Welcome back to Term 2 at Bourke Public School. I’m sure everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. Term 2 promises to be a busy and an exciting term with many learning opportunities.

Thank you to all students and staff who participated in the Local ANZAC service and march during the holidays. Our school was well represented.

Good Luck to Annabelle Flamisch who this week will participate in the NSW State Dance Camp in Sydney. I’m sure Annabelle will represent herself and BPS with pride. What a fantastic opportunity!

This Friday (10th May) is our school X-Country. The infants will start at 11.30am followed by the Primary. All parents, carers and community members are welcome to come along and watch or participate.

Attendance will continue to be a focus this term for all classes and the whole school. During week 3 the attendance team (Scott Willoughby & Kevin Handsaker) will be conducting a ‘Get Smart’ attendance blitz. Please find attached a letter with further information about the blitz.

Cheers Kylie Pennell

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Welcome back to Term 2! Congratulations to all students who enjoyed a kabluey iceblock on the last day of Term 1. Bluey is completely covered with stickers as a result of lots of Proud, Safe and Respectful behaviours over the last week of Term. We will be starting a new reward in the next few weeks.

On Tuesday 21st May we will be hosting the Newcastle Variety Bash breakfast at the school. If there is anyone that would like to help on the morning can they please contact me at the school.

Have a great week Miss Milgate
**Messages**

- 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!!!
- Outback Challenge –
  Wednesday 22nd May.
- District X-Country at Enngonia – Friday 24th May.
- Term 2 Mid-Term Break – Friday 31st May & Monday 3rd June.
- Regional X-Country – 12th June at Wellington.
- Wombat Golf Challenge – 12th June at Bourke.
- BPS Horse Sports – Monday 17th June. Anyone that would like to assist in anyway please contact the school.

**KINDERGARTEN**

**Miss Heaney**

Welcome to term 2! KH and I hope that everybody had a fantastic holiday break. We had a great few days back in class revising our term 1 skills and sharing our holiday stories. This week we are getting back into learning our sounds and are building our addition and subtraction skills. I would like to give KH a big congratulations for their amazing performance on the infants assembly last week. Have a great week everyone! Miss Heaney 😊

**Stage 1**

**Miss Bartley**

IN would like to welcome everyone back for a big term 2! Last week IN started their new unit called ‘Transport’, students will be learning about different forms of transport, how they help us and how they can be harmful. Well done to all those students who remembered to come back to school on Wednesday last week! In art last week we made hot air balloons and discussed what sort of transport they would be! Remember to come to school every day!! Cheers Miss B

**Mrs Hardy**

Hi, everyone and welcome back to BPS for Term 2, 2013! 1H hopes you enjoyed your holidays and are now ready to get back into learning! Last week 1H had their ‘Bourkey Bear’ party from the week 11 assembly and loved sharing yummy food and watching a funny movie together. 1H also started their H.S.I.E unit on ‘Transport’. In Literacy we started looking at how things work and in Numeracy we concentrated on addition and subtraction. Have a fantastic week!

~ Mrs Hardy ~

**Stage 2**

**Miss Duiz**

What a great week it has been for the first week back of term 2. 1D have been working hard in maths, writing and saying our numbers from 1-100, by one’s, two’s and five’s. In Literacy, we have been writing quality sentences and this week we will continue to focus on our reading in class. Remember on Friday it is Cross Country so please bring a water bottle and a hat. Have a great week, Miss Duiz 😊

**P&C NEWS**

P&C Meeting Wednesday 8th May at 6pm at Bourke Public School in the Library.
Everyone is welcome to attend!

Last week’s Canteen award goes to ‘Haylie Reed’ for always using beautiful manners.

Mother’s Day presents on sale now at the canteen Gifts-$5.00 each

Winter Uniforms in stock now
Thursday’s SPECIAL Spaghetti Bolognaise $3

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS**

**Early Stage 1 AP - Miss Budd**

Welcome back to Term 2. This is a short term but will be very busy. Congratulations to all the Kindergarten students coming back so settled and ready to learn. Remember as the cold weather is approaching it is important to try and wear a blue jumper. Make sure you put your name on the jumper so if taken off it can be found again. The Cross Country is on Friday. Make sure you have your running shoes on!

**Stage 1 AP - Miss Bartley**

I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday and are ready for a very busy term. This term stage 1 are having a movie party for those students who come every day to school or who have missed only 3 days. Remember to be apart of this students must come every day to school! Students who are invited will receive a movie ticket for entry and they will be supplied with some special treats whilst watching the movie!

AEO Caught being good Awards in Week 1 - Ben Vincent & Andi Ibbotson
**STAGE 2**

**Miss Mowbray**
Welcome back to Term 2! We will be very busy in this nine week term! There is so much happening! This Term, 2M will be focusing on National Parks during HSIE and in Visual Arts we will be creating various forms of digital art using different types of technology. I’m looking forward to another great term with 2M! Have a great week!

Miss M 😊

**Ms Gaukroger**
This term Stage 3 Literacy will be working on their debating skills. Students will be preparing arguments for the upcoming debates against Cobar and Broken Hill. We are also very busy getting ready for NAPLAN in both Literacy and Numeracy which is fast approaching in week 3. In HSIE this term we will be learning about National Parks, finding out what makes a park a ‘National Park’.

