WOW! What a great start to the school year! Our attendance was impressive. We had 92% attendance in our first full week. We also had 5 classes get 100% of their students at school on different days during the week.

It was also great to see all students wearing their school uniform. We all looked very proud and part of a great school.

Most importantly every student came to school ready to learn and were all engaged in each lesson.

Our Kindergarten students have settled in nicely and are starting to learn the school routines quickly. Some Kindergarten students had their ears tested this week, the remainder of students will be tested on Thursday 21st March.

Congratulations to all students who swam at our Swimming Carnival last Friday. You all did extremely well and should be proud of your efforts. Our District Swimming Carnival is this Friday (22nd February). Our school will be running this carnival for the Bourke district. If anyone can assist on the day please contact Mr Hardy.

A special Assembly will be held next Monday to present our new Students Representative Council and Library Monitors with their badges. Parents will receive an invitation early this week.

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Messages

- Any parents/carers or community members wanting the BPS newsletter emailed to them weekly please contact the school.
- Monday morning whole school Assemblies – Held every Monday morning at 9am in the hall. Everyone welcome to attend.
- Are your details up to date? Have you moved or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.
- Year 6 will assist with the Hospital Trolley and Meals on Wheels this week.
- Netball Training starts this week on Thursday afternoons. Please return your note prior to Thursday.
- Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child’s maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey’s Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/mathsmonkey-quest

KINDERGARTEN

Miss Heaney

What a great first week of school KH had last week. We had lots of fun getting to know each other and we also made some excellent book covers that show off our painting skills. We finished off our week with a great day at the swimming carnival; we were very tired by the end of the day! Thank you to Miss Duiz and all our helpers for a great day. This week in KH we will continue to learn our sounds and keep counting in maths. This week we will start our theme work. Have a great week everybody. Miss Heaney 😊

STAGE 1

Miss Bartley

IN had a fantastic week! In Science we have been learning about our five senses and we really had fun trying them out! We especially enjoyed the taste test! In Literacy we have been completing our assessment tasks and we are nearly finished them! In Mathematics we have been doing some assessment tasks and learning how to play Miss Bartley’s line game. IN should be very proud we got 100% on Thursday last week!!!! Remember we have to come to school every day on time to get 100%!

Mrs Hardy

Hi everyone, I hope you all had a great first full week back! Last week 1H Literacy and Numeracy spent the week completing assessment tasks. These assessment tasks are designed to help us group students according to their ability levels and to enhance their learning during key learning times. 1H enjoyed the Infants swimming carnival and would like to thank Miss Duiz for all her brilliant organisation! Cheers Mrs Hardy

Miss Duiz

Hi all, 1D had a great first full week back at school. We had assessments to complete in Literacy and Numeracy and I am proud of all those students who tried their best. We ended off the week with our school swimming carnival which was so much fun! We participated in games such as Greedy Fish, Poison Tea Towel, Treasure Hunt, an obstacle course and relays. Homework begins this week so please remember to hand it back to your teacher on Friday. Have an awesome week.

P&C News

Bourke Public School P & C Meeting will be held next Tuesday 26th February at 6pm in the school Library. All parents and community members of BPS are more than welcome to attend. To be a member of the P & C all you need to pay is $2.20 for your vote to be counted at the next meeting. If you can’t find a babysitter for the meeting please bring your children with you. For information about the P & C at BPS please call and speak with president of the committee Mel Milgate on 0437 970 090.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Early Stage 1 AP - Miss Budd

Congratulations to all the infant’s students who participated in the infants swimming carnival. It was a wonderful day with lots of fun and games. A big thank you to Miss Duiz for the wonderful organisation and to all the infant’s teachers, thank you for all your hard work. Remember attendance is very important and we need to come to school every day. Have a wonderful week!

Stage 1 AP - Miss Bartley

Well done to everyone in infants who came to the carnival and had a fantastic time! A big thank you to Miss Duiz for all her time and effort in organising the activities for our Infants carnival. It was a great day and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all the infants’ teachers for your team work on the day! Congratulations to all the house teams for their effort and participation in the carnival. Enjoy your week!

AEO Caught being good Awards in Week 4 - Shimar Dennis & Hayleigh Hollman
Mrs Gaukroger

Congratulations to our fantastic swimmers for their efforts on Friday! Good luck to all those who are off to the District Carnival this week. This week Mrs Gaukroger literacy will start reading groups and begin their unit on Persuasive writing. In numeracy we will be getting started on our Challenge groups. This week 2G home room will be starting their exciting drama unit and complete their Australia collages from last week. In HSIE we will be looking at Lord How Island and Roseville communities and comparing them to Bourke. Have a great week!

