Dear Parents,

It is lovely to be back to school and I thank everyone who sent best wishes after my mum passed away at the end of the school holidays. Thank you all for being so caring and sympathetic. Special thanks to Linda, who took over the reins at short notice and ran the school so capably in my absence. Well done also to all the staff who stepped up and kept all the balls in the air! With lots on this term, I sure appreciate the way everyone started the term. Thanks very much.

This term is very busy, please aim to keep up to date with all the sports, excursions and activities!

**Bathurst 200 Celebrations!**

What a fabulous celebration Bathurst’s 200th birthday was! It was great to see our children participate in the All Schools Choir on Proclamation Day and what a wonderful assembly it was on Friday when we welcomed Bathurst Mayor Gary Rush and Earl and Countess Bathurst. It was a wonderful event and all children should be so very proud of all their work in history this semester.

A huge round of applause also for the chocolate cakes! Our 200 looked great and everyone really enjoyed all the yummy cake, even Lady Bathurst took some away for a quiet cuppa when she got back to her motel!

We really appreciated each and every family’s efforts here. We did try to send some home to those that came with names on them because we had so many! We have frozen the rest and will hold a cake day in coming weeks. A great week, well done to all!
NAPLAN
NAPLAN is well under way and all children are trying hard to complete tasks to the best of their ability. Keep up the great effort Year 3 & 5. Tomorrow, Thursday 14th May, we will complete Numeracy and Friday is a backup day for any testing that was missed on the previous three days.

EXCURSIONS
Stage 2 Excursion to Dubbo – Payment and Note now due – Additional notes on website
The end of term is fast approaching and Year 3 & 4 students now need to start returning their medical note and final balance for their Dubbo excursion on 18th & 19th June. The notes were handed out last term but a second copy has been provided. Most parents have also paid a deposit of $20, leaving a balance of $155 to be paid prior to departure on 18th June. Thank you to those that have returned permission note and paid the balance already. ALL children attending excursion also need a green Bathurst Small Schools hat which is available from the office for $10. Payment plans can be set up to cover this fee. Please contact the office if you have any questions about this excursion.

Leadership Camp – 23rd & 24th June – Additional Notes on website
An opportunity exists for students in Years 5&6 at all of the Bathurst Small School to participate in the Small Schools Leadership Camp to be held at Bathurst Goldfields Mount Panorama on Tuesday 23rd June and Wednesday 24th June. (Last week of Term 2)
During this camp students will work on a range of leadership skills including team work, collaboration, group challenges and public speaking.
Students will also participate in ‘puberty and change’ talks from Bathurst Community Health and learn basic CPR and first aid.
This excursion has been planned to supplement the following work being done in the classroom on leadership and 21st century learning.
The cost of the excursion is $75. All notes have been sent out and now need to be returned with full payment. Payments and permission notes need to be in before Friday 5th June.

Year 3-6 Excursion to Bathurst – This Friday 15th May – Additional notes on website
On Friday 15th May, students 3-6 will be attending the 'Snapshots in Time' exhibition at the BMEC to view the ‘Moving Images’ section. This exhibition is hosted by the Bathurst District Historical Society and supports the work students are currently doing in the classroom for the Bathurst 200 year celebrations. After the exhibition, students will enjoy afternoon tea in Machattie Park before returning to school. Cost will be $2.00 to cover bus costs. Children are asked to take afternoon tea in a separate plastic bag with their name on it that will be put into one main bag until after the exhibition visit. Note has already been given out but check the calendar section of our website for a new note.

All permission notes can now be found on our website.
They will be in either the newsletter section (if originally they were attached to newsletter) or
Go to the calendar section where they will be an attachment that you can open and print off.
ALL THINGS SPORTY

District Cross Country – Friday 22nd May

Good luck to all competitors who will run the Bathurst District Cross Country on Friday 22nd May. Mrs Forsyth (Principal O’Connell) is the team manager and children should report to Mrs Forsyth at the MacPhillamy Park Track at 9.30am. Go Perthville!

Small Schools Boys Rugby League – Monday 18th May

Good luck to the boys rugby league team who will play in their first round match against West Bathurst on Monday 18th May at 11am at Morse Park. Training will be held today. The boys received their permission note from Mr D yesterday.

Small Schools Boys Soccer – Tuesday 19th May

Good luck to Luke and Tyler who will play in their first round soccer match next Tuesday 19th May. A note will come shortly from Mr Wood who is the team coach. Good luck boys!

Small Schools Girls Hockey Report

The girl’s hockey team came up against a very experienced Oberon Public School team last Thursday. All of the girls played so well and as the game went on they improved so much. Even though we were beaten 6-0, the girls had fun and learnt a lot about the game of hockey. Congratulations to all the girls, you should be proud of yourselves! Thanks Miss Naylor for coaching us!

All Children K-6 Small Schools Athletics Carnival – Thursday 28th May

On Thursday, 28th May 2015 your child/children will be participating in the Bathurst Small School’s Athletics carnival. The carnival will be held at the Bathurst Sports ground from 8.45am-3:30pm. The carnival is organised as a tabloid of activities with all students expected to participate fully in as many events as possible. Students turning 8 years in 2015 and up will be participating in the senior carnival. Children 5, 6 and 7 years old will be participating in the infant’s carnival. Each event is supervised and coordinated by a teacher. Transport to and from this event is organised by parents. There will be a canteen operating on the day. It’s a great day for all involved. Please return the permission note following.

