Term 1 for 2014 at Bourke Public School is coming to a close. We have one exciting week left at school until the holidays. This week is a busy week with plenty of student, parent and community member events happening. It was great to see so many students ride their bike to school on Friday to support 'Ride to School Day'.

Thank you to Miss Nixon for coordinating the event and also to Senior Constable Kelly Edwards & Sergeant Heath Ryan for giving students a bike safety talk.

Good Luck to our PSSA Netball team who play Narromine this Tuesday in Bourke. The game will be held at the local courts at 11am.

Good Luck to Tiana Edwards who swims at Homebush this week at the State Swimming carnival.

Thank You to John Milgate & Liam Rice for the 'Fire Education' talks that all students participated in last week.

A reminder that the Term 2 Staff Development Day is Friday 2nd May. Students will return to school on Monday 28th April.

Don’t forget our Easter Hat Parade this Thursday.

Have a safe and exciting holiday!

Kylie Pennell
Early Stage 1 & P&C/Canteen News

Miss Budd
Wow, last week of term already! Last week KB had lots of fun creating our Easter Hats and can’t wait for the Easter Hat parade. On Tuesday afternoon Kindergarten are having their attendance party. I wonder which lucky students will get to attend. Have a great week.

Miss Heaney
This week we will be busy finishing off our hats for the Easter hat parade so come along and watch on Thursday. KH will be revising all sounds, tricky words and maths concepts learnt for the term. Those who have great attendance will also take part in our attendance party! I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday!

Early Stage 1 AP – Miss Budd
Infants Cupcake Day is on the 8th April. So please bring your money along and buy some yummy cupcakes. Reminder the infants assembly is cancelled this week due to the Easter hat parade. Come along and cheer on all the students as they parade in their wonderful creations.

P&C/Canteen
Next P&C Meeting
Wednesday 9th April at 6pm in the Library.
All parents, carers and community members are encouraged to attend the meeting to discuss the new additions to the school uniform.

Stage 1 News

Miss Bartley
Last week 1N made their Easter hats for our Easter hat Parade that’s on Thursday the 10th March. 1N would like to say a big thank you to Melissa and Karen for coming in and helping 1N with their Easter hats, as they say many hands make light work. We all can’t wait to show off our Easter hats at our parade.

Miss McKechnie
What an exciting week we have just had in 1M! Last week we used lots of colourful decorations to create our Easter hats for the Easter Hat parade this Thursday. We also spent time in the Train on Friday and were surprised by the Easter Bunny who gave us big bags of chocolate. We would really like our caregivers to come down to the Easter Hat parade to see our beautiful hats and join in on the fun! Have a great holiday!

Miss Duiz
What an amazing term 1D have had! I am very proud of all our students for continually working very hard in Literacy, maths, home class and trying to improve our attendance. Remember, tomorrow is our Stage 1 cup cake fundraiser so please bring in your $1 for a cupcake. Have a fabulous holiday!

Stage 1 AP – Miss Bartley
Just a reminder that all Picture Plate product orders MUST be in by the end of term, so we can order our products and have them ready for everyone to complete next term. All the money we raise goes to helping infants with their end of year excursions. They are also a great way to keep your memories and artworks of your family or children. Enjoy your break!

AEO Caught Being Good Award
Kayleigh Lollback & Harrison Tancred

2014 MERIT SYSTEM AWARDS
Bronze
Aisha Benek-Sutton
Abbey-Leigh
Warwick
Jaimyn Moore
Robyn Gillon
Bonnie Martin
Bradley Parnaby
Charles Vincent
Tiana Edwards
Sophie Mathews
Royce Mackay
Andi Ibbotson
**Stage 2 News**

**Mrs Gaukroger & Miss Clark**
It’s hard to believe it’s the final week of term already. What a great term it has been. Well done to all students in 2G for your hard work this term. This week we will finish decorating our hats for the Easter hat parade. Our hats are looking fabulous already but if you have any craft items that you would like to donate please send them in with your child. We hope you can come along to watch on Thursday afternoon. Enjoy the holidays!

