Welcome back or welcome to Bourke Public School. This year will be a super fun-filled year of learning and extra curricula activities. My name is Kylie Pennell I am the Connected Communities Principal of our great school. I look forward to working with everyone again this year and ‘Creating Opportunities’ for our students. A HUGE welcome to our 43 Kindergarten students who started school today. I’m sure you all had a great first day. Welcome to our new teachers and staff. They have all had a smooth transition to Bourke Public School. Attendance will continue to be a focus for Bourke Public School this year. IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY!

Our annual Swimming Carnival is this Friday (15th February). Anyone that can assist on the day, please contact Mr Hardy. Our teachers will be conducting Personalised Learning Plan (PLP’s) meetings in the coming weeks with parents/carers and students. Please find attached a flyer that provides further information about PLP’s. Positive Behaviour for Learning will also be a focus again this year for Bourke Public School. Please find attached a flyer that provides further information about PBL.

Welcome to 2013, I have no doubt that this year is going to be a fantastic one. Welcome to all the new students and staff and I hope you enjoy your time at Bourke Public School. Our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) expectations are Proud, Safe and Respectful and students have already begun lessons on how these look, sound and feel in the classroom and playground. I hope to see all students being Proud, Safe and Respectful every day. Have a great week!
**KINDERGARTEN**

**Miss Heaney**
Welcome back everyone and especially to our kindergarten students who are starting today! My name is Rachael Heaney and I will be teaching kindergarten this year. I am very excited and looking forward to a great year at BPS. KH will have a busy week this week getting to know their classmates and exploring the school. We will begin learning our sounds this week and about our numbers in maths. Don’t forget the swimming carnival is on this Friday!

Miss Heaney

**STAGE 1**

**Miss Bartley**
Welcome back to another fantastic year! My name is Natalie Bartley and I will be teaching 1N this year. I look forward to meeting everyone!! Last week 1N really enjoyed exploring their new classroom and meeting the other students in their class. We also started our new theme unit called ‘Wet Environments’ and we learnt that there are two types of environments wet and dry environments. In art we used water colour paint and pastels to make geckos.

Miss Bartley

**Mrs Hardy**
Hi everyone and welcome back to BPS for a new and exciting year! My name is Nicola Hardy and I will be teaching Stage One this year. I am looking forward to meeting you all very soon and would like to invite you to come in, say hi and check out our colourful classroom! Please remember to bring a hat and drink bottle for these hot days and return all permission notes as soon as possible. Have a great week! Mrs Hardy

Mrs Hardy

**P&C News**
Welcome to the new Canteen Manager Mrs Kelly Harrod to BPS Canteen.
Check out the new canteen list & prices on back of newsletter & STICK ON your FRIDGE!
Students are asked to bring in their lunch bags filled in from home with the correct money to help reduce waiting times!
For more info about all things P&C please see Mel Milgate or call 0437970090.

P&C News

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS**

**Early Stage 1 AP - Miss Budd**
I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday and is ready for another fun filled year. This year, I am taking on a new position and I am very excited about working with Miss Heaney and looking forward to the experiences I will have. I would like to welcome Kindergarten to their first official day of 'big school'. This year will be full of fun, new experiences and lots of learning. Have a great week!

Early Stage 1 AP - Miss Budd

**Stage 1 AP - Miss Bartley**
Welcome back everyone to an exciting new year!!! My name is Natalie Bartley and as well as teaching 1N this year, I will be the Stage 1 Assistant Principal. I’d like to take this opportunity to say if you have any problems or would like to discuss a concern please feel free to give me a ring or make a meeting time.
I’d also like to welcome two new teachers to stage one, Mrs Nicola Hardy and Miss Chelsea Duiz. We are all looking forward to a fun filled year!!!

Stage 1 AP - Miss Bartley

**AEO Caught being good Awards in Week 2- Dreyshon McKellar**
Mrs Gaukroger
Welcome back! Last week 2G got to know each other by creating and playing ‘Minute to Win It’ games. We painted portraits so anyone who comes into our classroom will be able to see who is in 2G. We also created our class rules focusing on being respectful to all and trying our best. This week students in Mrs Gaukroger’s literacy and numeracy will be showing her their great reading, writing and numeracy skills. Homework will start next week. Have a great week!

Mr Marshall
What a fantastic start to this year! We have been able to set-up our amazing classroom and already created some beautiful displays. This term Stage 3 will be looking at ‘Weather’ and ‘Identity and Values’. These topics have some fun activities and experiments in them that we are looking forward to completing. I can’t wait to catch up with everyone and please feel free to come see our wonderful classroom when you can. Don’t forget swimming carnival this Friday. GO MITCHELL!

Mrs Douglas
A big hello and a sunny welcome back to everyone in our school community. My name is Mrs Douglas and I am lucky to be teaching 3S this year. The first week of school was very busy for everyone in 3S. We spent time hearing everyone’s news from the holidays and watching a power point introducing Mrs Douglas. Based on our school expectations of Safe, Proud, Respectful, we also established our class expectations to give us all a great opportunity to learn and be happy in a safe environment. Please come and say hello whenever you have time and feel free to come and discuss your child’s progress at any time. Happy Learning everyone. Mrs Douglas

Ms Mowbray
Hello everyone, my name is Brianna Mowbray and I will be teaching Stage Two this year. I am looking forward to a fun and exciting year with the students in 2M and I can’t wait to meet you all. The swimming carnival is on this Friday and it would be fantastic to see all of the students attend this special event. Please remember to send in all permission notes as soon as possible. In our first week back at school the students participated in so many exciting and fun activities and were all safe, respectful and proud of their work. We would also like to welcome our new class member Andi and we hope she has a great time in 2M. Have a great week! Miss Mowbray

