Dear Parents,

Term three has certainly flown and we still have lots of great things happening over coming weeks. It is certainly a busy couple of weeks for our P&C and we look forward to the Perthville Fair and the Father’s Day stall. Please try to support when you can.

**Buses – Morning Duty**

Just a reminder that our staff do an extra 45 minutes of duty each day to support the ongoing problem with early bus arrivals. After many years in negotiation with the transport authority, buses still arrive outside the hours of duty required by teaching staff. Staff arrive at 8.00 (55 minutes before they are due to commence duty) to care for the children that arrive at 8.11 on the first bus. We ask that you **do not send children to school before 8.55** unless you have made a prior arrangement with Mrs James and **ONLY children that arrive via the bus** are to be at school before then. We are continuing to work with the Department of Transport and its contractors to have buses that arrive within the half hour before the bell goes at 9.25. I thank the staff who do this early duty and I’m sure you join with me in acknowledging this extra time given by staff for the children in our care.

**Blue Star Award Winners**

Congratulations to Adam K, Erutan O’S, Meg W and Jack M who were the recipients of a blue star award at our last assembly. Well done to our senior students, leading by example!

**House Points Winners for Week 5**

Congratulations to the Wombats who are last fortnights house point’s winners. Pictured is Tyler with the trophy.

**Years 5/6**

**Aussie Bush Camp**

**Notes Due Now Please**

**Money by end of Term 3 – 3 weeks!**

**Next Assembly – This Friday 28th August - 10.50am**

**Year 2/3 to share their work!**
**Book Dress Up day & Parade Friday 18th September – 11am**

On the last day of term, students are asked to come dressed up as their favourite book character. Each class will have the opportunity to parade in front of the assembly and show off their outfits. We ask that they bring along their book to hold in the parade. All parents welcome. Time - 11.00am in the COLA. Here are some shots from our Book Week Celebrations in 2013!

**Flashing Lights in 40 zone**

Our new flashing lights have been installed and now clearly light up busy school times from 8am-9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm. Please keep an eye out for our flashing lights and slow down in the school 40kmph zones.

**Does your child have different afternoon pick up arrangements?**

If your child has a change to pick up procedures please make sure you contact the office. The message is then given to teachers and written on our bus changes board which is checked each day by the teacher on bus duty. If we have not been notified of a change your child will need to go with their normal afternoon procedures. We also cannot allow children to be picked up by someone else unless you notify us first.

**Year Six to Seven i-learn – Wednesday 2nd September – Kelso High**

Year 6 will participate in the i-learn transition to high school program next week. The third date will be held on Wednesday 2nd September. 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.

**Woolworths EARN and LEARN – We are going well - Thanks everyone for your support!**

The Woolworths Earn and Learn program continues. This provides great opportunities for our school to purchase resources. If you shop at Woolworths please remember to get your stickers and bring them in to school on the sticker sheets. Let’s see if we can beat last year’s total of 15 060.

**Perthville Fair - 12th September**

The P&C will be assisting the Perthville Development Committee to organise and run the Perthville Village Fair on Saturday 12th September. If you have a stall idea or are able to assist in any way please contact Amanda Peterson or make contact through the Perthville Fair page on Facebook.
**Found**

Virgin mobile SIM card found in the playground. It can be collected from the office.

**Mrs Kerr Reports on National iPad Conference – Sydney**

Last week I was privileged to be able to attend the National iPad Conference in Sydney. Educators from all over the country attended to gain knowledge from a range of experienced teachers who specialize in technology and special education in both primary and higher school settings. The quality of the workshops during the two days was outstanding. We were exposed not only to a range of new applications, websites and other internet based programs and software but to a range of new and innovative teaching strategies that will set the standard for the future. I have returned to school with a range of new and exciting initiatives that will be shared with the staff and students. 3/4 has already created their own websites and are learning how to publish their work online to access feedback from sources outside the classroom. 2/3 and 5/6 are creating videos and digital stories and Kindergarten are utilizing them for Stephanie Alexander days and mathematics activities. Year 1 are utilizing them for reading and speaking activities. Exciting times indeed! Please check out our 3/4 website on [www.mrskerrsamazingclass.weebly.com](http://www.mrskerrsamazingclass.weebly.com) and feel free to make comments and provide us with your feedback. Mrs Kerr

**Year 5 & 6 Aussie Bush Camp**

Mr Dickson and Mrs James are really looking forward to heading to Kincumber for the Aussie Bush Camp experience with years 5 & 6. Notes are due now please and all money is to be paid by the end of Term 3. Mrs Webb has completed an invoice for each family with the balance owing at this point. Please ensure this is paid as we need to send all funds to Meadow Flat School before the end of term so they can pay for the camp and bus. Those children not attending are still expected at school during this week.

