Principal’s Message

Thank you for a fantastic school year.

Even though we are nearing the end of 2012 it doesn’t mean that our school activities are slowing down. The teachers have a number of activities planned to keep the students busy and engaged until the last day of the school year.

The primary students will be visiting the Mt Piper Power station to learn about electricity generation and will be having a visit from the Central West Catchment Authority who will assist the students to determine the health of local creeks.

All students are being invited to attend the surprise end of year picnic day this Thursday.

Goodbye and Good luck

We congratulate the five students in Year 6 that will complete their Primary school education. They finish up next Wednesday. They should be very proud of the young people they are developing into. We wish them the best for their future schooling and hope to hear about their successes.

With Damian Mays finishing up next week we also say thank you to the Mays family. Steve and Sue-ellen have been associated with the school for 24 years. They sent each of their 4 children to Meadow Flat Public School. During this time they have always been most helpful and generous with their support of the school and Public Education. We look forward to their ongoing contributions through their P and C involvement.

Newsletters

This is the last newsletter for 2012.

Meadow Flat Public School End of Year Concert

It was most pleasing to see the amount of support for the students at our 2012 End of Year Concert. Some family members travelled considerable distances to be here. On behalf of the students I thank you.

Our P and C was very busy on the evening with the catering of the BBQ chicken and salad dinner. Thank you to Kathy Kubbere, Angela Masters and their team of helpers.

A special thank you goes to Poppa Sam who donated the chickens for the night. This is a very generous gesture.

Sponsors

We thank the following supporters of our school who made donations towards the prizes and gifts.

- Delta Electricity
- Bathurst Rotary Daybreak
- Lithgow City Council
- Portland Art Purchase Society
- Lions Club of Lithgow
- Lithgow Workmen’s Club
- Mr Paul Toole, MP for Bathurst
- Steve Mays Lawn Mowing and Property Maintenance
- Bathurst Regional Council
- RT and KM Lund Earthmoving

We would not be able to have a successful evening without their ongoing support.

Christmas Craft

Thank you to Mrs Madden, Mrs Barrett and Mrs Kubbere for assisting the Infants class with some Christmas Craft.
P and C News

Meadow Flat Public School Trash and Treasure Sale

Thank you to the ex-students, parents and community members who supported our 2012 Trash and Treasure Sale. Some ex-students travelled as far away as Sydney to attend the event.

We raised $1600 for the students. Your feedback regarding future events such as this would be most appreciated.

Thank you to Kathy Kubbere and Abbey Barrett for coordinating this event on behalf of the P and C. A special thank you to Poppa Sam who donated the bread and sausages for the BBQ.

Gift to School Staff

This year it was decided that the P and C would donate $50 to the school’s charity – Stewart House. This was in lieu of individual gifts. Stewart House is located on the beach at Many and takes in children who need a break and spend time in the city.

Student Artwork

Sunny Corner Sunday

Thank you to all visitors, parents, students and staff who voted for their favorite artwork. The most number of votes was given to Damian Mays. His artwork will be framed and hung in the Staffroom art collection until he completes Year 9.

On Sunday Morgan Brooking was presented with his artwork that he completed when he was a student at Meadow Flat Public School.

Paul Toole, MP for Bathurst Final Prize

Congratulations to Teleisha who has won $25 for her artwork sent in for possible selection for the local member’s Christmas card. Teleisha had her artwork selected as a finalist.

Student and School Reports

The school will be sending home a package to each family with their child’s Student Reports, Annual School Report and the DVD from the School Concert. The staff are still working on these items. It is not planned that they will be sent home until the last week of school.

Parents are encouraged to discuss their child’s report with their classroom teacher in the New Year.

School Items for Sale

If you intend on bidding for one of the items being sold at the school the items close this Wednesday 12th December 2012 at 4pm.

Details of offers need to be written down and placed in an envelope. A committee made up of the Principal, School Administration Manager and the P and C President will open the envelopes on Thursday.

Library Books

All students need to return their library books to the school by the end of the school year. If any Bathurst Library books are still out on loan they can be left at the school or returned to the Bathurst Library.

Permission Notes

The following permission notes are needed to be returned. All students need to return the school picnic day note and Years 3 to 6 the water bug survey and Mt Piper Power Station visit notes.
Dates

Term 4 2012

December
Wednesday 12th – Water Bug Survey Yrs 3 to 6
Thursday 13th – End of Year Picnic Day
Monday 17th – Canteen Christmas Party
Wednesday 19th – Last Day for students
Thursday 20th – Staff Development Day
Friday 21st – Staff Development Day

2013 - January
Tuesday 29th – Staff Development Day
Wednesday 30th – Students return

2013 Dates
The following dates have been set for next year. Please confirm with the school closer to the event.

Friday 15th February 2013 – Swimming Carnival for students turning 8 in 2013 - Bathurst
Friday 22nd February 2013 – Bathurst District Swimming - Bathurst
Friday 8th March 2013 – Western NSW Region swimming – Dubbo
Friday 5th April 2013 – Triangle Sports – Oberon
Wednesday 10th April – Triangle Sports Backup day
Tuesday 21st May 2013 – CWA Public Speaking – Orange
Thursday 23rd May 2013 – Life Education Van at MFPS
Thursday 23rd May 2013 – High Jump 1pm – Bathurst
Thursday 30th May 2013 – Athletics Carnival – Bathurst
Thursday 6th June 2013 – Athletics Carnival backup
Friday 14th June – Relay 1pm – Bathurst
Thursday 20th and Friday 21st June 2013 – Years 3 and 4 Camp - Dubbo

2013 homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out School A to Z's 2013 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

Hundreds of holiday activities
There's no time to be bored these school holidays when you have Go Play's list of family and budget-friendly activities at your fingertips. Take a look at the calendar of events, or download the free Go Play app for ideas in an instant.

Helping your child choose right from wrong
In a fascinating podcast broadcaster James O'Loghlin talks to Dr Simon Longstaff from the St James Ethics Centre about how to raise ethically aware kids. Ideas discussed include getting involved with your child's school, providing some well-defined boundaries, knowing how to talk to your child and being a role model at home.

Are active kids less likely to be bullied?
Researchers have found kids who do extracurricular activities (such as sport or voluntary work) tend to be safer online, encounter less cyberbullying, and are more resilient to harassment if it occurs.