



Bathurst South Public School

Wednesday, 19 March 2025

Term 1 | Week 8

Upcoming Events

Term 1

19-21 March

- Broken Bay Excursion

21 March

- Harmony Day - Wear Orange (Gold Coin)

25 March

- PSSA Cricket Vs BSP

28 March

- Touch Football Gala Day

2 April

- Library Open Day

3 April

- Paul Kelly Cup

4 April

- BSPS Cross Country
- Sausage Sizzle

Notes/ Payments Due

- Year 6 Hoodie payments
- Book Club orders closing 26 March
- Year 6 into 7 EOI's closing 28 March
- Return Blue Cards

School News

Dear Families,

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. This year we are focusing on explaining absences as well. Each Friday we will send an extra SMS to anyone who has been away and may have forgotten to explain their absences.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Principal's Message Continued...

Harmony Day- Friday

On Friday we celebrate Harmony Day. We are encouraging students to wear orange or brightly coloured clothes. With an ongoing theme **'We all have a role to play!'** Harmony Day is an opportunity to think, talk and reflect on our nation's rich cultural heritage – from the ongoing Custodians of the lands of Australia, to the 45% of Australians who were born overseas or have at least one parent who was.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. This week 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.

Broken Bay- Stage 3 Excursion

Currently 45 Stage 3 students are having an exciting and busy time at Broken Bay Sport and Rec Camp, which is located on 650 hectares of private property at the mouth of the Hawkesbury River and is surrounded by bush that borders Brisbane Water National Park. Students will take part in a range of activities from bush walking, kayaking, archery and much more. I am looking forward to hearing all about their experiences when they return on Friday afternoon. This is a great excursion and I thank Mr Prior, Mrs Sack, Miss Vickery and Miss Morgan for giving their time to go on the excursion, as well as in the organisation involved in coordinating these activities.

PSSA Cricket

Next Tuesday our school cricket team competes in their first match against Bathurst Public School in the PSSA Schools Knockout competition. The team has been busy training with Mrs Clifford in preparation for this match. Thank you Mrs Clifford for coordinating this activity.



District Rugby League



Congratulations Solomon and Cooper for their selection in the PSSA Boys Open District Rugby League team. We wish the boys all the best for the upcoming Western Trails.



Touch Football Gala Day

Both our Boys and Girls Touch Football Team have been busy training for their upcoming Gala day where they will play three matches against other local primary schools. I thank Ms May and Mr McBryde for coordinating this event and training our school teams.

Cross Country

This year's Cross Country will be held on Friday 4 April. Infants (those students who will be 5, 6 and 7 years old by 31/12/25) will run a 1km course at 11:00am while the Primary classes cheer them on. Our Primary (and 8 year old Infants students) 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), stay for Recess then cheer our Primary students (11:50am). The courses will be held across the Bathurst South and Stannies playgrounds. We also have a Sausage Sizzle on this day. Order forms will be sent out with today's newsletter. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy a sausage as well.



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 (Mr. Prior, Mr. Delaney, Mrs. Sack) or myself.

Michelle Chiamonte
Relieving Principal



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STUDENT RECOGNITION

Merit Awards

Chase Hahn, Henley Romans, Ruby Blanch, Vincent, Henry Madden, Ella Edsall, Mia Shaw, Masion McGuire, Stacy Jones, Braxdan Forrest-Ward x2

Keeping on Track

Our 'Keeping On Track' winner this week is Lachlan Williams

Lachlan received free play as his prize. Well done!

Star of the Month

Willem Bergen

Congratulations!

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC Book Club
orders are due:
26 March 25

Vegetable Garden

A School Vegetable Garden get together will be held on Sunday 23 March from 11am - entry via Leena Street gate. All parents and friends, and in particular new parents to the school are welcome to join us. Come and pull a few weeds, plant or harvest a veggie and share a cuppa! We need extra helpers so you will be very warmly welcomed! To find out more please contact the school office so you can be put in contact with the coordinator of the group. We also meet at the garden at other times.



