



Bathurst South Public School - Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 8, 20th March 2019

Dear Families,

We had some wonderful activities within and outside our school last week. The Anti-Bullying Mufti Day was a huge success with all students being reminded of expected actions if being bullied, as well as ensuring one does not exhibit bullying behaviours.

Our Year 4 students had a great time at Brewongle EEC. I am sure many families have heard about the range of experiences the students got to enjoy. Thank you again to Mrs Freestone, Mr Dunn and the parents who assisted on the excursion.



School Photographs

Please remember that school photographs are on Wednesday of next week. Order envelopes must be in no later than 9:15 Wednesday morning. We commence the day with a staff photograph followed immediately by a whole school photograph at 9:20am, so it is important for all students to be at school on time.

Keeping On Track Day

Please ask your child how far they have to reach the finish line of their Conrod track. All students who complete their track this term will be able to attend an Infant's Disco or Primary students will be participating in a range of different activities. This day will be held on the second last day of Term 1.

 **Purple Mufti Day next Tuesday** 

Purple Day Epilepsy Awareness – Next Tuesday @ Bathurst South PS

What is Purple Day? Purple Day (26th March) is a global initiative dedicated to raising epilepsy awareness. Purple Day was founded in 2008, by nine-year-old Cassidy Megan of Nova Scotia, Canada. Motivated by her own struggles with epilepsy, Cassidy started Purple Day in an effort to get people talking about the condition and to let those impacted by seizures know that they are not alone. She named the day Purple Day after the internationally recognised colour for epilepsy, lavender. We invite students to wear purple on the day and to bring along a gold coin donation.

NAPLAN - Online

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Between 14 - 24 May, our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format.

Boys Softball

Mr Dunn and Mr Newman will be taking our Boy's Softball team to Orange next week. The team will participate in the round robin for the first 3 rounds of the NSW PSSA competition. We wish the boys well for their matches.

Saturday 23rd March – Election Day Cake BBQ and Cake Stall

Our wonderful P&C would appreciate donations of cakes, slices, biscuits or anything else you wish to bake for this Saturday's Election BBQ. Baked goods can be dropped at the office on Friday or delivered to the cake stall on Saturday morning. We will also need people to help sell the cakes on the day and assist with the BBQ – if you are able to assist for even a short period of time, please contact the office ASAP.

Student Late Arrivals

Could all parents please ensure that students who arrive after 9:30am of a day present to the front office to be officially signed in. Students are not to go directly to their classrooms after 9:30am.



Keep on Track – Winner

Our 'Keeping on Track' winner for this week was **Emily Bateman**. Emily received a \$5.00 canteen voucher as her prize. Well done!

As always, if you have any concerns regarding your child's education, please feel most welcome to speak with your child's teacher, the Assistant Principals (Ms Chiaramonte, Mr Prior, Mr Dunn) or myself.

School Fees

I am sure you will agree that school fees of \$30 per child or \$50 per family are extremely reasonable! Payment can be made in cash or Via EFTPOS at the front office.

Term 1 2019 Calendar

26 March - Purple Day—Mufti
27 March – School Photographs
1-5 April – Stage 3 Myuna Bay Excursion
9 April—Easter Hat Making
11 April – On Track Day PBL
12 April—Easter Hat Parade
12 April – Principal's Morning Tea
12 April – Last Day of Term 1

Yours sincerely,

Greg Cross



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RELIANCE BANK PLAY LIKE A PANTHER SUPER CLINIC

Boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years don't forget to register for the Penrith Panthers clinic;

Thursday 28 March 4pm to 5.30pm at Bathurst Sportsground.

The clinic is open to any interested boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years, with Penrith Panthers players assisting coaching staff with a non-contact skill session before an autograph opportunity with the Penrith Panthers NRL players.

For more information and to register for this free clinic, follow the below link.

<https://www.bathurstnrl.com.au/community/reliance-bank-play-like-a-panther-super-clinic>

MERIT AWARDS

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Charliese Loftus, Tayha Clarke, Bailey Chatfield, Amber Thackeray, Lachlan Forrest, Mollie Kelly

LARGE AWARDS

Emily Collins

WELL DONE!

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) News

The three expectations that we have at Bathurst South are being Respectful, being a Positive Learner and being Safe. This week students will be participating in lessons focusing on expectations in group work activities. Students will continue to collect flag stickers for their racing track to complete a lap of Mt Panorama. Students should be close to finishing their tracks by this stage of the term.

