

# Perthville Public School



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## Newsletter

Wednesday 15th March 2017

Term 1 Week 8

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Week 8, everyone is having a great term and working hard on all subjects. Congratulations to all the sporting teams that have played so far this year. Each of your coaches has stated that you have been wonderful sports, played to the best of your ability and looked very proud in your new uniforms.

### Blue Star Award Winners

Congratulations to our blue star award winners – Tom M, Ben W, Jake R and Georgie W. Super students every day!

### Mathletics Award

Our Mathlete for this fortnight is Jenna Gallagher – Jenna is working well across all areas. Great work Jenna



### 'Beats by the Bridge' – A Wonderful Day Supported Well.

Well done to the whole team, raising over \$7000 for the Perthville rural fire service and the school. Everyone should be congratulated on their efforts, great support for our major fundraiser for the year. Thank you to everyone who cooked cakes, helped out on the day and all the committee who organised such a super event! The bands were fantastic and our thanks go out to all the volunteers and those who offered their time and expertise. Particular thanks to Jake and the team at the Bridge Hotel!

### Congratulations to our P&C Executive for 2017

President – Toireasa Gallagher

Vice President – Allan McDaid

Treasurer – Mikala Lenahan

Secretary - Julia Moorhead

WH&S Coordinator – Sharon Stonestreet

We look forward to working alongside you all. Congratulations and thank you!

From 2018, our newsletters will only be available by email or on our website.

Start receiving yours now by direct email by contacting our office.

Help us achieve one of our Environmental Goals



## Parent Communication

Parents are reminded that when discussing their child's learning, an interview time needs to be made with their child's teacher. Teachers are unable to give the attention this requires when they are due in class teaching lessons. The home/school communication policy was written about in our last newsletter, is on our school website and has been presented at our P&C meetings this year. We appreciate your assistance with this matter.

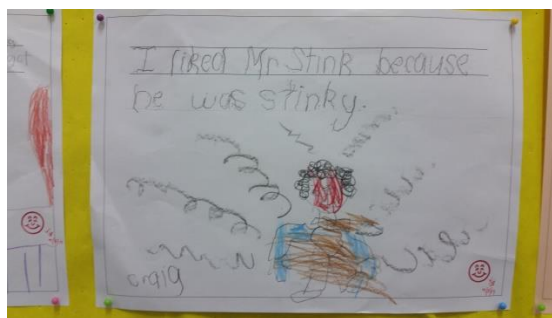
### BMEC Concert – Mr Stink

Everyone had a great day at Mr Stink Concert. Thank you to Mrs Bicanic and Mrs Webb for organising this fun event and also Mr Sinclair for bringing his new bus, which we thought was very flash!



### Mr Stink – BMEC Performance – by Year 1

Last Wednesday we went to the BMEC to see a play called 'Mr Stink'. It was about a man named Mr Stink and a girl named Chloe. Mr Stink did not have a home and Chloe showed him kindness and asked him to come and live with her family. We thought the play was very funny. By Year 1.



## Sport Report

### Georgie Swims well at Western Region Swimming

Congratulations to Georgie McPhail who finished 11<sup>th</sup> in Freestyle and 8<sup>th</sup> in Butterfly at last Friday's Western Region Swimming Carnival in Dubbo. Georgie always puts in the hard yards at training and should be very proud of her results.



## Softball Girls to Play this Friday

Good luck to our girls' softball team who play in Orange this Friday. All the girls have been training very hard and are looking forward to a great day. Thank you to Ms Barlow for coaching our team.

## Girls Cricket

Our girls had a great day out last fortnight at their cricket match. Off the bat we did quite well, bowling is an area that needs more practice but we tried our hardest to get that right throughout the match. Blayney scored 171 and we scored 78. Special mention to Issy, Chloe and Megan who all played very well. Thank you to Mrs James for coaching and scoring and Mr Law for umpiring.



