Welcome to the beginning of a special but busy week at Bourke Public School. NAPLAN is held this week for all students in years 3 & 5. The assessments will be held on Tuesday (Writing & Language conventions), Wednesday (Reading) & Thursday (Numeracy). Please ensure that your child attends school everyday to participate in these very important assessments.

This week we are delighted to welcome Commissioners Megan Mitchell (Children & Young people Commissioner) & Mick Gooda (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner) to BPS on Wednesday afternoon. This week we also thrilled to welcome Director General Dr Michele Bruniges & Executive Director Connected Communities Michele Hall to BPS on Thursday afternoon. Michele and Michele will be spending some time in our classrooms during a tour of our school.

Congratulations to all students who competed in the school X-Country last Friday. Thank you to Mr Marshall for organising the event. Students will be notified this week who will be competing at the district X-Country.

Good Luck to our Tennis team who compete in the 3rd round of the PSSA competition this Friday against Dubbo South PS.

Cheers Kylie Pennell

Message from the Deputy Principal

Welcome to week 3! We have started covering Bluey again this week with our Proud, Safe and Respectful stickers. When Bluey is completely white the students will get 3 extra play times in one week from 2.45-3.00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday 21 May we will be hosting the Newcastle Variety Bash for breakfast from 6.00am. We need helpers to cook and serve brekkie and sell raffle tickets etc. If anyone can help in anyway please contact the school as it will be very appreciated.

Have a wonderful week, Miss Milgate.
KINDERGARTEN

Miss Heaney
Welcome to week 3! Well done to all the students who went in the cross country and wore pink, we all had a great day! I hope all our mothers, grandmothers and carers had a beautiful mother’s day. This week we are learning new sounds and tricky words and are trying really hard with developing our reading and writing skills. In maths we are going to be assessed on what we have learnt already this term! Looking forward to another busy and exciting week!

Miss Bartley
Wow! What a big week! Well done to everyone who raced in the Cross Country, you all did a fantastic job and should be very proud of your efforts! Last week infants started clubs, clubs happens every Tuesday afternoon and students’ get to rotate around different activities. Everyone really enjoyed participating in the various events and are looking forward to a new activity next week. Well done to everyone who dressed up in pink and supported the pink day! Cheers Miss B

Mrs Hardy
Hi everyone and welcome to week 3! It was so great to see so many children and staff supporting such a great cause by dressing in pink last Friday. All money raised will be donated to the Jane McGrath Foundation. Well done to everyone who participated in the Cross Country and a big thanks to Mr Marshall for running with Stage One! Last week 1H worked on some Mother’s Day gifts and discussed the different forms of transport we know about. 1H hope you have a fantastic week! Cheers - Mrs Hardy

MISS BUDD
Congratulations to all students who went in the cross country and supported pink day. We enjoyed clubs last week and are looking forward to it again next week. In English we are looking at the tricky words ‘this’, ‘not’ and ‘see’ and the sounds Vv, oo/OO. In technology we are starting to learn how to use the laptop. Have a great week.

STAGE 1

P&C NEWS
We now have hot food at the canteen for Term 2 & 3. Attached to the newsletter is our new menu.

Last week’s Canteen award goes to ‘Lekelsha Archer’ for always using beautiful manners.

Uniforms in stock now

Thursday’s SPECIAL Spaghetti Bolognaise $3

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Early Stage 1 AP - Miss Budd
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Cross Country. It was great to see everyone trying their best. Don’t forget the Infant assembly this Thursday at 2.15pm. Come along and support 1D who are performing this week. Good luck to all the students participating in NAPLAN. Have a wonderful week.

Stage 1 AP - Miss Bartley
Well done to everyone who dressed up for pink day, its great to see so many people supporting a worth while cause! Congratulations to everyone who ran in the Cross Country Fun Run, it was fantastic to see everyone trying so hard and enjoying the day! Don’t forget that if you are participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge to bring in your log of books you have been reading, so I can log them! Cheers Miss B

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.

AEO Caught being good Awards in Week 3 - Destiny Middleton & Jeleall Suckling
**Stage 2 & 3 - Primary**

**STAGE 2**

**Mrs Gaukroger**
Congratualtions to the fantastic runners and all of those who dressed in pink! I hope everyone had a great Mothers Day on the weekend! This week Year 3 and Year 5 have their Naplan testing. On Tuesday the students will be completing their Writing and Language Conventions, on Wednesday the Reading section and on Thursday their Numeracy.