Easter Raffle

Easter is fast approaching and so is our annual Easter Raffle! The P&C are kindly asking for donations of Easter eggs for our raffle that will be held at the Easter Hat Parade this term. Any donation is greatly appreciated!



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.



Birthday Bucket Form

Orders to be placed at least 3 days in advance with Payment and order form via QR code or through the Parent Portal under Resources/ Birthday Bucket and by clicking on the QR code.



HARMONY DAY



Harmony Day - Friday 21st March.

Students can wear orange or brightly coloured clothes to celebrate inclusiveness for all people. Students can bring in a gold coin donation to go towards the purchase of new sports equipment.

Mrs. Burgess, Miss. Kristie, and Miss. Sara
School Office Admin

Hannah Deehan
P&C Secretary | bathurstsouth.pandc@gmail.com

Focus on Positive Behaviour for Learning

PBL News - Class Discussions

At Bathurst South, we have three main expectations: being a Safe, Respectful, Positive Learner.

This week students will be revising expectations around participating in class discussions. Students will collect flag stickers for their individual race track to complete a lap of Mt Panorama. Students receive a blue award when the lap has been completed. Attendance is also important and linked into our acknowledgement system. Our On Track Day for Term 1 is for all students who have completed their track, to be held on Friday 11 April.



	SAFE	RESPECTFUL	POSITIVE LEARNER
Class Discussions	<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">• Listen to the speaker• Take turns to speak• Put your hand up and wait to speak• Look at the speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen carefully• Positive talk• Participate



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



Safe

Respectful

Positive Learner



- Walk in two lines
- Stay to the left
- Hands and feet to yourself



- Stay on paths
- Give others personal space
- Be quiet around classrooms



- Return to class promptly
- Listen to teacher instructions

Thanks to our SRC for leading the school in PBL!

Premier's Reading Challenge



Artwork by Matt Ottley

NSW Department of Education

2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Digital Partner



Supporter



Some of our students across the school are currently busy reading as part of the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. Students who have borrowed books on this year's list from the library have received a bookmark which helps them to keep track of the number of books they have read. When a total of 20 books has been completed, students can return their bookmark to the library and go into a draw to win one of five \$10 vouchers which can go towards the cost of a new book.

More information about the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2025 can be found online!

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YEAR 7 2026
KELSO HIGH CAMPUS

HIGH POTENTIAL AND GIFTED EDUCATION (HPGE) CLASSES IN MUSIC AND VISUAL ARTS

Denison College - Kelso High Campus is offering High Potential & Gifted Education (HPGE) classes in Year 7 Music and Visual Arts in 2026.

At Kelso High Campus, we recognise the importance of the Creative Arts in the education of children of all ages. Collaboration, problem solving and critical thinking within social and emotional domains, are all developed when the Creative Arts are properly incorporated into the curriculum.

Through engagement with quality research and ongoing professional learning, our CAPA staff are committed to supporting every student to achieve their educational potential through the implementation of high expectations and effective, explicit, evidence-based teaching to create optimal learning environments where all students are challenged and engaged. We will provide significant adjustments and interventions for students in the highly gifted range to meet their advanced learning needs.

APPLICATIONS: Interested students can apply for a position in the High Potential Gifted Education classes through a parent and student application. Students should supply a portfolio of experience which will give advice to the teachers of the class when choosing the cohort. This can include art works, certificates, eisteddfod evidence, references from teachers etc.

Students can apply for both disciplines.

Identification

The identification of suitable students for this class will be managed by Selina Ash, Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts at the campus. Students will be identified through a selection process that includes parent, primary school teacher and student nominations. Placement in the class will be reviewed each Semester, with movement communicated to parents if required.