## Boys Cricket Defeat Bowen PS

Congratulations to the boys team who were successful in their first round match. Special mentions to Noah who took 5 wickets and excellent captaining by Alex W. The boys will go on now to play in round 2 with a date and time to be confirmed by Mr Dickson. Thank you Mr Dickson for coaching our team, Mr Law for umpiring and Mr Patching for scoring.



Drawing by Max D!  
Great work!



**Year Six - Students entering Yr 7 in 2018?**

**Blue Forms need to be returned**

**Please return the expression of interest form for Year 6 students** entering High School in 2018. These must be returned to school as soon as they have been completed as we need to send them on to the local High Schools.

**Next Assembly – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 10.50am**

**Yr 3 to present their work**

## **Year Five & Six - Aussie Bush Camp Excursion – Term 4 2017**

The Great Aussie Bush Camp is on for all Year 5 & 6 students in term 4 of 2017. To secure your place we will require a \$50 deposit from each child. The total cost for the excursion is approximately \$360. Please return your note and deposit before the end of Term 1.

## **Years Five & Six - Leadership Camp – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Permission & Money need to be returned by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Next week**

An opportunity exists for students in Years 5&6 at all of the Bathurst Small Schools to participate in the Small Schools Leadership Camp to be held at Bathurst Goldfields Mount Panorama on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. (Last week of Term 1). This excursion has been planned to supplement the following work being done in the classroom on Leadership and History.

During this camp students will work on a range of leadership skills including team work, collaboration, group challenges and public speaking. Students will also be experiencing the Gold and Australian Colonies tour whilst at the Gold Fields.

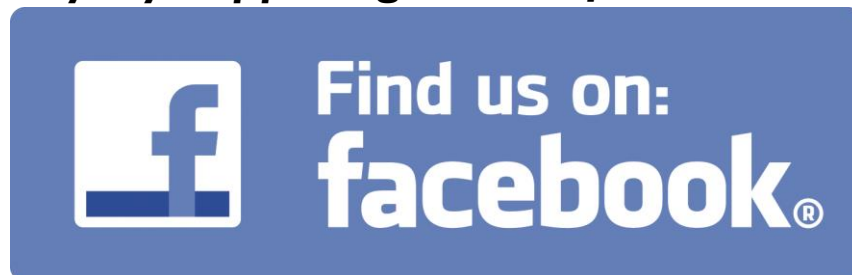
Students will participate in 'puberty and change' talks from Bathurst Community Health and learn basic CPR and first aid.

The cost of the excursion is **\$105**. All notes have been sent out with Year 5 & 6 and need to be returned before the 24<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Smiling Minds Course**

As part of our commitment to continuing to learn and improve student wellbeing, our teachers will be participating in the Smiling Minds course which will be held at the Bathurst RSL on Thursday afternoon 30<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30-7.30. This day will replace one of our half days at the end of 2017.

***Most of our recent photos of school celebrations, achievements and everyday happenings can be found on Facebook***



## **Term One Dates**

### **March**

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| 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> | Visible Learning Conference – Mrs James away             |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                    | Girls Softball   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                    | Yr 7 2018 Parent Information Meeting – Kelso High School |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> | Primary Principal's Meeting – Hill End – Mrs James away  |

### **April**

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| 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> | Leadership camp – Yrs 5/6                           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>                   | ANZAC Ceremony 12.00-12.45                          |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>                   | Easter Hat Parade K-1-2 to show their hats 1-1.30pm |

## **School Term Dates for Students in 2017**

Term 1 – 31st January – 7<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2 - 26<sup>th</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3 - 17<sup>th</sup> July – 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Term 4 - 9<sup>th</sup> October – 15<sup>th</sup> December

### **Iceblocks Available**

Tuesday and Thursday

Icy Poles \$1

**Please request an application form from the office at preschool or by contacting the service below**



### **AFTER SCHOOL/VACATION CARE PROGRAMME**

Galloping Gumnut Mobile Service, who has been operating a Preschool within the grounds of Perthville School since 2010, is pleased to announce that we were successful in our tender to operate an After School and Vacation Care Programme at Perthville School. This is an exciting new venture and we are looking forward to being able to continue our connection with the Perthville community through the provision of this new Service.

