Dear Parents,

Our year has certainly got off to a flying start and it is wonderful to welcome our new family – The Taylers. We know they will love it here at Perthville. Our student enrolments now total 130, therefore we will be establishing a 6th class next week. Our classes commencing from Week 5 will be as follows. We have decided not to separate 5/6 and Mrs James will be assisting the class with some areas of the curriculum.

Kindergarten – Mrs Keough - 18
Year 1 – Ms Knight/Mrs Bicanic – 17
Year 2 – Ms Naylor/ Mrs Hotham – 20
Year 3 – Mr North – 23
Year 4 – Mrs Kerr – 22
5/6 – Mr Dickson – 30

Blue Star and Gold Awards

Congratulations to our blue star award winners for our first assembly this term – Maddison R, Langley D, Flynn McA, Zebediah D, Zaric S and Dillon P. Great way to start the year!

Kookaburras are House Points Winners – Week 1

Congratulations to Zeljko and Kassie who collected the house points trophy as the Kookaburras house captains.
Small Schools Swimming Carnival

It was wonderful to see all our children competing at the Small Schools swimming carnival. Congratulations to Georgie McP – (Junior Girl) and Mikala S (Senior Girl) who were champions on the day. Perthville finished second on the day – an excellent result.

Well done also to the following children who will swim at the Bathurst District Carnival this Friday. These children need to ensure their notes are returned to the front office. Congratulations to Georgie McP, Katie McP, Kassie H, Megan C, Ava W, Courtney K, Zebediah D and Max D.

Miss Rachel Richardson (O’Connell Teacher) will be the team manager on the day so all children must have their name marked on and off by Miss Richardson. Mrs James will be an official from our school on the day.
House Captains
Congratulations to the students that were elected house captains at our last assembly.
Wombats – Dominic Polsen and Clancy Fitzpatrick
Barramundis – Laylah Bettles and Olivia Soetens
Kookaburras – Zeljko Saban and Kassandra Hurst

Library Monitors
Congratulations to the following children who have self-nominated to be library monitors. Mrs Bicanic and I sure appreciate your support.
Courtney Roberts, Kiana Lowry, Mikaylah Shirvill and Maddy Rankmore.

Class Information Evening
Thank you to all the parents that attended our class information evening. It was great to see so many in attendance. We hope you found the session added a little more knowledge to how our classes operate and all the fantastic things that we do each day. We are very lucky to have such wonderful teachers in every class. We encourage you to maintain regular contact and ask any questions that you may have about your child’s learning.

Swimming Lessons Commenced today
74 students headed off to swimming lessons today. A reminder that if you are paying weekly that you pay at the office before your child heads off to the lessons. Today was a grouping session and initial skills test and children will then be grouped according to their abilities and confidence.

Major Excursion Information for Years 3-6 – Advance Notice of Costings
Later this week, Years 3&4 will receive information about their Small Schools excursion to Sydney. This will be held in Term 2 - Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th June. The approximate cost of this excursion will be $240. This will be a one night excursion.

Years 5&6 will be heading off to Canberra in Term 2 also – Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th May. The approximate cost of this excursion will be $310. This is a two night excursion.
Regular payments can be arranged with the front office and can be paid via eftpos or credit card.

Next P&C Meeting & AGM Tuesday 8th March
6pm - All welcome
P&C Family Picnic Afternoon – Friday 4th March

Don’t forget our family picnic day. Remember your own picnic rug, chairs, drinks etc. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Year Six Shirts

Year 6 shirt information has been sent home with all year 6 students. At this point we are only asking for a $10 DEPOSIT. Full payment will be required when the shirts have arrived. Please complete the order form following and return to the front office.

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

Year 6 will commence the i-learn transition to high school program in week 6. The first date will be held on Wednesday 2nd March. 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. These days develop skills and awareness about a high school environment and the experiences expected. ALL students need to return the following permission note.

Term One Small Schools Gala Day – Thursday 24th March – All Years 3-6

Thursday the 24th 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, soccer and hockey drills and trying out for the small schools teams. 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. Mouth guards and shin pads (soccer) are required if trying out for our teams. Please return the permission note attached.

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. 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.
Numeracy Continuum Groups – Let’s Focus on Place Value

Next week our students in Years 2-6 will start focused numeracy groups based on their position on the Numeracy Continuum. The children will, each Thursday and Friday during maths time, work with their continuum teacher. This will include Mrs Kerr, Mr Dickson, Mr North, Ms Naylor and Mrs Hotham. The focus for the next four weeks is Place Value. These classes will include activities all around the teaching of place value 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 place value. We look forward to sharing our results with you!

