WOW! What a great start to the school year! Our attendance was impressive. We had 93% attendance in our first full week. We also had 13 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 and Early Years Transition students have settled in nicely and are starting to learn the school routines quickly. Congratulations to all students who swam at our Swimming Carnival last Friday. You all did extremely well and should be proud of your efforts. A BIG thank you to all parents/carers and community members who helped at our swimming carnival.

Our District Swimming Carnival is this Friday (21st February). Please return all permission notes as soon as possible.

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 to this assembly today.

Have a super week!

Kylie Pennell

Congratulations to KB and Miss Budd for winning the class attendance award for Week 3. It is fantastic to see our new students leading the way with their attendance and I think they are going to be hard to beat this year too.

Well done to all students for their efforts at the swimming carnival last Friday. Thank you to all parents who helped on the day, your effort is very much appreciated by the students and staff. Have a great week!
KB had a wonderful first week of school. We are continuing to learn about the classroom rules and our school expectations. We had a lot of fun at the swimming carnival especially the ‘greedy pig’ and ‘treasure hunt’. This week we will be focusing on the sounds ‘i’, ‘p’, ‘n’ and the sight words ‘girl, I, am’. We will also start learning about primary and secondary colours.

Miss Heaney

KH had a fantastic first week at big school. We all had a great day at the swimming carnival and a big thank you to Miss Duiz for organising all our games. This week we are learning the ‘I’, ‘p’ and ‘n’ sounds and are working hard on our counting in maths. In art we will learn about secondary colours. Have a great week 😊

Stage 1 & P&C/Canteen News

Miss Duiz

Well done to everyone who tried so hard at the swimming carnival last Friday! We had so much fun and were able to play lots of fun games and get wet. This week in Literacy we are looking at ‘Sebastian Wears a Hat’ book as well as continuing to work on our spelling. Have a great week 😊

Miss Bartley

Wow, what a big week we had last week. 1N had a fantastic time at the Swimming Carnival and would like to make a special thank you to Miss Duiz and all the parents who made the day such a great success. Last week 1N learnt about natural and built shelters, we are now able to distinguish between the two.

Miss McKechnie

IM have had a very big first week! We all had a really great day at the swimming carnival and a big thank you to Miss Duiz for organising such amazing activities! This week we will be introduced to term one’s sport and will get an opportunity to cook in the kitchen on Friday afternoon! Have a great week!

P&C/Canteen

Don’t forget our first P&C Meeting will be Tuesday 18th February at 6pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend and become members.

Last week’s Canteen award goes to ‘Kirsty Faulkner’ for always using beautiful manners.

AEO Caught Being Good Award

Kobie Lollback & Kaleb Steptoe

Message Board

- Primary Sport – Friday afternoon (1.30pm to 3pm).
- Infants Sport – Friday middle sessions (11.30am to 12.30pm).
- Infants & Primary Scripture – Held on Thursday’s (alternate weeks) at 1.30pm to 2pm.
- Infants & Primary Assemblies – Held on Thursday’s (alternate weeks) at 2.15pm in the hall.
- Student pick up – Could all parents picking up students in the afternoon please collect them from the canteen where they line up.
- Any Parents/Careers 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.
- Kitchen/Garden helpers – Parents are welcome to assist in the kitchen and garden lessons or visit and check out the program.
- Breakfast Club – Held on Monday’s, Wednesday’s & Friday’s in the kitchen from 8.15am to 9am.
- Active After School Care – Held on Monday & Wednesday afternoon’s at the school from 3pm to 5pm.
- Fruito – Held every day in the morning session about 10am. The school provides the fruit.
- Homework Centre – Held every Thursday from 8am to 8.45am in the library.
Stage 2 News

Mrs Gaukroger & Miss Clark
What a great week we had in 2G! We enjoyed researching the places we have visited in Australia and learning about the states and territories. Well Done to all the students who attended the swimming carnival. You all did very well and your behaviour was excellent. It will be another fun week this week continuing our art and theme units.

Miss Mowbray
Welcome to Week 4!! Congratulations to all of the students in 2M that participated in the swimming carnival last week! You all did a great job! Well done 2M for such positive attendance in Week 3. Remember to be at school by 9am every day! This week we are continuing with our art, Theme and reading units on Australia and The Dreamtime.

Stage 2 AP – Mrs Gaukroger
Congratulations to all of the brilliant swimmers for their efforts on Friday. All students were certainly were representing Bourke Public school Proudly! The first primary assembly is on this week on Thursday. I hope to see you all there! Good luck to those students who have made it to the district carnival on Friday!

PBL- Week 4 – Respectful Canteen area

Stage 3 News

Miss Dorrington
Last week we started our unit on Rainforests. We have learnt there are two types of rainforests. We have also looked at what animals live in a rainforest. In maths we looked at calendars and time. In English we have begun reading the BFG by Roald Dahl.

Mr Porter
What a fantastic start to our first full week of school in 3P. This week we have started our novel ‘The Twits’. We have had our first lesson in the Kitchen and made milkshakes and pumpkin soup. A big thank you to those students that participated in our swimming carnival last Friday. Well done 3P!

Mrs Douglas
3S has got off to a flying start this term. We have been lucky enough to have Miss Buckley team teaching with Mrs Douglas and would love to have her stay with us all year! Unfortunately for 3S, Miss Buckley will be teaching another class after week 5. We are reading the BFG in literacy and last week in numeracy we concentrated on time. Have a great week…..

Stage 3 AP – Miss Griffiths
What a fantastic drop of rain we had over the weekend! It has filled our rain water tanks and soaked our garden beds and orchard! This week Stage 2 are in the kitchen and garden. We are making a pumpkin soup and chocolate thick shakes. Have a fabulous week!

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Mrs Roe
Welcome to week 4! Over the next fortnight I will be working in all Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two rooms during Literacy time. I am looking forward to getting to know all these students and working hard on improving writing across the school.

Miss Bradley
What an excellent first week we had in the Transition Centre last week! We all had so much fun getting to know each other - and the students even got to meet lots of the teachers from around the school when they came down to visit! This week we will be learning about the letter ‘i’ and the number 1!

Ms Topalov
What a great week we had last week. Congratulations to everyone who competed in our school swimming carnival. Last week in Literacy we were introduced to a great book called the BFG – “Big Friendly Giant” and we are looking forward to listening to more of the story this week. Have a great week.

Miss Nixon
Welcome to Week 4! Last week was a busy week in the MC. We completed lots of Literacy and Numeracy activities as well as using paints to create book covers for our books. We also enjoyed attending the school swimming carnival and participating in the water relays.

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.

Swimming Carnival Champions

- Jnr Boy – Champion - Bradley Parnaby
  Runner up – Hunter Flick
- Jnr Girl – Champion – Grace Milgate
  Runner up – Claire Hand
- 11Yr Boy – Champions - Charles Mort & Mitchell Harvey
  Runner up – Koby Knight
- 11Yr Girls – Champion – Tara Brookman
  Runner up – Chequita Knight
- Snr Boy – Champion - Barney Mort
  Runner up – Jaxon Tiffen
- Snr Girl – Champion - Lekeisha Orcher
  Runner up – Kasey Willoughby