**Miss Dorrington**
We were all excited to be back! We have all been focusing on problem solving and negative numbers in maths. In Literacy, we looked at etymology, word origins and found it fascinating how words are made. We are continuing our unit on the weather this term. Everyone is looking forward to a great term!

cheers Miss D

**Stage 2 AP - Mr Hardy**
I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday! We have a very busy term coming up with many exciting things happening. Next Tuesday morning we have some students doing the ICAS computer test. This term in PDPHE we will be looking at growth and development and personal values. Stage 2 in term one had outstanding attendance and I know this will only get better in term 2, keep up the good work.

**Stage 3 AP - Mr Driscoll**
Welcome back everyone to what is sure to be another busy term at Bourke Public School. Information about the Stage 2 and 3 excursion has been sent out. The excursion will be to Sydney from the 2nd September to the 6th. Remember that we are only able to offer 45 placements for the excursion to Sydney. The cost is $250 per student. The school is again offering a payment plan for parents and caregivers. A $50 deposit is all that is needed to secure a place on the excursion. Students are showing they are very keen to attend with many students already securing their place this week.

**STAGE 3**

**Mr Marshall**
I hope everyone has a great holiday! I know I did. This term we will again be focusing on discussion texts up until NAPLAN, which is in 2 weeks time. In maths we have been looking at scale and time zones around Australia. In 3M we have looked at many different artists and created our own portrait of one of our friends using different artistic styles. Remember that cross country is this Friday, so remember your runners! Mr. M

**Mrs Douglas**
What a fantastic start to the new term 3S made last week - 100% attendance on Thursday. Well done and keep it up! This term is going to be super busy... NAPLAN, cross-country and Outback Challenge to name but a few events happening soon.
In the classroom, 3S are continuing to work hard and are looking forward to starting a new science unit on electricity after NAPLAN.
Have a great week. Mrs Douglas

**Miss Griffiths Kitchen & Garden**
Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a relaxing holiday! Our garden is looking better than ever with a lot of new fruit and vegetables ready for harvest. Our chickens are even laying again! I hope everyone is looking forward to a great term of harvesting and cooking! Miss Griffiths

The students with Bluey the Yabby at the end of Last Term. All students were given a free iceblock for filling Bluey the Yabby up with stickers!
Miss Barsby
What a wonderful start to term two! The students of the M.C. came back ready for another amazing term and enjoyed getting back into routine last week. This week we will be starting to look at social stories in Literacy time and consolidating our knowledge of the numbers 6-10 in Maths. We were very excited to have 100% attendance our first day back at school. We are determined to win the attendance award this term 😊. We hope everyone has a great week!

Miss Bradley
What a quick start to the term we have had! The boys have settled back into school life quickly and are looking forward to all the exciting things we will be looking at this term! Can everyone please start collecting bottle tops (doesn’t matter what sort) and send them in to school with the boys? Cheers!

LC & MC CLASSES

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.

BPS Cross Country K-6
This Friday 10th of May at 11.30am
Please make sure students wear correct running shoes and have puffers/medication if needed on the day.

BPS PINK DAY FRIDAY 10th MAY
Remember to wear your pink gear and bring a donation for the Jane McGarth foundation.
Also Teachers v Police pink cricket afternoon.
Come along and see the teachers vs the police from 1.30pm on Friday.
All parents and community members welcome to see a game that will not quickly be forgotten.
GO TEACHERS!!!

Exemptions
Did you know?
You can apply to the Principal for an exemption if your child needs to be absent from school. Exemptions are not counted in your child/children’s end of year absences.
Exemptions may be granted for the following reasons and will need to be assessed for approval by the Principal:

- **exceptional domestic circumstances** (some examples are listed below):
  - Flood (or other natural disaster) where the student is prevented from attending school;
  - Funerals where the family needs to leave town for a period of time;
  - Family holidays during school term subject to being satisfied that this is in the best educational interests of your child;
  - Child accompanying sick parent out of town for a period of time for treatment.
  - If the time away is more than a week try to have your child attend the local school through short-term attendance to ensure your child does not miss out on too much learning.

- **other exceptional circumstances** such as health of the student where sick leave or alternative enrolment is not appropriate
  - Student needing to attend appointments in Sydney, for example, for ongoing treatment;
  - The child being prevented from attending school because of an infectious disease which could include whooping cough; measles; impetigo (school sores); influenza; chickenpox; conjunctivitis; gastroenteritis; German measles; mumps; ringworm; scabies; Scarlet Fever.

- **employment in the entertainment industry or participation in elite sporting events** for short periods of time i.e. for one or two days, and at short notice.

Remember: Exemptions need to be applied for by the parent or carer prior to the absence and will need to be approved by the school principal. If you think your child/children may need an exemption, speak to the principal by appointment or phone call and complete the application form.

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

Bluey Star of the Week
KH- Takayalih Dixon
KB- Riley Parnaby
1D- Richard Booth
1H- Adam Edwards
1N- Takarni Dixon
MC- Kiam McKellar