Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2018 school year! I trust that you all had a relaxing break and spent lots of time with those you love.

**Staffing**

As many of you are aware, Mrs Watson is currently visiting her family in Canada. She will return in week 5 of this term. We welcome Mrs Carolyn Whitfeld who will take the senior class while Mrs Watson is away. Some of you may recognise Mrs Whitfeld from other Bathurst Small Schools events, and many of the senior students know her from last year’s camps.

Below is an overview of staffing for the first four weeks:

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Mrs Francis  Mrs Whitfeld  Miss Leanne  Miss Bron | Mrs Francis  Mrs Bland  Miss Leanne  Miss Bron | Mrs Francis  Mr Bullock  Miss Leanne | Mrs Francis  Mrs Whitfeld  Miss Leanne  Miss Bron | Mrs Francis  Mrs Whitfeld  Miss Leanne |

**Uniforms**

Please ensure that your child/ren are wearing correct uniforms – yellow polo shirt, navy shorts,skort or skirt, white or navy socks, and black shoes or regular joggers. Girls also have the option of wearing the school dress. Official uniform, with the school logo, is available to purchase from the office.

All students need to bring their own hat to school each day. We have not been able to source navy broad brim hats but can arrange embroidery if parents purchase their own. We do have legionnarie style hats available at $15.00. Students are encouraged to bring sunglasses and sunscreen. School sunglasses are available to purchase from the office($15). Students also need to bring their own water bottle to school each day.

Ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

**Sport**

Sport will be on Thursday afternoons this term.

The Bathurst Small School’s Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 16th February. Any child who **turns 8 or older this year** is eligible to attend. Students need to nominate events before the carnival and return with their permission note. Students not attending the carnival are expected to attend school.

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| Dates for your diary | |
| 16TH February | BSS Swimming Carnival |
| 21st February | Library Van Visit |
| 23rd February | District Swim Meet |
| 22nd March | Gala day |
| 30-2nd April | Easter Break |
| 11th April | BMEC Excursion |
| 13th April | Term Ends |

Louise Francis

Principal

**P and C News**

Thank you to everyone who joined with the P & C and the Community Association to celebrate Australia Day in Stevens Park. Much fun was had by all and it was a great opportunity to promote the school in an informal setting.

  

A special thanks to Trisha Hodgson for her wonderful assistance once again with hair colours and face painting.

We would also like to thank the following businesses for their support with upcoming raffles:

Bathurst Show Society Stardust Circus Bathurst Panthers

Farmgate Meats on Keppel Rockley Pub Town & Country Rural

Vanessa Pringle Florist Betta Electrical Matt’s Carwash

The Complete Angler Frank Smith Workwear The Country Brewer

Metro Five Cinema Perthville Rural Annie’s Icecream

**Valentine’s Day Raffle**

The P & C’s next fundraiser is a Valentine’s Day raffle with some great prizes including movie tickets, florist’s voucher, wine etc. Tickets are attached and should be returned to school by Monday 12th February. Costs - $2 each 3 for $5.

