Welcome to week 6 of term 1. I’m sure everyone had a relaxing and rested Mid-term break! Wasn’t the rain nice!

Our attendance was impressive again last week, even with the rain hanging around. I wonder how many classes will have 100% this week?

Good Luck to all students competing at the Regional Swimming Carnival this Friday in Dubbo. I’m sure all students will represent BPS with pride.

Congratulations to the Boys PSSA Cricket team who played Narromine last week. Unfortunately, the boys lost on the day but were very competitive and displayed fantastic sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Miss Emma Buckley who has completed her final practicum and is now a qualified teacher. Miss Buckley will be teaching across all stages this year.

Personalised Learning Plans are currently being completed by teachers, parents/carers and students. Teachers are inviting parents/carers to be involved in devising the plan over the coming weeks. All students at BPS will have a Personalised Learning Plan that will be used to support every student’s individual learning.

Have a wonderful week of learning.

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

Miss Budd
I hope everyone had a relaxing Mid-term break and are ready for lots of learning for the rest of the term. This week KB will be learning how to turn a computer on and open a program. We will also be looking at patterns in art and making a pattern cow. Have a fantastic week.

Students cleaning up the playground for Clean Up Australia Day!

Early Stage 1 AP – Miss Budd
We are half way through the term and there is a lot of exciting things to learn. Remember it is very important to come to school every day. Remember to work hard, try your best and have a great week.

P&C/Canteen
“The Tastes of the World Thursday” will continue this week and we will be flying to Mexico again. Taco’s & Burritos will be available for $2.50 each.

Last Fortnight’s Canteen award goes to ‘Estelle Edwards’ for always using beautiful manners.

Stage 1 News

Miss Bartley
Welcome back after our Mid-term break. Last week 1N performed at our first infants’ assembly. We hope you all enjoyed our performance and look forward to seeing everyone again at our next assembly. Well done to Natarla Smith who received our Bluey of the week and Jack Reid who received our class award for being respectful on the playground.

Stage 1 AP – Miss Bartley
Just a reminder to watch this space as Infants will shorty begin their first fundraiser for their excursion this year and information will be available in this box. Infants will be doing a picture products fundraiser, which will allow parents, community members and families to purchase plates, mugs, clocks with personalised artworks on them.

AEO Caught Being Good Award

Tara Brookman & Shakia Johnson

Messages

- Primary Sport – Friday afternoons (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/Carers 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.
- Frutio – 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.
Miss Mowbray

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Mid-term break! Well done to the students Miss Pullman and I took to the pool for the Stage 2 Attendance excursion last Thursday! We had so much fun! Don’t forget this Thursday is the Primary Assembly so please come along. Have a wonderful week! 😊

Stage 2 News

Mrs Gaukroger & Miss Clark

The weeks are flying by and 2G had yet another great week. We loved doing our artwork “citizenship” and learning a lot about the artist Sally Morgan. We hope that you can come to assembly this week to see the great work we have done so far. We have an exciting week ahead of us so please remember to come to school everyday.

Miss Pullman

Welcome back from the Mid-Term Break everyone! This week is full of exciting learning activities. In literacy we are exploring a new text called “Why I Love Australia” by Bronwyn Bancroft. In Numeracy we are exploring chance and collecting data to plot in a graph. Our home class is looking forward to our IPad artwork this Wednesday!

Stage 2 AP – Mrs Gaukroger

Stage 2 students who achieved 95% attendance up until Wednesday week 5 were rewarded with a fun trip to the pool. Stage 2 will be starting fresh this week to work towards their second attendance reward - a movie afternoon with hot chips and gravy. If you missed out on a trip to the pool see if you can work towards our second reward for the term!

Stage 2 News

Miss Dorrington

Last week we looked at plants that grow in the rainforest. We found out that epiphytes grow on other plants. In English we have been learning about common nouns. In maths we are learning the 5 & 2 times tables and working on our addition skills. We hope all the swimmers and cricket players enjoyed their events.

Mr Porter

It may be a short week in the 3P classroom but we will be working very hard. Our new technology timetable is up and most Tuesday afternoons we will be in the computer train. While on Wednesdays we will have the iPads in our rooms. Please remember your homework to gain bonus winners tickets. I hope you all had a great Mid-term break.

Mrs Douglas

3S has had a great week. In Literacy we continued with the book ‘The BFG’ and started to consider some aspects of visual literacy; we learnt what ‘reading paths’ are and what ‘salient’ means. Very impressive! In maths, we developed our understanding of the correlation between fractions, percentages and decimals. 3S owe Miss Buckley a big thank you and wish her every success on her next class.

Stage 3 News

Stage 3 AP – Miss Griffiths

Our garden is looking fantastic! We have been weeding and preparing our beds so that Stage 2 can plant seedlings this week. Also we have some new baby chicks in our chook yard. They are very happy and healthy. Remember if you have any favourite recipes at home you would like to share with your class please bring them in!

Active After School Care

Active After School Care started on Monday 17th February and will finish on Wednesday 9th April. All permission notes need to be returned prior to your child/children participating in the program. Afternoon tea and teacher supervision will be provided each afternoon. Children are to be picked up by 5pm or please give permission for your child/children to walk home.

Any parents/carers, community members or agencies wanting to support this program in any way please contact the school.

Homework Centre

Homework Centre is now up and running with a fantastic number of students attending. All students that attend receive a suppa-doopa at lunch time. This is a great way to cool off on a hot day. Please come and visit us on a Thursday morning from 8am to 8.45am in the Library.
**Absence from School Card**

Regular attendance at school is a **legal** requirement. All students who are enrolled at school, regardless of their age, are expected to attend that school whenever instruction is provided. Parents/carers are **legally responsible** for the regular attendance of their children at school and should explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within 7 days to the school. Parents/carers should take measures to resolve attendance issues involving their children. As you may be aware there are a large number of students in Bourke who are absent from school for no particular reason. There are regular checks by organisations such as Bourke Police about these absences. As such we will be working with both St Ignatius and Bourke High School to encourage children and their families to be more accountable for absences from school. In the coming weeks, children who are signed out of school during the day for medical appointments, personal reasons etc. will be given a card to indicate this. Children/parents are to keep this card with them as a means of showing that each student has a legitimate reason for their absence from school.

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**Early Years Transition Centre News**

Miss Bradley

What a fantastic week all the children in the EYTC had last week! We were even able to finally get out and play in our own special playground and ride the trikes. This week the children are very excited about all the new resources that have arrived including lots of costumes – why not stop in and see what we are up to?

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**Instructional Leader News**

Mrs Roe

**Predicting**

When reading stories with your child, encourage them to predict what might happen next in the text. Look at the front cover – ask them what is this going to be about? What do you think is going to happen on the next page? Why do you think so?

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**Bluey Star of the Week**

MC- Makye Knight
KH-Kalaneesha Knight
KB-Charmaine Johnson
1N-Rossy Howarth
1N-Natarlia Smith
1D-Destiny Middleton

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**LC and MC News**

Miss Nixon

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a relaxing and safe Mid-term break. Last week the MC enjoyed playing with some new animal puppets and toys. We also worked very hard on our counting. This week we will be focusing on our sounds and writing words and sentences independently. Have a lovely week 😊

Ms Topalov

Week 6 already! We hope you all had a wonderful Mid-term break. This week we will be busy transforming parts of our classroom into a rainforest. We will be labelling lots of the interesting creatures and the layers of a rainforest. When we are finished you are welcome to come and visit.

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**BPS Prefects**

Darcy Martin, Kiara Thompson, Kasey Willoughby & Dominic Abbo