**Miss Mowbray**
A big congratulations to all of those students who participated in the Cross Country last Friday! We all had a fantastic day! This week is a massive week as all Year 3 students will be sitting the NAPLAN tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure your child is at school and on time on these days. Good luck to all of those students!! Have a great week! Miss M

**Ms Topalov**
Congratulations to everyone on a terrific effort in the Cross Country last Friday. Well done to the BPS Cricket team and our fantastic local Bourke Police team! This week will be busy with our NAPLAN tests. Well done again 2T with another two days of 100% last week. Hope you have a great week! Ms T

**STAGE 3**

**Mr Marshall**
Well done to all those students who ran the cross country track, I was amazed with all the talent we have in this school. I hope everyone enjoyed the teachers versus police cricket game, well done to all those teachers and a big thankyou to those police that made the effort to come up to the school for this game. Good luck to our year 5 students in this weeks NAPLAN tests, we know you will all go great! Mr Marshall

**Miss Dorrington**
Last week we found another interesting site to practice grammar and commas. The site is Tesconnect and is really worthwhile looking at. In maths we have been using the site called Studyladder to enhance our maths skills. The focus has been on negative numbers and scale within mapping. In our home class we have been continuing our study of the weather and should finish this unit shortly. Happy Mothers Day to all! Miss D

**Mrs Douglas**
Well done to all those students who participated in cross country – it was a tremendous effort! Also, to all those students who remembered to wear pink for the Jane McGrath Foundation – a very worthy cause which we all need to support. Last week 3S also made a start on our new class which we all need to support.

Good luck to all Year 5 students participating in NAPLAN this week...

Mrs Douglas

**Miss Griffiths Kitchen & Garden**
Wow! We had a fantastic week in the Kitchen and Garden last week! Stage 2 were all very impressive with their work in the garden and participation in the kitchen. This week is Stage 3’s turn! We can’t wait to show our special visitors this week our Kitchen and Garden and how effectively we use it. Have a great week!

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS- NEWS**

**Stage 2 AP - Mr Hardy**
Congratulations to all the children who competed in the cross country. I was very impressed with the effort they put into the event. Thankyou to the Police who came up and played the teachers in a cricket game to help us raise money for the Jane McGrath foundation. It was a fantastic game and the teachers and children had a wonderful afternoon. Don’t forget that we have the NAPLAN test happening next week.

**Stage 3 AP - Mr Driscoll**
Welcome to Week 3 everyone! This week the school PSSA tennis team will travel to Nyngan to play in the 3rd round of the competition against Dubbo South Public School. We will hold a practice session this Wednesday 15th May to refine some of our skills before the match. Just a reminder that parents can now secure a place for our Stage 2/3 excursion for their children to Sydney by paying a $50 deposit to the front office. The total cost of the excursion is $250 per student. Places are filling up quickly! If you have any questions regarding the excursion please contact me at the school.

**2013 MERIT SYSTEM AWARDS**

**Bronze:**
Leyton Dennis
Myah-Rose Driscoll
Charles Mort
Tomekah Wightman
Lacey Davis
Kobie Lollback
Braxton-Leigh Norris
Abbey-Leigh Warrick
Chequita Knight
Cooper Ryan
Daniel Wilson
Aisha Benek-Sutton
Zali Reed
Tara Brookman
Charles Vincent
Bethany Hudson
Charli Ibbotson
Brendan Johnston
Kasey Willoughby
Jasmine Doolan
Cohen Driscoll
Katie Whitbread
Brock Davis
Maddilyn Hembrow
Darcy Martin
Barney Mort
Mervyn Powell
Dallis Wilson
Gareth Faulkner
Hayleigh Hollman
Shavinah Mann
Sophie Mathews
Shanara McKellar
Tyrone Sutton
Jayden Thompson
**Silver**
Bradley Parnaby
Caitlin Warrick

**Bourke Public School's Motto for 2013**
‘Create Opportunities’
Miss Barsby
The M.C had a brilliant week last week! Our highlights of the week were running in the cross country on Friday and making instruments with infants and Miss Heaney for clubs on Tuesday. This week we will be focusing on learning to write our names in Literacy and organising pictures into a data display in maths as well as continuing to learn our numbers. We hope everyone has an amazing week!

Miss Bradley
What a great week we had in the Learning Centre last week!
All of the boys are looking forward to playing in the Outback Challenge in Week 4 and are busily training each day at lunch time!
This week we will be growing some herbs to plant in our own little patch of the school garden, and hopefully soon the plants will be big enough to pick and sell!

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.

Congratulations to all students who received an award today on Assembly for the house design.

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

Bluey Star of the Week
2T-Charles Vincent
2G- Jaylan Doolan
2M- Braxton-Leigh Norris
3D- Charli Ibbotson
3S- Mitchell Harvey
3M- Hayleigh Hollman