As you can appreciate, there is much 'behind the scenes' work to get this programme up and running. We are endeavouring to start in Term 2. However, this is subject to all our approvals being granted. We are initially seeking expressions of interest for the After School Care Programme and request that families complete a Waiting List application form. This is available from the School Office, the Preschool on days of operation (Mondays and Fridays), or by requesting one be sent via email. Completed forms can be returned to the School Office, the Preschool, scanned and emailed to [admin@gallgum.ngo.org.au](mailto:admin@gallgum.ngo.org.au) or posted to PO Box 412, Lithgow 2790.

We are currently completing a comprehensive Information Brochure and these will be available shortly. In the meantime, should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us via email (as above) or telephone (02) 6352 3798 or Mobile: 0427 070 871 and ask to speak to Karen or Carol.



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## School – Home Communication Policy

### **Policy Rationale**

The staff of Perthville Public School are committed to open and transparent communication across the community. We believe that partnerships between students, parents/carers and families, the broader community and business brings mutual benefit and maximises student engagement and learning outcome attainment. At Perthville Public School we value our community and recognise that community engagement is about communication, the two-way process of providing accurate and timely information and demonstrating that feedback is being heard.

### **Aim**

This policy has been developed to provide a framework that explains the varied communication processes in operation at Perthville Public School. It has also been developed to provide appropriate and contextually relevant opportunities for colleagues, parents/carers and the community to engage in dialogue around students learning and wellbeing.

### **Legislative/Policy Framework**

This policy operates within the framework and expectations of the Department of Education (DoE) policy: Legislation

***Education Act of 1990 Lists P&C as a Consultative Body (Part 11);***

***The Federation of Parent and Citizens' Association of NSW Incorporation Act 1976***

### **Implementation/Responsibilities**

1. It is the responsibility of the **Executive Team**, led by the Principal, to keep abreast of Departmental expectations in relation to communication policies and processes.
2. **Teachers** are to strive to develop and maintain harmonious relationships with each of their students' families, to communicate frequently, and to listen actively for questions and concerns.
3. **Parents/carers** are encouraged to discuss areas of compliment or complaint with the appropriate staff member. Please contact the front office on 63372316 to arrange an interview. Alternatively, an email sent to perthville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au is also an appropriate means of requesting an interview.
4. **All persons** on the school site are to follow the Code of Conduct developed by the DoE to ensure that all workplaces are safe and harmonious. In *very rare cases*, the Principal (or nominee) has the legal authority under the Inclosed Lands Act to direct a person to immediately leave the school grounds, call the police if he or she refuses and withdraw future permission (by letter) for the person to enter the grounds without the permission of the Principal.

## Procedures for parent communication with the school

The following is offered as the first point of contact regarding areas of compliment or complaint.

Area for Discussion	Appropriate Action
The academic progress of my own child	Directly contact the <b>child's teacher</b> to arrange a suitable time to discuss academic performance either by <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seeing the staff member in person</li><li>• Sending in a note</li><li>• Phone the school on the 6337 2316</li><li>• Email at perthville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</li></ul>
The welfare of my own child	Directly contact your <b>child's teacher</b> to clarify information. The Assistant Principal and Principal are available to discuss complex or ongoing issues. Contact the office so a mutually suitable appointment time can be made.
Changes to personal details, attendance, holidays, medication	Please contact the <b>office staff</b> to inform change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. Email is also suitable.
Actions of other students	Contact your <b>child's teacher</b> for a classroom or playground problem. Contact the Assistant Principal or Principal for ongoing playground problems.
School policy or practice	Contact the <b>office staff</b> via phone or email. State nature of concern. The appropriate member of staff will contact you to discuss further.
Actions of a staff member	Contact the <b>office staff</b> . Speak to the <b>Assistant Principal or Principal</b> . An appointment will be made if necessary.

