



# Bathurst South Public School

Wednesday 27 March, 2024

Term 1 | Week 9

## Upcoming Events

### Term 1

28th March  **MUFTI DAY**

- Easter Hat Parade

29th March

- Good Friday

1st April

- Easter Monday

3rd April

- Netball District Trials

4th April

- BSPS Cross Country
- Boys Western Softball

8th April

- Western Rugby League

9th April

- Girls Western Softball

10th April

- District Touch Football Trials

11th - 12 April

- State Swimming

11th April

- Principal's Morning Tea

12th April

- PBL On Track Day

12th April

- Last Day of Term 1

### Notes/ Payments Due

- Year 6 to 7 Digital EOI

## School News

Dear Families,

### NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Over the last 2 weeks our Year 3 and Year 5 students completed these assessments and the testing window has now closed.

NAPLAN is a nationwide measure through which parents/carers, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards.

### Canberra - Stage 3 Excursion



Currently 54 Stage 3 students are having an exciting and busy time in Canberra. Yesterday they went to Parliament House and met the Honourable Andrew Gee and visited the Museum of Democracy, as well as the Electoral Education Centre. They then explored the Botanical Gardens in the evening. Today students are touring the Mint, the War Memorial and the National Gallery. Students are looking forward to sharing their experiences when they return on Thursday. This is a great excursion and I thank Mr Prior, Mrs Connell and Miss Vickery for giving their time to go on the excursion as well as, the time spent on organisation and coordinating these activities.

### Easter Hat Making

On Monday it was wonderful to walk around the classrooms and see all students working together to make their hat in preparation for Thursday's Easter Hat Parade. It is a worthwhile opportunity for our older students to work with our younger students on a joint project. Infants' students can't wait to show you all their amazing creations! A small photo gallery can be viewed on pg. 5.





# Principal's Message Continued...

## Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts



The evidence is clear that consistent attendance is the essential first step for your child to have a positive experience at school.

Every day matters for your child's learning. In recent years, we've seen too many students miss a day of school here and there. Missing school for students means missing time with friends, a crucial maths lesson or getting picked for a sports team. With days missed, years are lost.

Students must attend school every day, whether on the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

Help us ensure your child achieves their best and stays ahead in their learning with regular school attendance. The more time your child attends school, the greater their opportunity to learn, make new friends and improve their wellbeing. Together, let's build positive attendance habits for a lifetime.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why through the Sentral Parent app as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school (like when they are unwell).

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or me directly. Our staff are here to work with you and your child to help them attend school each and every day. There are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the [Every Day Matters website](#).

Thank you again for working with our teachers and support staff to make sure your child is at school, on time, every day. We all want to see our students learn, grow and belong in our equitable and outstanding education system.

Each week in assembly we congratulate the class with the best attendance and they receive a fruit platter the following week to enjoy in crunch and sip. Congratulations to 5/6 Aqua who were the winners last week with 98% class attendance.

## Easter Hat Parade - Thursday



This Thursday will be our Easter Hat Parade and Easter Dance followed by the raffle draws coordinated by the P&C. This day is a **Mufti Day**, please remember to wear enclosed shoes and sun safe clothing. All members of our school community are invited to attend the Easter Hat Parade. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Entry to this event can be by both Leena Street pedestrian gate (for wheelchair and pram access from 12:10pm) and Havanah street steps. You do not need to sign in via the front office. Thank you Miss Whitmore and Miss May for organising this great event. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter, for those travelling over the long weekend break please travel safely. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 2nd April.

The timeline for the day will be:

- Easter Hat Parade and Dance at 12:30-12:50 (approx)
- Easter Raffle (P&C) 12:50-1:00 (approx)

**Following the activities all classes resume as normal.**

## Cross Country

This years Cross Country will be held on Thursday, 4 April 2024. Infants will run a 1km course at 11:00am, while the Primary classes cheer them on. Our Primary Cross Country will be held after recess (11:50am) with the 8-9 years and 10 years running a 2km course, and the 11 years and 12-13 years students running a 3km course. All parents are invited to cheer on their children in both Infants (10:45am) and Primary (11:50am). The courses will be held across the Bathurst South and Stannies playgrounds.



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

Greg Cross | Principal



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## STUDENT RECOGNITION

### Merit Awards

Layne Pilkauskas, Scarlett Auva, Stacy Jones,  
Tayha Clarke, Isaac Sutton, Eva Chiaramonte,  
Olivia, Lachlan Forrest,  
Bella Forrest x 2, Solomon x2

### Achievement Awards

Lachlan Forrest, Braxdan Forrest-Ward,  
Nora Cavanagh, Solomon

### Book Awards

Lachlan Forrest

### Keeping On Track

Our 'Keeping On Track' winner is  
Soape Otutaha.

Soape chose a lunch order as his prize.  
Well done!

### Star of the Month

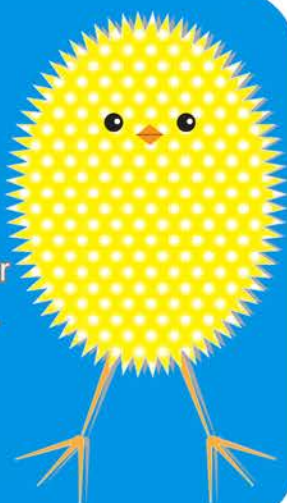
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**Congratulations!**

## THURSDAY 28 March

For our Easter Hat Parade  
students are invited to wear  
MUFTI clothes on the day.