Ms Topalov
Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. Our first week back at school was great fun! We have named our classroom “Topville” dedicated to Awesome Attendance, Brilliant Behaviour. 2T also discussed attendance and all agreed to try to be the “Top” class for attendance in the whole school this year. We did lots of interesting activities including making up our classroom expectations in regards to being Safe, Proud and Respectful. Ms T

Ms Dorrington
Last week was our first week back at school. We filled the week with many exciting activities. We discussed the school expectations, discussed extreme weather, completed a portfolio on ourselves and made some book covers. We are working on our assembly item and hope everyone enjoys it. We would like to also welcome our new class member Charli and hope she enjoys her time with us in 3D.

Cheers Miss D

Mrs Griffiths Kitchen & Garden
Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a great holiday! We have had a very busy time getting everything ready for a new year in the garden! A big welcome to Corey Brooks who has been working hard and getting everything prepared for us and will be our assistant in the garden. In the coming weeks we will be planting some new herb and vegetable seedlings such as spinach and cucumber and cleaning up our garden area. In the kitchen we will be revising our kitchen rules and looking at our term ahead. We are starting the year with some yummy fruit salad and refreshing milkshakes!

Mr Driscoll
In Term 3 this year, our Stage 2/3 students will set off on our Primary excursion. The destination this year is Sydney. The excursion dates will be decided this week. We are happy to again offer our payment plan for parents and caregivers to begin paying off the excursion amount. The various sights we will visit, accommodation and the cost of the excursion are not known yet, however parents can secure a place for their child by paying a $50 deposit to the front office. As soon as the excursion itinerary has been put together, a note will go home to parents and caregivers. There will be approximately 45 places available on the coach. If you would like to any further details about the excursion you can call Mr Driscoll or Mr Hardy.

Bourke Public School's Motto for 2013
‘Create Opportunities’
**LC & MC CLASSES**

**Miss Barsby**
Hello everyone and welcome to Bourke Public School for 2013. I hope you all had an amazing holiday, ready for a fantastic year in the Multi-Categorical Class. Last week we started to make book covers, created artworks about what we did on the holidays and started to get familiar with our brand new classroom! This week will be our first week with our full class, how exciting! We will spend quite some time getting to know each other this week, becoming familiar with the routines and expectations of the class and beginning our Literacy and Numeracy program. Have a wonderful week; I can’t wait to get to know you all better!

**Miss Bradley**
Welcome to the New Year everyone! My name is Miss Bradley and I will be teaching the students in the Learning Centre this term. The Learning Centre has some other new faces this year - 3 new students have joined us, Thomasina Beau-Champ will be with us 4 days a week and Emma Buckley will be with us every Wednesday! Please remember to return your permission notes and don’t forget the swimming carnival this Friday!

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**Community News**

**PCYC Archery Introductory Program**
The Program will start Monday 11th February. The Program is 5 weeks long with 1 session per week every Monday from 5:30pm and finishing up around 6:30. The program aims on the beginners level for Archery going through the 10 steps of shooting, range set up, etiquette of the shooter and some fun games in between. At the end of the program each Archer will be presented with an official PCYC Archery Shirt and be ranked as a Novice Archer. They are then given the chance to compete in competitive archery run every school term concluding with a grading day to reach the next rank. Cost $50

**Bourke Swimming Club**
All Nomination cards for Thursday Night need to be filled in by Tuesday 6pm at the Swimming Pool. Anyone wishing to join Swimming Club please see Melissa Simmons for more information.

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**CLASSES & STAFF FOR 2013**

**KB** - Miss Budd
**KH** - Miss Heaney
**ID** - Miss Duiz
**1N** - Miss Bartley
**IH** - Mrs Hardy
**2T** - Ms Topalov
**2G** - Mrs Gaukroger
**2M** - Miss Mowbray
**3D** - Ms Dorrington
**3S** - Mrs Douglas
**3M** - Mr Marshall
**LC** - Miss Bradley
**MC** - Miss Barsby
**RFF** - PDHPE - Mr Hardy
**RFF** - Kitchen & Garden - Miss Griffiths
**RFF** - Stage 1 - Miss Griffiths
**RFF** - Early Stage 1 - Miss Griffiths & Mrs Gordon-Poole
**Reading Recovery** - Miss Boshier
**STLA** - Miss Boshier & Ms Johnson
**Focus Programs** - Mrs Rosser & Mrs Underhill
**Assistant Principal’s** - Miss Budd, Miss Bartley, Mr Hardy & Mr Driscoll
**Deputy Principal** - Miss Milgate
**School Administration Manager** - Melba Stutsel
**School Administration Officer** - Fiona Rankmore
**Aboriginal Education Officer’s** - Margo Grimes & Priscilla Grimes
**School Learning Support Officer’s** - Penny Bartley, Thomasina Beau-Champ, Anne-Marie Riches, Samara Milgate & Kristie Martin
**Teacher Aides** - Monique Driscoll, Andrea Thiele, Emma Buckley, Josh Beer & Shane Edwards
**General Assistant’s** - Phil Lawson, Bob Milgate & Corey Brooks
**School Counsellor’s** - Wanda Whitmill & April Motton
**Canteen Manager** - Kelly Harrod
**Cleaners** - Virginia Galway & Cheryl Napier

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**Positive Behaviour for Learning**
Bourke Public School’s Expectations are: Be Proud, Be Safe & Be Respectful