Mr Marshall

Congratulations to all our students on a great swimming carnival, You all did so well! This week in Literacy we are looking at expositions and persuasive writing. In Maths we are learning about 24 hour time and how this can help us read different time tables. We are looking in Global cultures in Theme and can’t wait to learn more about the weather with Mr. Hardy again on Thursday. Congratulations to Gareth on the 100% attendance weekly award in 3M, well done! Mr. Marshall

Mrs Douglas

It’s been a busy, busy week for 3S. We’ve enjoyed learning about measurement in numeracy and action and sensing verbs in literacy - everyone learnt a lot! We had fun discussing Australian stereotypes in HSIE and we began examining interesting facts about the weather. To continue our unit on weather we sketched some beautiful sunflowers in art which we are going to finish next week and make a colourful display in the classroom. The sunflowers are to represent the season of summer in our weather unit. Everyone put in a great effort at the swimming carnival and 3S won plenty of ribbons!

Our first class certificate for 100% attendance went to Sophie. Congratulations Sophie and good luck to everyone else for next week….Mrs Douglas

Miss Mowbray

Hi everyone! Homework starts today! I hope that everyone tries really hard to bring it back to school by Friday. We had a brilliant day last Friday at the swimming carnival and it was fantastic to see so many students in 2M participate in various races! It was great to see so many students show their pride through wearing their house colours. Please join us in the hall on Thursday for the first Primary Assembly of the year!

Have a fabulous week!

Miss Mowbray

Ms Topalov

We had a fantastic day on Friday at the swimming carnival. Everyone looked great in their team colours. Congratulations to Darling the winners of the day. This week we are starting our Persuasive Text and the general theme this term is “Australia is a Lucky Country”. Homework starts today and I hope that everyone will make a big effort to return their homework on Friday or before! Also this Thursday is our first Primary Assembly, it would be wonderful if you could attend. Have a great week. Ms T

Ms Dorrington

We have certainly got into the term in a big way. Everyone is very keen to try their best in class and follow our school expectations. In English we have completed all our assessment and have some fantastic results. We have been looking at whole numbers and place value in Maths and solving some very tricky problems. In theme we have been learning some great facts about Australia and values.

Cheers Miss D

Mrs Griffiths Kitchen & Garden

Stage 3 had a fantastic first week back in the garden and the kitchen! We have been busy weeding and getting the garden beds ready for all of the new seedlings, Corey has ordered! Our chooks are going very well at Stage 3 AP - Mr Driscoll

Well done to all students for their efforts at the carnival last Friday. You all did your houses’ and the school very proud. **Excursion update:** The date of the Stage 2/3 excursion is now in the last week of term 3 2013. This date will be confirmed this week. Remember that we have approximately 45 places available. This year we will again offer our payment plan for parents who would like their child to attend the excursion. Remember first in best dressed! Please see Mr Driscoll or Mr Hardy for any further information about the excursion. Watch this space for further updates.

Mr. Driscoll will also bring afternoon tea which our children participating in the program. Afternoon tea and teacher supervision will be provided each afternoon. Children are to be picked up by 3pm or please give permission for your child/children to walk home.

Any parents/careers, community members or agencies wanting to support this program in any way please contact the school.

Bourke Public School’s Motto for 2013

‘Create Opportunities’

**PSSA cricket**

The PSSA boys cricket team will be playing their first game of cricket against Nyengan in the next couple of weeks. Notes will be out this week letting the Boys know who will be playing.
LC & MC CLASSES

Miss Barsby
Hi everyone! What a wonderful and busy first week back at school! We had a great time at the Swimming Carnival last week and are very proud of our classmates who competed in various events. This week in Literacy, K-2 students will be concentrating on the sounds ‘a’ and ‘t’. In Numeracy, K-2 students will be looking at the number one and two.

Miss Bradley
What a great first week back! Congratulations to all of the students who swam in the swimming carnival last Friday!

LC STAR OF THE WEEK! - Shimar Dennis!
Shimar has made a great start to Year Six this year - present every day of Week 3! Congratulations for his great swimming at the carnival and almost earning 2 bluey’s from our class star chart in just four days!!!

The LC is looking for some magazines - if you have any old magazines at home please send them in with your child.

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 ad 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.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL is a BIG deal for Bourke Public School. We take it seriously!!
Attached to the newsletter this week is a letter to all parents/carers and community members. The letter outlines that attendance at school is important and that it’s everyone’s business to ensure all children are at school every day. Also attached are two attendance information flyers for students and parents/carers that provide some tips and frequently asked questions.

Other Attendance facts:
- Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education?
- By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please either tell your child’s teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence within seven days.

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