Welcome back to school after a nice Easter Weekend! I’m sure all families had a relaxing weekend together and I bet the Easter Bunny found everyone.

Thank you to Miss Dorrington and the SRC for organising a fantastic Easter Hat Parade last Thursday. All students had a super time and it was great to see so many parents and family members attend this special event.

Congratulations to our Tennis Team who beat Dubbo Public School last week in the first round of the PSSA knockout. Well done to the coach – Mr Driscoll.

Congratulations to our Rugby League teams and our netball team who played at Cobar last week. All teams played well and improved in each game. Thank you to Miss Heaney, Mr Marshall, Samara, Danny, Scott Parnaby, Richard Payne, Nathan Ryan and Paul Kelly for organising the trip and assisting on the day.

Trachoma Screening will be held on Monday 8th April for all students. Notes were sent home last week. All students that return their note will go in the draw to win an iPod shuffle.

Thank you to Mr Driscoll for taking our Captains & Vice Captains to Sydney last week for the Young Leaders Conference. Our students had a fantastic time and again were billeted by Roseville PS (our Sister school) families who looked after our leaders.

Cheers Kylie Pennell

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Well our new reward system to encourage Proud, Safe and Respectful behaviour at all times was a great success in Week 9. Congratulations to all students on your wonderful effort during last week. Students will receive a sticker with a picture of Bluey the yabby when they are displaying positive behaviours, these stickers will then be placed on a big BLUEY which is located outside the office. Once all of the blue is covered in stickers ALL students will receive a reward. Our first reward will be a Kabluey iceblock. Make sure you check out BLUEY when you visit the school to keep track of how the students are going.
**KINDERGARTEN**

**Miss Heaney**
I hope everyone had a wonderful break. I am so proud of KH and their efforts in the Easter hat parade, we had a great afternoon, especially seeing the Easter bunny and we’re so happy to finally take our hats home. This week we are using Kid Pix and will be drawing hungry caterpillars! We will be looking at area and capacity this week in maths and will be doing activities to help us remember our tricky words. Don’t forget ‘It’s Not OK to be Away’ so make sure you’re coming to school everyday!
Miss Heaney 😊

**STAGE 1**

**Miss Bartley**
Wow! Last week was a huge week!!! Well done to everyone in 1N who went in the Easter hat parade!! You all looked fantastic!! Last week 1N started learning their song so we are going to perform at week elevens assembly! So if you are available come and enjoy the show!
In our Theme work last week we looked at how we use water. We looked at activities we did in, on, around and under water. 1N discovered that we use water lots of ways for our own enjoyment. Cheers Miss B

**Mrs Hardy**
Hi everyone and welcome to a short but busy week 10! 1H hope you had a fantastic Easter break and that you filled up on lots of yummy chocolate eggs or bunnies! Congratulations to all the parents who came to school everyday so your class can have a chance at winning the attendance prize. If you have any parents/carers or community members wanting the BPS newsletter emailed to them weekly please contact the school.
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.
Bourke Public School Ties - School ties are For Sale for $25 each. Please ask at the front office if you would like to purchase one.
Premiers Reading Challenge The competition starts now and finishes on the 1st of September! Students will receive an award for their effort and this year BPS is going to award a prize for the student who reads the most books!!! So please enter and enjoy some reading!!!
Helping your child with homework - How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

**P&C NEWS**
P&C Meeting Tuesday 9th April at 6pm at Bourke Public School in the Library.
Everyone is welcome to attend!

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS**

**Early Stage 1 AP - Miss Budd**
Congratulations to all the winners from the Easter Hat parade. There were some wonderful hat designs and all students should be proud of their effort. Also thank you to all the parents who came along to the event. It was wonderful to see so many parents supporting the students. Kindergarten is yet to get 100% attendance across the stage. With only 2 weeks of school left, let’s work extra hard on coming to school on time every day. COME ON KINDERGARTEN, it’s time that we win the weekly attendance award!

**Stage 1 AP - Miss Bartley**
Well done to all those students who participated in the Easter hat Parade! It was fantastic to see the effort that everyone put into their hats!
Only 2 weeks left at school, the term has just flown by!! Remember to come to school everyday so your class can have a chance at winning the attendance prize. If you have any parents/carers or community members wanting the BPS newsletter emailed to them weekly please contact the school.
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**AEO Caught being good Awards in Week 9 – Caitlin Powell & Jordan Kane**
Mrs Gaukroger
I hope everyone had a great Easter weekend! This week 2G are cooking with Ms Griffiths, learning about simple machines and finishing off our great work in drama. In literacy we have been working with adverbs and are making sure we use them in our writing. In numeracy we are working on our fractions, volume and capacity.

