PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome Back
I hope everyone had a fabulous Christmas and New Year. On behalf of the staff at RPS, I extend a warm welcome to all new families and their children. It has been a fantastic start to 2016 and I thank all parents for sending their children to school so well prepared for a new year of learning!
I also welcome our 34 delightful Kindy students who start school tomorrow following their Best Start Assessment. I look forward to sharing their educational journey with them and their families.

New Look Newsletter
A huge thanks to everyone for their input last year into the review of our newsletter. If you have any feedback, please phone or pop in to see me.

School Crest
Thanks to everyone who returned their preferences for our school crest. The crest at the top of the newsletter will now be used on our correspondence.

2016 Staff
We have started the year off with 10 class groups. They are:

KC    Mrs Cashman
K/1W   Mrs Waldron
1/2H   Mrs Hemming
1/2B   Miss Bower
2/3S   Mrs Sharrock
3/4H   Miss Willott
3/4C   Mrs Cross
3/4T   Mrs Thompson
5/6J   Mrs Jolley
5/6G   Mr Grimley

We will be starting an 11th class although this won’t be established this week. Our actual enrolments are to be submitted with the Department and a class can be established following this process. I thank everyone for their patience and understanding.

Mrs Shaw will continue in the role of Reading Recovery and Release from Face to Face Teacher. Mrs Fidock continues in the LAST position, while Mrs Wade steers the Library ship.

PRINCIPALS RECOGNITION
I would like to thank Mr Grimley and Miss Stewart for giving their time at the end of last year to ensure our newsletter was revamped and ready to go for the start of 2016! It was a big job particularly in the final weeks of the year.

Working together as partners in the education of your child.
Meryl Tremain

CLASS SHIELD
This week we are focussing on our children enjoying the experience of a new school year and reconnecting with friends and teachers!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week 2
3/2  Kinders 1st day
4/2  Swimming Carnival

Week 3

Week 4
19/2  District Swimming

Week 5
23/2  Parent Information Sessions TBC

Week 6

Week 7

Week 8
16/3  Book Fair
      Grandparents Day
      Teddy Bears Picnic

Week 9
25/3  Good Friday

Week 10
28/3  Easter Monday

Week 11
5/4   Cross Country
8/4   Wet weather Cross Country
      Students last day T1

NOTES HOME
- Swimming Carnival
We are proud of…

**OUR YEAR 1 STUDENTS IN K/1W**

It's great to be back at school because I'm in Year 1 now. I made a hat in the Library with Mrs Wade. It had a star on the front and it said ‘My First Day in Year 1’.

*Kobe Akroyd*

I liked coming back into school and having fun. I saw my friends Isabella and Darcie and I played with them.

*Jordan Saurine*

At lunchtime I played with Ashton in the Library and we had fun. We played with the helicopters.

*Kael Bourke*

After I had lunch, I went to the Library and I played with the cars. I played on the equipment with my sister Charlotte.

*William Turner*

I played with Lucy at recess time. We walked around and we talked.

*Bonnie Gilmore*

Thursday was a new day at school and I was in Year 1. I felt great!

*Kyra Bowman*

I was in the Library and I saw the Wicked Witch of the Wests legs sticking out from under the bookshelf. I took home a book too. It was the Wizard of Oz.

*Brooke Nixon*

When I came to school, I played with Bonnie at lunch in the Library. We played with the Poly Pockets. I felt happy and excited to be back at school.

*Lucy Downey*

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

How exciting. We’ve had a makeover in the library! There is popcorn popping, hot air balloons flying, cows reading, Snoopy with Charlie Brown and a strange pair of legs under the shelf! Although library lessons have started, borrowing will commence once classes are established. Please encourage your child to borrow with their bag each week and to return books on time. Book Fair will be held in March and we are looking forward to a visit from friends and family members. Please pop into the library anytime to see what’s happening.

*Nichole Wade*  
Teacher Librarian

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL LEADERS**

We want people in our school to encourage and help each other to achieve their best, to celebrate with them when they reach their goals and to feel happy for them. We want people to work with not against each other, to speak up when something needs to be said and have a school where bullying isn’t accepted. We want everyone to be friendly and kind to each other and help others when they look lonely. We would like all children to see they’re able to achieve big things. What’s important is that everyone supports each other and our RPS team.

*Emily Browne, Jake Cutler, Loukia Robson, Tiaan Swiegers, Charlie-Mai Fox and Jhye Akroyd*
Before and After School and Vacation Care

Bathurst Family Day Care currently has vacancies for Before and After School and Vacation Care with Registered Educators within your area. We offer flexible care options for families including 24 Hour, Overnight, Weekend, Standard Hours, Before and After School and Vacation Care for 0-12 year olds. Federal Government Child Care Subsidies can be claimed to assist with the cost of child care. If you require care please contact the Coordination Unit on 6338 2800 or call into our office at 7 Lee Street, Kelso. Alternatively contact the Service via email fdc@bathurst.nsw.gov.au or www.facebook.com/BathurstFDC

SAVE THE DATE 18th March. The P&C will be holding their annual fete on this date. More details to come as the date gets close.

Volunteers are still needed to help run the school canteen, if you are able to help on either a Monday or Friday please contact Katrina on 0438 442 028.

EXPLORING LOSS IN LIFE
A Workshop for Women

Join with other women to explore the losses you’ve experienced in your life.

Exploring Loss and Grief

Throughout our lives we experience many losses resulting in grief. This two hour workshop will provide women with an opportunity to
• Explore the many types of losses experienced
• Discuss the impact of loss and grief
• Share coping strategies.

Facilitated by Erica Pitman
PACWA Registered Counsellor, Manager at Women’s Health

Enrolment and payment is required before bookings can be confirmed.

Grief springs from love. It is perhaps the strongest expression of love.
It is the price we pay for love. It is as much a part of life as is the joy of love.

For more information contact us on 02 6331 4333 www.cwshe.org.au

MINDFULNESS FOR WOMEN
Reclaiming a meaningful life

Join our four-week course on Mindfulness for Women. You will learn an easy way of paying attention that may help you cope with everyday life or deal with those tough times.
A great way to improve mental and physical health.

Why practice Mindfulness?

There is a lot of evidence on the many benefits of mindffulness. It can:
• Help to relieve stress and provide relaxation
• Help to improve sleep
• Help manage depression and/or anxiety
• Help you to be less angry or moody
• Improve memory
• Help you learn more easily
• Help you to solve problems more easily
• Make you happier
• Help you to become more emotionally stable
• Improve your breathing
• Reduce your heart rate
• Improve your circulation
• Improve your immunity, or assist you to cope with pain

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SESSION DETAILS
DATES
Each Thursday for 4 weeks
from 4th February to 25th February 2016
TIME
10.30am – 12.30pm
Morning tea provided
VENUE
Central West Women’s
Health Centre
20 William Street, Bathurst
COST
$45 or four sessions
TO REGISTER
Contact Gaye –
Counsellor/Group Facilitator
T: 6331 4333
E: gaye@cwhe.org.au
If you require childcare please
discuss with us

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BATHURST JUNIOR RUGBY
REGISTRATION DAYS

Friday 26th February
Friday 4th March

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