**Miss Mowbray**
Wow Week 11 and it is such a busy week! 2M will be focusing on both Easter and Anzac Day this week. We will be reading Anzac texts and we will be working super hard on our Easter hats. Please come along to the Easter Hat Parade this Thursday afternoon. I hope you have a wonderful and safe holiday!

**Stage 2 AP – Mrs Gaukroger**
This week the school will commemorate Anzac day with a school service at 10.30am on Wednesday at the front of the school in Hope Garden. The school will also have representatives at the town service. If you would like to join the school marching on Anzac day, please meet at 10.40 on the 25th April at Diggers. The service will follow at 11.00am. Have a great holiday!

**Stage 2 News**

**Miss Pullman 😊**
We have a BIG and BUSY week ahead of us this week. We have been productively working on our Easter hats for the parade this Thursday and looking forward to the disco on Wednesday night. It is very important to be on time to school this week as our attendance shop is full of goodies for those students attending school. Have a wonderful holiday! 😊

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**PBL WEEK 11 PROUD, SAFE & RESPECTFUL IN ALL AREAS**

**Stage 3 News**

**Miss Dorrington**
This week we have a lot of exciting activities happening. There is the Disco on Wednesday at 6pm. We also have our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday which is sure to be a sea of colour. We will also continue research on the Rainforests this week. We hope everyone has a fantastic break and a lovely Easter.

**Mr Porter**
I have been very proud of the effort 3P have made this term. We have been taking pride in our work in all of our lessons. We have also steadily been improving our attendance as well. Hopefully next term we can work on getting a few more 100% days in a row.

**Mrs Douglas**
Wow, hasn’t time just flown by. 3S have had a wonderful term together getting to know each other and winning lots of awards for our fantastic attendance. This week, in Literacy we will be finishing off our unit on the BFG which we all enjoyed reading. In Numeracy, students will be learning about how to read map coordinates, maybe we will locate some Easter eggs. 3S are also looking forward to showing off their fabulous hats for the Easter Hat Parade on Friday so why not come and watch?

**Stage 3 AP – Miss Griffiths**
It’s hard to believe we are up to week 11! We have had an amazing term in the Kitchen and Garden! Stage 3 is cooking a beautiful mushroom soup and a lovely Spinach and Capsicum Masala this week. In the Garden we have a lot of little jobs to do before the week is over. Have a safe and fantastic holiday everyone!

**Lunch in the Library**
Bourke Public School students are enjoying the variety of activities, each lunch time in the library. Our technology, games and girl’s club days are proving to be a hit. Our Friday movie day is a great way to escape the heat and flies. Come and join us.

**EASTER HAT PARADE**
Bourke Public School’s Easter Hat Parade is this Thursday in our hall, starting at 1.40pm. Everyone welcome to attend.
What a week we have ahead in the EYTC! With Easter upon us we have Easter activities planned in every area, from Easter music, to chocolate playdough! For the Mon/Tues group, we will be having a class Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday afternoon after lunch, while the Wed/Thurs group will be joining the rest of the school for their Easter Hat Parade!

Message from Ashley & Cathy Lowe
During the school holidays we will be taking delivery of a new bus which will be fitted with seat belts. Transport for NSW guidelines state that, whilst seat belts are provided;

- it is not mandatory for passengers to where them, the driver is not able to leave the seat to clip nor unclip children from their seats, nor can they add any more time to their run while waiting for children to do so.

It is really important for parents to understand that their children need to be able to put a seat belt on & off quickly without assistance, and it is their responsibility to ensure their children use the seat belt if they want them to. The driver will not be reminding children to put their seat belt on & will not be able to offer any assistance of any kind, as we are not, by law, able to leave the drivers seat of an occupied bus.

Parents should use the school holidays to teach their small children how to use an across-the-shoulder seat belt quickly, remembering that, as a new vehicle, the seat belts may be a bit tighter than they are used to.

Thank You to ‘Kurnu Baakandji’ from Toorale’s Joint Management for the $500 prize for winning the logo competition.