***We would appreciate parents not contacting staff private mobile numbers.  
School matters should be discussed during school hours.***

**Jodie James  
Principal**



# HEALTHY EARS

If it's hard to hear  
it's hard to learn.

*Information For Parents*

*NSW Department of Education*

*Bathurst District Itinerant Support Teachers Hearing*

*Office at Bathurst Public School*

☎ 6332 3423

## Otitis Media or Glue Ear

What is Otitis Media?

Otitis Media is sometimes  
called 'Glue Ear'

When there is fluid in the middle ear it is referred to as Otitis Media with effusion. There is no pain or fever. Children don't usually complain about it. However, your child's hearing may be affected.

Acute Otitis Media is a soreness, inflammation and/or infection inside the ear. It can be very painful. Pus may be seen coming out of the child's ear if the eardrum ruptures.

## What Can Contribute To Otitis Media?

- Common colds/infections
- Exposure to cigarette smoke
  - Hay fever
- Allergies to some foods
- Breathing through the mouth instead of the nose

## Does Your Child...

- Have frequent colds?
- Have hay fever or allergies?
- Not know how to blow his/her nose?
  - Watch faces when spoken to?
  - Need the TV volume turned up?
  - Have poor or delayed speech?
- Not hear when called or when there is background noise?
  - Say 'pardon' or 'what' constantly?
  - Have sore ears?
- Have a discharge from his/her ears?
  - Have difficulty at school?

If so... he/she may have OTITIS MEDIA

## How Will It Affect My Child? Hearing

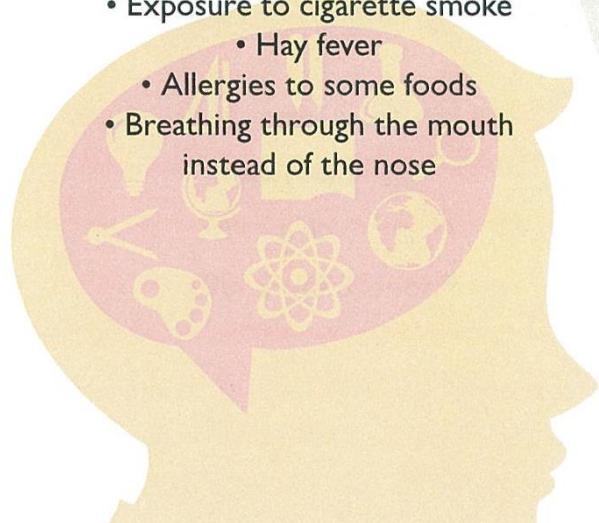
Children with Otitis Media may have mild to moderate hearing loss. Hearing may fluctuate from day to day. Some children may have Otitis Media for months. This may affect your child's learning at school.

## Language Development

Speech may be affected if sounds are muffled especially in the early years of development.

## Behaviour

Children's behaviour may change due to frustration caused by the inability to hear. They may lose confidence because they haven't heard.





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## Good Ear Care

- Healthy foods and regular exercise are important for general good health
- Clean ears with soft washcloths not cotton buds or matchsticks
- Do not smoke in cars or inside homes
- Teach a child to blow his/her nose instead of sniffing
- Take the full amount of all medicines prescribed by your doctor
- Attend follow-up visits to doctor, specialist or nurse audiometrist

**Hearing Assessments  
At No Cost Are Available  
At The Following Centres:**

### **Bathurst Hospital**

Cate Horsburgh  
Nurse Audiometrist  
Phone: 6330 5677

### **George Street Medical Practice**

115 George St Bathurst  
Alana Benson  
Nurse Audiometrist  
Phone: 6332 5355

### **Lithgow Hospital**

Mary Wright  
Nurse Audiometrist  
Phone: 6350 2300



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## **Volunteers for our *Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program***

**Dear Parents, Grandparents and Perthville Community Members,**

This term we are very excited to be commencing the **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program** in our school. This program will provide pleasurable Food Education that emphasises the flavours and health benefits of fresh, seasonal food. We are going to provide the students with a real-life context for learning through hands on gardening and cooking activities.