\*\*\*Please remember to  
wear enclosed shoes and  
sun safe clothing.\*\*\*



Mrs Burgess, Miss Kristie, and Ms Allison  
| School Office Admin

## Annual Easter Egg Raffle



A huge 'thank you' to the school community for your support of our Easter Egg Raffle. The P&C are busy preparing several prizes for the raffle draw on Thursday during the Easter Hat Parade. There will be last minute ticket sales on the day prior to the drawing of the raffle, at this stage these will be cash only.

## Fundraising Targets 2024

We would love to know if you have an idea for how the P&C can support the school this year. Send us an email ([bathurstsouth.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:bathurstsouth.pandc@gmail.com)) with your ideas on what you would like to see at Bathurst South Public School so we can have a fundraising target in mind.

## Birthday Buckets

Don't forget to order a Birthday Bucket for your child's special day! Prices are \$15 per bucket for K-6 classes, and \$5 per bucket for Support Classes. Orders to be placed at least 3 days in advance with Payment and order form (via QR code).



Birthday Bucket Form

Hannah Deehan  
P&C Secretary | [bathurstsouth.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:bathurstsouth.pandc@gmail.com)



# Focus on Positive Behaviour for Learning

## PBL News - Expectations during class discussions

The three expectations that we have at Bathurst South are being Safe, Respectful, Positive Learners.

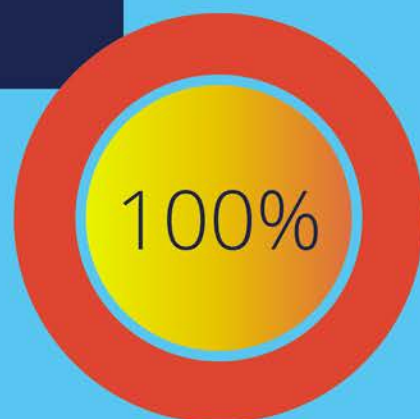
This week students will be participating in lessons focusing on expectations during whole class activities.

Students will continue to collect flag stickers for their racing track to complete a lap of Mount Panorama.

Students receive a blue award when the lap has been completed. Students who complete a full lap will be acknowledged with participating in a variety of rotational activities as decided by the SRC.

On Track Day will be held on Friday in Week 11.

Students enjoyed an extra 10 minutes play at Recess today.



**What do our PBL focus areas for this week look like?**



**Safe**



- Stay seated unless required to move
- Hands and feet to yourself
- Use equipment safely

**Respectful**



- Speak in a positive way
- Listen to the speaker
- Ask permission to use equipment

**Positive  
Learner**



- Listen carefully and follow instructions
- Be on task
- Positive talk
- Participate

**Thanks to our SRC for leading the school in PBL!**



# Easter Hat Parade & Hat Making



Easter Hat Parade  
Thursday, 28 March  
12.30pm  
Middle Level





# Canberra Excursion







## Selective education computer-based test pilot

Is your child in Year 3 or Year 5? Express your interest now to participate in our computer-based test pilot

The department is moving from paper to computer-based tests in 2025 for selective high school and opportunity class entry in 2026.

To help with the change we are testing the use of computers in a test 'pilot'. We are seeking expressions of interest from parents and carers for their child to participate.

**Participating students get to experience sitting the computer-based test under test conditions**

**Important:** Participation in the pilot will not result in placement in a selective high school or opportunity class.

Year 3 students will sit a pilot Opportunity Class Placement Test. Year 5 students will sit a pilot Selective High School Placement Test.

Places are limited so express your interest by 12 April 2024 using the link below. There are no fees or charges for the pilot.

**Express your interest now**

Visit: [edu.nsw.link/seipilot](https://edu.nsw.link/seipilot)



For more information regarding the pilot visit: [edu.nsw.link/cbtpilot](https://edu.nsw.link/cbtpilot)

[education.nsw.gov.au](https://education.nsw.gov.au)

### When is the pilot?

Saturday 22 June 2024

- Pilot opportunity class test: 7:30 am–11:00 am
- Pilot selective high school test: 12:30 pm–5:00 pm

### Where are the test locations?

- International Convention Centre, Sydney
- University of Newcastle, Callaghan
- Mount Panorama, Bathurst



Australian Early Development Census

## Building a national picture of child health

**From May 2024, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).**

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years. Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information.

The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

AEDC data is reported at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Some teachers have found that completing the AEDC made them more aware of the needs of individual children and their class, and that the data was useful for planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their first year of full-time school participating in the collection. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit: [www.aedc.gov.au](https://www.aedc.gov.au)

If you have any questions, you can contact Greg Cross on 6331129.



Updated Weekly







# Calendar

## 2024

### TERM 1

<b>Week 9</b>			27 March • Western Hockey Trials 	28 March • Easter Hat Parade • MUFTI Day • Western Cricket Trials	29 March • Good Friday Public Holiday 
<b>Week 10</b>	1 April • Easter Monday Public Holiday 	2 April	3 April • Netball District Trials 	4 April • Cross Country  • Boys Western Softball	5 April
<b>Week 11</b>	8 April • Western Rugby League Trails 	9 April • Girls Western Softball 	10 April • District Touch Football Trials 	11 April • State Swimming • Principal's Morning Tea 	12 April • State Swimming • On Track Day  Last Day of Term 1

### TERM 2

<b>Week 1</b>	29 April	30 April • First Day of Term 2 	1 May	2 May • Girls Touch Football Knockout	3 May
<b>Week 2</b>	6 May	7 May	8 May	9 May	10 May • Mother's Day Stall • District Cross Country 
<b>Week 3</b>	13 May	14 May • PSSA State Tennis Carnival 	15 May • PSSA State Tennis Carnival 	16 May • PSSA State Tennis Carnival 	17 May • PSSA State Tennis Carnival 

## More dates to follow...

Our goals are to foster positive, respectful, and informed 21st Century Learners