  Uniform Co-ordinator
SHE (Safety, Health and Environment) Co-ordinator

If you are interested in being nominated for any of the above positions, would like to become a member or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me prior to the AGM please contact me on 02 6337 2158 or 0412 329 509 or email me at amanda-peterson@bigpond.com

Our next General P&C Meeting will be held after the AGM on Tuesday 10th March in the Library. We would love to have you come along and see what it is all about. Children are also welcome.

Amanda Peterson
When Fergus and heather came to visit Kindergarten and year 1