In this program, each class will complete one Garden Lesson and one Kitchen Lesson each fortnight. 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 they have grown. The program is designed to be fully integrated into the new Australian Curriculum and reinforce all aspects of environmental sustainability.

To successfully and safely run this program we need volunteers to supervise groups of students in the Garden and Kitchen Lessons, and assist in maintaining the vegetable gardens.

Two classes will start in Term 1 this year: **Kindergarten and Year 5/6**. The classes will be held on Friday 12:30-1:30pm.

**We will start on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 12:30-1:30pm.**

**If you are interested in becoming a Kitchen and Garden Volunteer** please talk to Tamara Woldhuis (Kindergarten Teacher) or Kurt Dickson (Year 5/6 Teacher) or call the school office on 6337 2316. Thank you.

**TAMARA WOLDHUIS**  
Kindergarten Classroom Teacher

**KURT DICKSON**  
Year 5/6 Classroom Teacher



BATHURST  
REGIONAL COUNCIL



# 2017 Village Meeting

**Perthville Community Hall**

**PERTHVILLE**

**Tuesday, 2 May 2017**

**6.00 pm**

Council invites you attend and meet with Councillors and Senior Staff to discuss projects currently being undertaken and any other matters of interest to you.

Enquires: 6333 6201



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**D.J SINCLAIR BUS SERVICES**

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2 March 2017

To: ALL PARENTS

RE: GPS TRACKING

Dear Parents,

Please be advised that there is now an App which you can download from the app store for \$2.99 which enables you to track the school bus and know exactly where the bus is at all times.

The App is called - **Bus247**

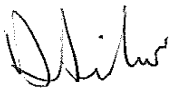
All you need to do is tap on the **Blue Dot**, which will then come up with my initials and the bus registration. You need to look for **DJS 6575MO**

If by any chance the children are running late to get to the stop for drop off in the morning or parents are unsure if the bus has come or gone in the afternoon, then with this app you can see the actual position of the bus and make a more informed decision on what to do.

To add to this you can also "like" Sinclair Bus Services on face book to get any updated information on road closures due to snow, or any unforeseen road works or disruptions.

I hope this helps,

Regards,



Darren Sinclair

# *Play hockey in 2017*

## **Bathurst Junior Men's Hockey Association Season Information**

### **General**

- Friday night games under lights from 5:30pm
- 2 competitions in 2017
- District and representative program
- u11 through to u18

### **Competition 1: Friday Super Six**

- Start 3 March. Finals 7 April, with prizes for winners
- Short 6 week competition
- Exciting new format with mixed graded teams in all age groups
- Beginners coaching with free kit
- No turf fees.
- Minkey game for u7's
- Enjoy the warm weather and bring the whole family for a fun filled night with free bbq, music and kids activities.



### **District and Representative Program**

- Sunday Squad Training (morning and afternoon sessions)
- District squads
- Invitational carnivals across all age groups
- Western Conference Carnival and State Carnivals
- Ideal preparation for NSW Hockey Centre of Development (CoD)
- Take your hockey to a new level and join one of our Sunday squads. Represent Bathurst at a variety of carnivals and events. Make it to CoD, Western and State.



### **Competition 2: Friday Club Night**

1. Start 28 April. Finals 18 August, with prizes for winners
2. Multi week winter competition
3. Enjoy the competition of club based hockey on Friday nights. Contact clubs for more information about registration and training

### **More information**

1. Stay up to date by joining us on Facebook. Search "Bathurst Junior Men's Hockey Association"
2. Presidents David Clews (0418 958 238) and Neil Howard (0408 658 511)
3. Secretary Anthony Clark (0400 972 039), Treasurer: Ken Purvis (0429 839 258)
4. District Squads: u11 Kent Bestwick (0400 057 991), u13 Anthony Clark, u15 and u18 Neil Howard