Mr Marshall
I hope everyone had a great Easter break! Well done firstly to the boys rugby league teams who went to Cobar to compete in the Peachy Shield. You all played great and it was great to see the high standard that we set. Well done to all those students that showed their hats off in the Easter hat parade, it was great to see so many different and creative designs. I hope everyone has a great finish to this term!

Mrs Douglas
Hope you all had a great Easter and didn’t over indulge too much!
Last week was a hugely busy week for 3S. On Tuesday, a large number of the class was away at netball and football in Cobar. Well done to all participants for a great effort.
On Thursday we enjoyed participating in the Easter Hat Parade and although members of 3S are getting older and wiser – we’ll never be too old to welcome the Easter Bunny!
On Thursday of this week, ten lucky Year 6 students have been selected to go and visit 2WEB radio! Have a great week...Mrs Douglas

Miss Mowbray
Welcome to Week 10! Well done to all of the students who participated in the Easter Hat Parade, you all looked fantastic! 2M PLP days are this Thursday and Friday, so please make sure you get back to me with your preferred time to meet. I can’t wait to meet with you all!
This week 2M Literacy are continuing to focus on persuasive texts, preparing for the NAPLAN tests early next term.
I hope you all have a fantastic week!
Miss M ☺

Ms Topalov
What a wonderful display of Easter Hats! I am sure the judges had a very difficult time choosing the winners! A big thank you to our special Easter Bunny “Phoebie” who has visited our school every Easter for over 27 years. Have a great week. Warm regards Ms T ☺

Easter Hat Winners
Kinder Home Made - Riley Parnaby
Kinder School Made - Jada Shillingsworth
Year 1 Home Made - Mataya Edwards
Year 1 School Made - Dimitry Suckling
Year 2 Home Made - Hunter Flick
Year 2 School Made - Ethan Sitttepeo
Year 3 Home Made - Claire Hand
Year 3 School Made - Zali Reed
Year 4 Home Made - Bradley Parnaby
Year 4 School Made - Tara Brookman
Year 5 Home Made - Brendon Johnsten
Year 5 School Made - Lekiesha Orcher
Year 6 Home Made - Rosie Hull
Year 6 School Made - Kaylee Mckellar

Stage 2 AP - Mr Hardy
It was wonderfull to see all the amazing easter hats at our parade last week, alot of effort was put into making them and congratulations to all the winners. All the students that travelled to Cobar last week for the Netball and football represented our school with pride and competed to the best of their abilities. The netball girls had a great result coming second in the competition. It is amazing to see stage 3 attendance so high this term, keep up all the good work.

Stage 3 AP - Mr Driscoll
I would like to congratulate the Bourke Public School PSSA tennis team who were victorious against Dubbo Public School in Nyngan on Wednesday. It was a close match and the strong wind played havoc with our game but we came away with the win in a close finish. We will play our next match against Dubbo early next term. Practise for our tennis team will resume on Wednesday of week 11. A permission note will be sent home this week for those students. Congratulations to all students. You did us all proud ☺

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

Miss Barsby
Wow! Hasn’t the term flown, only two weeks of school left with plenty of learning still to come 😊. We hope everyone had an amazing Easter long weekend and your bellies are full of chocolate. This week we will be looking at the sounds ‘ai’ and ‘i’ in Literacy. In Numeracy we will be starting to look at addition and subtraction and continuing to learn our numbers. Have a fantastic week!

Miss Bradley
I hope everyone had a fantastic long weekend and you haven’t gotten too sick eating chocolate the whole time! This week the boys in the LC will be learning about Nationally remembered events in Australia – including Harmony Day (which we have recently celebrated) and ANZAC Day.

Other News

School Band or Recorder Group
Are you interested in being in a school band? Or a Recorder group? Many students are very talented in the area of music and Bourke Public School are keen to start a school band and/or a recorder group. If you are interested please put your interest forward by putting your name down at the office.

Blue Light Disco
When: Friday 12th April
Age group: 8 – 16 year olds
Times: 5-8pm
Venue: PCYC
Free entry
BBQ/water provided
Prizes on the night
Further details:
contact Youth Liaison Officer
Kelly Edwards
Bourke Police Station
68700-899

SRC Disco
Thursday 4th April
FAVOURITE CLOTHES
6.00PM TO 7.30PM
$5.00 hot dog and a drink
$2.00 entry only

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