SAFE

RESPECTFUL

POSITIVE LEARNER

Group work activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sitting sensibly in correct area in view of the teacher• Hands and feet to yourself	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain your personal space and respect others• Look at and listen to the speaker• Put your hand up to speak	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have appropriate equipment only on the floor• Participate• Be on task
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Michelle Chiaramonte



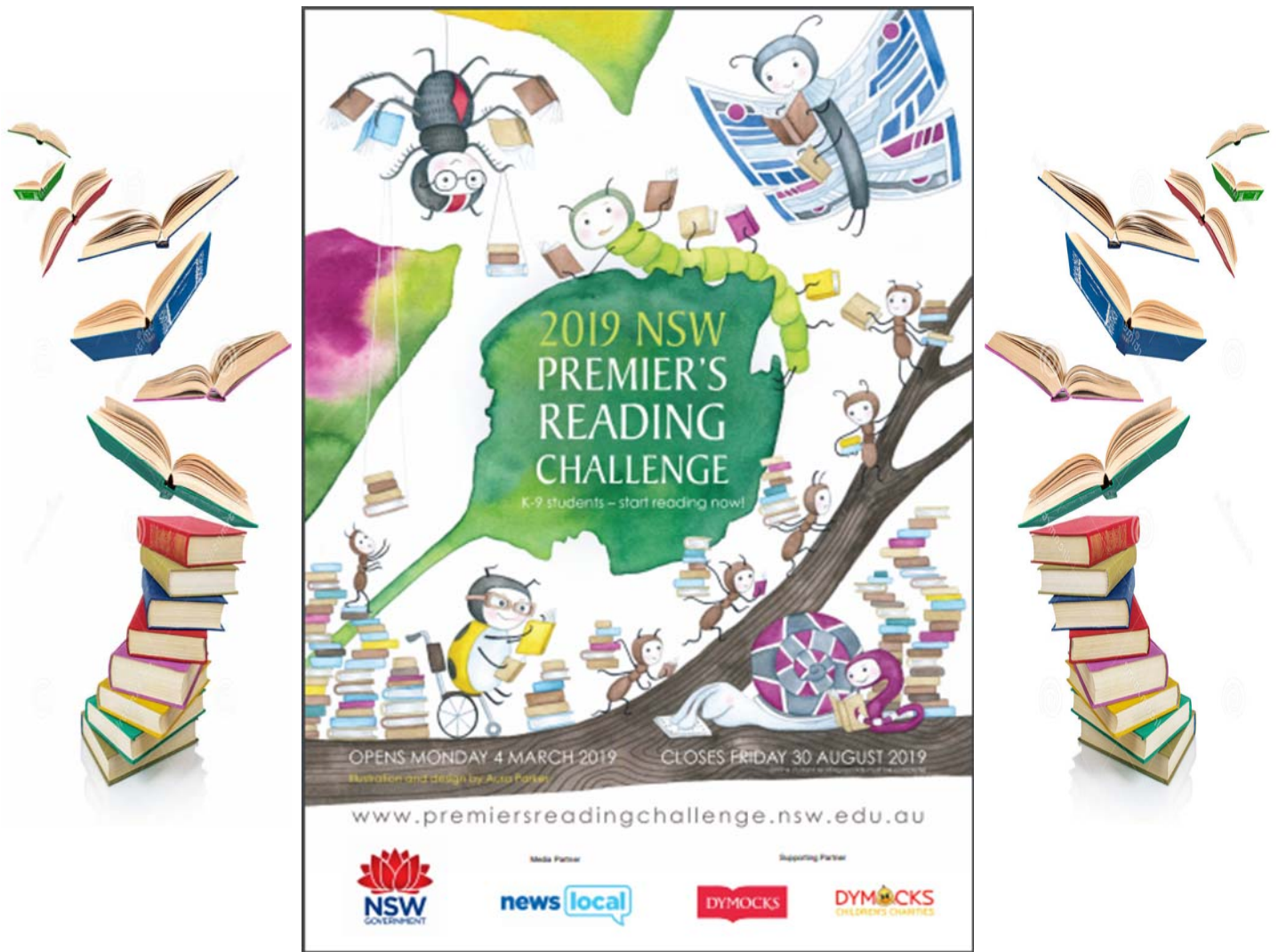
Your P&C is hoping you have been able to begin preparing to get your 'bake on' for our Cake Stall this Saturday.

Please bring your stall donations, along with an ingredient list, to the front office this Friday.

Come along and enjoy the sausage sizzle we are also holding, while you place your vote on Saturday. It would be great to see you, your friends, family, neighbours and anyone you know.

We greatly appreciate your support!
All proceeds go towards a shelter on top level.





Students are encouraged to take part in
The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2019.

The BSPS staff would like to promote the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) as a great way to extend children's reading skills and expose them to a 'smorgasbord' of classic writing for children.

Students must finish between 20 and 30 books (depending on their age) to complete the challenge before it closes on August 30.

Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two students records will be coordinated at school by classroom teachers and students reading will be automatically added to K, Y1 or Y2 students' PRC records online.

Year 3-6 students will need to record their reading and choose their books by logging on to www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge. They will be using the same username and password they use to access the Student Portal. Primary students will also be shown how to access the site during library lessons over the next few weeks.

The challenge commenced on 4th March and closes on 30th August so there is plenty of time to start reading.

Any questions please see Mrs Skulander or Mr Prior.