It’s hard to believe that it’s week 7 of term 1 already! This term is eleven weeks, so we do have five more weeks of learning before the holidays. Congratulations to all students who competed at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Dubbo last Friday. All students swam extremely well and all achieved personal best times. Well done to Tiana Edwards who has made it to State Swimming for her 50 metre freestyle and will compete at Homebush later this term. Thank you to all parents who assisted on the day.

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.

Today all Bourke schools will be starting the new initiative – absence cards. All students that leave school for whatever reason will be issued with an absence card.

Have a fantastic week!

Kylie Pennell
Monday 10th March 2014, Term 1 Week 7

Deputy Principal – Jenine Milgate
Our Active After School Program has been a great success so far this term. It is a great opportunity for students to spend time together enjoying a variety of activities including dance, sport, drama and lots more. AASC is on Monday and Wednesday afternoons each week from 3-5pm. If you haven’t signed a permission note then please contact the office and one can be arranged to be sent home.

Have a great week!

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Miss Budd
KB has been working hard on their reading skills. Thank you to Mrs Roe for coming in and helping. Remember it is important to practise reading the tricky words every night as this helps you read longer books. It is also important to attend school every day so we can continue to learn.

Early Stage 1 AP – Miss Budd
This Thursday is the Infants assembly again. It is wonderful having parents attend, so please come along and support the students. On even Thursdays (when no assembly) Kindergarten students participate in fine motor activities. These activities go for around 1 hour. We would love you to come in and assist if you have the time.

Miss Heaney
Welcome to week 7! KH are excited to be visiting the chickens again this week to feed them. We will be learning the ‘d’ ‘g’ and ‘o’ sounds in literacy and will be focusing on reading and writing our tricky words. In maths we are learning about 2D shapes and will continue to develop our counting skills. Please remember to bring a hat to school - No Hat No Play.

Early Stage 1 & P&C/Canteen News

P&C/Canteen
Our next P&C Meeting will be Wednesday 9th April (same night as the SRC Disco). Please come along to our meetings and support our school. More uniforms and hats have been ordered and will be arriving in the next couple of weeks.

Early Stage 1 News

Stage 1 News

Miss Bartley
Last week 1N finished off their gunya’s, everyone had a fantastic time using bark, leaves and sticks to build a shelter like the ones that Aboriginals use to use long ago. We have learnt all about what makes a good shelter and the types of materials that work best for our shelters. 1N looks forward to showcasing their work!

Miss McKechnie
Well done to 1M for a fantastic week! We developed great work samples in Literacy, Maths and H.S.I.E and were rewarded with some interesting games. We also went to the train on Friday afternoon and practiced our technology skills in Microsoft Word. This Friday we are going to the kitchen to make some healthy, delicious snacks and are going to start making our very own Gunyas in H.S.I.E.

Miss Duiz
Well done 1D on receiving the Attendance Achievement Award for week 5. We received our award from Miss Milgate last Friday and we are continuing to work hard on improving our attendance. This Thursday we are presenting an item at our Infants Assembly so please come along and support us. Have a lovely week.

Stage 1 AP – Miss Bartley
Last week our Infants fundraiser went out, this fundraiser will help Infants with financing their excursion this year. Please help us by placing an order for our picture products, you can ask a family member to do an artwork for you or use a picture to put onto a plate, clock, mug, mouse pad or place mat.

Stage 1 News

AEO Caught Being Good Award
Karleasha Barker & Tahliyah Sullivan-Nean

Messages

- 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.
- Active After School Care – Held on Monday & Wednesday afternoon’s at the school from 3pm to 5pm.
- Homework Centre – Held every Thursday from 8am to 8.45am in the library.

Infants Girls Dance Group
The Infants Girls Dance Group will take place every Thursday at lunch time in 1D. Students who were successful in making the dance group will be notified during the week.
Mrs Gaukroger & Miss Clark
Week 7 already!! This week 2M Literacy will be rewriting our texts based on the picture book ‘Why I Love Australia’. 2M Numeracy are focusing on subtraction and position and 2M Home class will be beginning our new science unit ‘Our Australia’. Reminders: 2M PLP days are this Thursday and Friday so please make a time to come and have a chat with me and Schools Spectacular audition is this Wednesday. Have a great week!

Miss Mowbray
Stage 2 News

Mrs Gaukroger & Miss Clark
We had a great week last week. Our favourite part of the week was doing our art on the IPads. Our presentation at assembly went really well and we are all very proud of ourselves. This week we start dance and I cannot wait to see how well 2G can move and shake. Attendance was spectacular last week so let’s make this week the same.

Miss Pullman
Goodbye week 6, Hello week 7! 2P are starting this week light on our feet with a good ol’ bush dance the “Gallopede”. We are also starting an exciting, new science unit called “Our Australia” exploring unique Australian plants, animals and people so we need 100% attendance so we all have 100% of fun! 😊

Stage 2 AP – Mrs Gaukroger
We have had a number of medical specialists coming and working with students across the school. On Mondays we have the speech therapist from Medicare local working at BPS. We have had visits from Occupational and Speech therapist from Eternity Aide and GWAHS. The AMS has also started hearing assessments. If you would like any information please contact me.

Premiers Reading Challenge
Student registrations are open for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. If your child would like to participate, please let the class teacher know. This is a great opportunity for students to read a variety of interesting books and have fun.

SRC Disco
Wednesday 9th April
Easter theme – so come dressed in your best Easter costume!
**LC and MC News**

**Miss Nixon**
Welcome to week 7! This week the MC will be lucky enough to use some new literacy and numeracy resources. We will continue to develop our counting skills and practise writing our letters and saying our sounds. Ben will be continuing to write sentences independently. In the afternoons we will be developing our fine motor skills, as well as working on our social skills in group activities. I hope everyone has a lovely week.

**Ms Topalov**
This week the front of our classroom will continue to be transformed into a Rainforest. We are researching the Daintree and Amazon Rainforests and will be comparing the similarities and differences of these two areas. The LC are trying hard to achieve a 100% attendance, with each boy trying to get to school on time! We know it is achievable. Have a great week.

**Early Years Transition Centre News**

**Miss Bradley**
It’s animal week in the EYTC! The children will be exploring a huge range of animals in all areas of the centre this week – from painting animal footprints and making animal masks to exploring animal habits in our sensory area! This week we will be visiting the students of 3D during DEAR time – the older children will be reading some stories to us! Have a fantastic week.

**Instructional Leader News**

**Mrs Roe**
When reading with your child ask connecting questions to make the text meaningful to them. Ask questions like; has this ever happened to you? How does X feel? Have you ever felt like that? What was your favourite part of the story? Why? Which is your favourite picture? Why? Remember to read with your child everyday.

**Bluey Star of the Week**
2P-Lauchlan Lollback
2M-Dwayne Kelly
2G-Aisha Benek-Sutton
3D-Kyah Sullivan
3P-Mason Orcher
3S-Darcy Martin

**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. Starting today (Monday 10th March), 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.

**Our Junior boys and Senior boys relay teams who competed at the Regional Swimming Carnival.**

**Notice of Absence from Bourke Schools**

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