The following forms must be completed by the parent, student and their teacher and submitted to the Campus by the end of Term 2, the year prior to your student commencing high School.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY THE END OF TERM 2 – FRIDAY 4th July 2025



Selina Ash
Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts
Kelso High Campus



APPROVED PROVIDER
ACTIVE KIDS

OUT OF TOUCH NETBALL CLUB

is looking for new players, umpires & coaches in 2025!

- ✓ family focused club
- ✓ NetSetGo, junior and senior teams
- ✓ join as a team or as an individual!
- ✓ Squad training available
- ✓ Family discounts on OOT membership fees
- ✓ Family fun days

REGISTER NOW

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW!

WE'RE TURNING 25 IN 2025!

QR Code

Facebook: @outoftouchnetball

Email: ootbathurst@outlook.com

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BATHURST ALL ABILITIES NETBALL COMPETITION

What to expect?

- learn new skills
- meet new people
- supportive team environment
- increase your fitness level
- and a whole lot of fun!

Bathurst will run it's first All Abilities Netball Competition! It will be inclusive to everyone!

The first 3 weeks will consist of learning the rules of netball and skill development. We will then commence the official competition. Teams will play at the same time each Saturday. Never played netball before?! No worries! We will support you to learn and build your skills. Contact us for more info!

Register interest via the link
<https://forms.office.com/r/fGJURyKn5?origin=lprLink>

Contact us on 049916996 or bathurst.allabilities.netball@gmail.com

To be confirmed

Bathurst Netball Courts

Every Saturday from May 3rd



Early Childhood MUSIC

WEDNESDAY CLASSES
\$13:00 PER CHILD

- 3-5 YEARS**
9:30-10:00
- 18 MONTHS-3 YEARS**
10:30-11:00
- UNDER 18 MONTHS**
11:15-11:45

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN CLASS
\$15.50 PER WHOLE FAMILY

- 0-5 YEARS**
9:30-10:15

COME ALONG AND EXPERIENCE THE BENEFITS OF MUSIC FROM AN EARLY AGE. A RANGE OF EXCITING CLASSES TO SUIT EACH AGE GROUP LEAD BY OUR INCREDIBLE EARLY CHILDHOOD MUSIC EDUCATOR, ELISSA JONES. MAKE LIFE LONG FRIENDS WHILE THE KIDS GROOVE, DANCE AND SING THEIR WAY THROUGH THE MORNING!

QR Code

Get Your Tickets at Humanitix

TICKETS WILL INCUR A \$1 SURCHARGE IF PURCHASED ON THE DOOR.

Tuning in to kids



Emotionally intelligent parenting for kids' wellbeing.

A three-session program to assist parents and carers of children aged 0-12 years, to "tune in" and respond to children's emotions in supportive ways.

Time: 3 hour duration

Contact: Email Susan and Ash in Targeted Family Services:
0439 946 928 or susan.haines@veritashouse.org.au
0447 056 620 or ashley.hall@veritashouse.org.au



Contact Susan and Ash today about engaging in this parenting program.



Updated Weekly

Calendar

2025

TERM 1

Week 8			19 March • Broken Bay Excursion 	20 March • Broken Bay Excursion 	21 March • Broken Bay Excursion • Harmony Day 
Week 9	24 March	25 March • PSSA Cricket vs Bathurst PS in Eglinton 	26 March	27 March	28 March • Touch Football Gala Day 
Week 10	31 March	1 April	2 April • Library Open Day	3 April • Paul Kelly Cup 	4 April • Cross Country • Sausage Sizzle 
Week 11	• 7 April Easter Hat Making 	8 April	• 9 April Principal's Morning Tea 	• 10 April Easter Hat Parade 	• 11 April On Track Day • Last Day of Term 1 
School Holidays 	14 April	15 April	16 April	17 April	18 April
School Holidays	21 April	22 April	23 April	24 April	25 April
Term 2	• 28 April Staff Development Day	• 29 April Staff Development Day	30 April • Students Begin Term 2 	1 May	2 May

More dates to follow...