Our next assembly will be held Friday 19th February at 10.45am.
Year 2/3 will be performing.

Pictured is Kindergarten performing at our last assembly! First class up and did a great job!

VOLUNTEER AWARD – YOUTH & OPEN CATEGORIES

Sport and Recreation are again holding the Central West Summer Sport Volunteer Award. It’s getting close to the end of the Summer sporting season, but it’s not too late to recognise the efforts of the outstanding volunteers who keep sport going in our communities.

The Award has separate categories for Open and Youth (25 years and under) to recognise the importance of all aged volunteers in grassroots sport.

In 150 words or less tell us how your volunteer is worthy of being nominated.

All nominees will receive a certificate, with the winner and runner up being awarded $250 & $100 (respectively) to spend on approved sports development programs.

It’s a great way to say thank you to a coach, committee member, official or manager. It’s a simple process that won’t take long, but will make the nominee feel valued as a volunteer.

Nominations can be made online via the Sport and Recreation website sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/volunteeraward or call 6362 6623. Nominations close Friday 1st April.
We need Volunteers for our
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
Starting Term 1 Week 5, 2016

We are very excited again to be running our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program at our school this year. The Kindergarten and 5/6 students will be participating in the program in Terms 1, 2 and 4. This program provides pleasurable Food Education that emphasises the flavours and health benefits of fresh, seasonal food.

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program provides the students with a real-life context for learning through hands-on gardening and cooking lessons. In the garden, students learn how to grow and harvest a wide variety of vegetables and herbs. In the kitchen, students prepare a range of delicious dishes from seasonal organic produce that they have grown in our vegetable gardens. The program teaches the students about healthy eating habits and environmental sustainability, provides physical activities like pushing wheelbarrows and digging, teaches specific skills such as how to work safely with knives and gardening tools, engages all senses, instigates respect for living things and it encourages the development of 21st Century Learning Skills such as problem solving and team working skills. At the same time, the program offers rich and varied links to the new Australian Curriculum, particularly in Science, English, Mathematics, Art, Geography and History. The students write procedures, recounts and information reports, read recipes and instructions, draw diagrams, research using ipads, take photos, sketch, identify plants and animals and investigate various dishes from a range of different countries.

To successfully and safely run this program we need volunteers to supervise groups of students in the garden and in the kitchen. The lessons this term will be held on Fridays 2:25 – 3:25pm and the program will start on Friday 26th February in the garden.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please talk to Gillian Keough (Kindergarten Teacher) or Kurt Dickson (Year 5/6 Teacher) or call the school office on 6337 2316. Thank you.

**GILLIAN KEOUGH**
Kindergarten Classroom Teacher

**KURT DICKSON**
Year 5/6 Classroom Teacher
Term One Dates

February
19th
   Bathurst District Swimming Carnival
19th
   Assembly – Year 2/3 to perform

March
1st
   Half Staff Development Day
4th
   Assembly – Yr 1 to perform
18th
   Assembly – 3/4 to perform
24th
   Gala Day (Yrs 3-6)

April
1st
   Assembly - 5/6 to perform
8th
   Last Day Term 1

Iceblocks Available
Tuesday and Thursday
Fandangles $1.50
Icy Poles $1.00
PIE AND SAUSAGE ROLL DAY!

Cost: $3.00 each

When: Lunchtime on Friday 26th February (Week 6)

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM AND BAG FOR EACH CHILD.
Please note the office does not handle these orders so correct money and order is preferable.

Please send your order to the school office with this form completed and attached to a brown paper bag. Make sure your money is enclosed.

All orders must be received no later than Wednesday 24th February.

Name:                                                                  Class:

Please indicate the number of items you would like in the squares below

☐   Meat Pie
☐   Sausage Roll

Tomato and BBQ Sauce will be available on the day

I enclose the amount of $  

If you would like to help on the day please contact Danielle Roberts on 0416289149. Volunteers are much appreciated.
Permission Notes

Year 6 Transition to Kelso High School

I give permission for my child/ren ____________________ to attend Kelso High School on Wednesday 2nd March for the transition program. I understand I am responsible for transporting my child to and from Kelso High School.

Signed: __________________________  Date: __________________________

Yrs 3 – 6 Gala Day

I give permission for my child/ren ____________________ to attend the Bathurst Small Schools Gala Day on Thursday 24th March.

I understand students are travelling to and from the venue by bus. I understand the cost of this excursion is $4.00 per child.

[ ] I have enclosed $4.00 per child.

Medical conditions you need to be aware of are:

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Signed: __________________________  Date: __________________________