**Bathurst Eisteddfod – Band to play!**

Our band will be playing at the Bathurst Eisteddfod on Wednesday 16th September. Parent transport will be required for band members. Mrs James will be accompanying students. A separate note will follow with band members. Please indicate if you can provide transport.

**Art Gallery Tour - Years 3-6 – Permission note Attached**

Years 3-6 have been invited to the Bathurst Art Gallery to participate in their Education week celebrations. The 3/4 class and Year 3 from the 2/3 class will travel by bus to town on Wednesday 9th September at 12.30 pm and return at 2.30pm. Years 5 & 6 will travel on Thursday 10th September at the same times. Please return the following permission note. The Bathurst Council has covered the costs of travel to and from this event.

**Eat it to Beat it Program**

Our ‘Eat it to Beat it’ Program has commenced. Each fortnight the program offers information on providing children with healthier food options. This week the focus is on eating healthy lunches. Take a look at the ideas on the last page of our newsletter. We thank Ms Naylor for organising this program for us.

**New Wall for 5/6, Fence Relocation & Disabled Toilet Facilities**

The 5/6 class will be under renovation during the holiday break as a new sound proof dividing wall is installed. The new wall will be a lighter, folding door with a surface able to be pinned. The disabled toilet has also been completed and will be in working order by the end of this week. The boundary fence that runs along the hall boundary will be moved to reflect the land owned by the department.
**Half Day Staff Development Day**

Our next half day staff development day will be held next Tuesday evening 4pm-7pm at Bathurst Public School. During this professional learning session we will be learning more about the History Syllabus and working with colleagues across our network of schools. This day will replace the professional learning days that are scheduled at the end of Term 4. We will have one half day to complete next term which will be technology & i-pad professional learning and CPR.

**P&C NEWS**

**Father’s Day Stall – Friday 4th September - $5 Per child**

The Father’s Day stall will be held on Friday 4th September 2015. Like the Mother’s day stall the P&C have organised gifts which will be available for purchase on the day for $5 each.

If you would like to help with the stall please meet in the cola at 2:15pm on Friday 4th September.

![Happy Father's Day](image)

**Cakes for Perthville Village Fair**

The P&C will be running a stall selling Cakes, Sandwiches and tea/coffee at the Perthville Village Fair this year. We would appreciate any donations of cakes, slices, etc. for the cake stall as take home packs. Please note these will need to be provided on disposable packaging and a list of ingredients included.

Also needed are slices, cupcakes and scones to be sold individually to go with Tea and Coffee. If you are not a baker a small financial donation (i.e. $5 to $10) would be appreciated to go towards the purchase of ingredients for sandwiches. Any slices, cupcakes etc. can be provided on disposable packaging or in containers that can be picked up on the Monday following the fair from the school. Please remember to label all containers with your name and phone number so that they can be returned to their correct owners.

All donations can be dropped off at the school on Friday the 11th of September or brought to the Perthville hall the morning of the fair (September 12th).

We appreciate any donations; all money raised will go towards future projects for the school. Thank you all in advance.

**Carp Blitz**

See Mrs James if you are interested in entering. We can have some school teams then!
September
1st  Half Day Staff Development Day on History with Bathurst Alliance
2nd  Bathurst Network Day
4th  Father’s Day Stall
8th  P&C Meeting
9th  Yrs 3/4 Art Gallery Excursion
10th Yrs 5/6 Art Gallery Excursion
16th Band to play at Eisteddfod
17th Car Rally & P&C Lunch
18th Book Character Dress Up & Puppet Show

November
13th Bike Day K-6 (school ground activities)

Permission Notes

Year 6 Transition to Kelso/ Bathurst
I give permission for my child/ren__________________ to attend Kelso High School on Wednesday 2nd September for the transition program. I understand I am responsible for transporting my child to and from Kelso High School.

Signed: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Art Gallery Excursion Years 3-6
I give permission for my child/ren__________________ to attend the Bathurst Art Gallery on 9th (3/4) or 10th September (5/6).

I understand bus transport will be provided and students will leave school on their scheduled day at 12.30 and return to school at 2.30pm.

Signed: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Speech Pathology Week
Last week we learnt a lot from Kathy Rowan, our Kindy mum and Speech Pathologist at Bathurst Community Health.
Take a read of some very important speech development information attached to this newsletter.
If you have concerns about your child’s development please contact Community Health for an assessment.