Please ensure you are at Sports Ground NO later than 8.45am
Small Schools High Jump – 8 yrs and Older ONLY – Wednesday 27th May
This year our Bathurst Small Schools High Jump event will be held on a separate day to our Athletics Carnival. The date is May 27th, beginning at 1.30pm, at the Bathurst Sports Grounds. All students turning 8 years or older are eligible to enter. This is a trials event with a maximum of two students from each age group going onto the district trials if they jump the qualifying height. As there will be no instruction given to the children on the day, we ask that your child only compete if they are familiar with how to jump, so as to avoid injury. A permission note has been given out to those that expressed an interest in this event. Mrs James and Mr Wood will be running this event.

Half Staff Development Day – Wednesday 20th May 3.45-6.45pm
Staff from a number of small schools in our area will be attending Perthville School on Wednesday afternoon from 3.45-6.45 to complete training in the new Performance Development Framework. This Professional Learning along with the one held in Term will replace one of days held for Professional Learning at the end of 2015. Please be aware the 2015 school year for students and staff will end on Wednesday 16th December.

CWA Public Speaking
Good luck to Erutan, Isabella McB, Chloe S and Georgie McP who will compete in the CWA public speaking competition next week. Absent from photo is Chloe S.

Stephanie Alexander Garden Project
Congratulations to Mrs Keough and Mr Dickson and Kindy and 5/6 for their fantastic work with the Stephanie Alexander garden program which happens each Wednesday in our school. Week one is working in the garden and week 2 is cooking from your harvest. Fantastic Rice paper rolls were made last week, they were delicious! Well done also on receiving the Bathurst Council sustainability grant of $400 to go towards the program.

Western Advocate
There are lots of things happening that we like to share with the community so please keep an eye out in the Western Advocate, our lovely children are featured almost weekly! Most of our featured articles can be seen outside the front office in the display cabinets.
Year Six to Seven i-learn – Wednesday 20th May – Kelso High

Year 6 will complete their second i-learn transition to high school program next week. Students will meet Mr Dickson at the Kelso High School administration building at 9.15am and should be collected at 1.00pm. Transport to and from these events is by private arrangement. Canteen facilities are available and students can order their lunch in the morning upon arrival at Kelso High. Students should attend Kelso High even if they are enrolling in a non-government school next year.

Some students are also attending Bathurst High Transition programs. Please note, these students will be unaccompanied by a teacher and should report to the admin building.

ALL students need to return the following permission note.

**Term Two Dates**

**May**

14th
NAPLAN Maths

15th
Back Up day for NAPLAN

15th
Yrs 3-6 Excursion to Bathurst

18th
SS Rugby league

19th
SS Soccer - Boys

20th
Year 6 to I-learn – Kelso High

20th
Staff Development Afternoon

22nd
District Cross Country – McPhillamy Park

26th
CWA Public Speaking – Kinross Wolaroi

27th
SS High Jump Afternoon – Bathurst Sports Ground

28th
Bathurst Small Schools Athletics Carnival (Bathurst Sports ground 8.45am – 3:30pm)

**June**

18th – 19th
Stage 2 excursion to Dubbo

23rd & 24th
Stage 3 Leadership Camp to Bathurst

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**Year 6 Transition to Kelso/Bathurst**

I give permission for my child/ren _____________________________ to attend Kelso High School or Bathurst High School on Wednesday 20th May for the transition program. I understand I am responsible for transporting my child to and from Kelso/Bathurst High School.

Medical conditions you need to be aware of are: _____________________________________________

Signed: __________________________ Date: __________________________
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
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If your child is turning 8 or older they will participate in the following events:-
- LONG JUMP
- 100 METRE RACE
- 200 METRE RACE
- 800 METRE RACE
- SHOT PUT
- DISCUS
- RELAY RACES

In the event of inclement weather an announcement will be made over 2BS and 2LT between 7.00 – 7.30am. If you do not receive 2BS please ring the station direct on 6331 7777 if you are unsure. The alternate date is Tuesday, 16th June 2015.

A canteen will be available on the day. Please remember to bring hats, sunscreen and plenty of water to drink.

.permissions note

I give permission for my child/children …………………………………………………………………………………….
To participate in the above activities at the Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival at the Bathurst Sports Ground on Thursday, 28th May 2015 commencing at 9am (Tuesday, 16th June 2015 is the backup date in case of inclement weather). I understand that transport will be by private car and that I must have my child’s name marked off the roll at the end of the day before leaving the venue.

You need to be aware of my child/children’s following medical condition or reason for not competing in a particular activity.

I am able to volunteer on the day to look after (please tick):

5 year old girls___  6 year old girls .___  7 year old girls ___  8 Year old girls ____
9 year old girls ___  10 year old girls ___  11 Year old girls ___  12/13 yr old girls ____
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