Welcome back to Term 2 at Bourke Public School. I'm sure everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. Term 2 promises to be a busy and an exciting term with many learning opportunities.

Attendance will continue to be our focus this term for all classes and the whole school. Let's see if we can keep above our Weekly goal of 92%.

Thank you to all students and staff who participated in the Local ANZAC service and march during the holidays. Our school was well represented.

Thank you to the SRC and Miss Dorrington for organising the disco at the end of term 1. Thank you also to Senior Constable Kelly Edwards for providing the disco lights and music.

Congratulations to our PSSA Netball team who played Narromine in the last week of term 1. The girls all played extremely well and should be proud of their efforts. Thank you to Miss Mowbray and Ellie-May for supporting the team.

Congratulations to Tiana Edwards who swam at the State Swimming carnival in Sydney at the end of Term 1. Tiana came 7th in her heat and 27th overall in the 13 years 50 Metre Freestyle.

During term 2 and term 3 a number of maintenance works will be happening at Bourke Public School. Safety precautions will be put in place to ensure students and visitors to the school are always safe. There will be minimal disruption to the normal routine of the school.

A reminder that the Term 2 Staff Development Day is Friday 2nd May. This day is a pupil free day as staff will be participating in professional Development.

Kylie Pennell

Weekly Attendance award

Deputy Principal – Jenine Milgate

Welcome to Term 2 and I hope everyone had an enjoyable and exciting holiday. Please remember that students should not be at school before 8.30am of a morning as there is no teacher supervising the playground before this time.

Bluey stickers will be given out this term and our goal is to cover ‘Bluey’ outside the office completely and when it is, the whole school will get a reward. Have a great week!

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Miss Budd
I hope everyone has had a fun and safe holiday. This term is going to be very busy and exciting with only 9 weeks. KB will be continuing to learn more sounds and sight words and focusing on how to add from the larger number.

Miss Heaney
Welcome to term 2! I hope everyone had a fun and safe holiday. KH will have another busy and exciting term learning lots of new things. Remember it is important to be at school everyday and on time and hopefully we can win our first attendance award! Remember to bring a hat to school, ‘No Hat, No Play’. Have a great week! 😊

Early Stage 1 AP – Miss Budd
Welcome back to term 2! I hope everyone had a safe holiday and are ready for some fun learning. This term as a Kindergarten attendance incentive we will be having a movie afternoon. So remember to come to school everyday so you don’t miss out on the reward.

P&C/Canteen
Our next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday 6th May starting at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please find attached to the newsletter the new canteen menu for this term. If anyone has a spare day through the week we would love some volunteers in the canteen.

Stage 1 News

Miss Bartley
1N hopes everyone had a great break! Thank you to everyone who donated cupcakes last term for our infants’ fundraiser. It was a great day and everyone really enjoyed all the delicious cupcakes. This term, 1N will be learning about workers in our community. It will be fantastic to start talking about our jobs.

Miss McKechnie
Welcome to term 2! I hope everyone has enjoyed their holidays as much as I did! This term we will be having a very strong focus on both English and Maths. In English we will be focusing on using punctuation when writing sentences and utilising our learnt sounds when reading. Please don’t forget that we do not come to school this Friday. Have a fantastic first week back at school 1M! 😊

Miss Duiz
I hope you all enjoyed the Easter holidays just as much as I did! This week we are getting straight back into the swing of things with Literacy and Numeracy. In Literacy we are focusing on writing more than one sentence and trying our best to spell most words correctly. Don’t forget that we do not come to school this Friday. Have a fabulous week 😊

Stage 1 AP – Miss Bartley
This week is your last chance to buy a picture plate, clock, mug, mouse pad or place mat. Please give your orders to the office by the end of the week to ensure you are part of this amazing fundraiser. It’s great to see everyone back at school for another term full of lots of fun activities and learning. Don’t forget to wear your uniform everyday!

AEO Caught Being Good Award
Robyn Gillon & Shakayla Dennis

Duke & Duchess of Cambridge
Five Connected Communities schools were selected to participate in the Duke & Duchess event held at the Sydney Opera House on the 16th April. The Connected Communities (Office of the Secretary) selected either a boy captain or a girl captain from each of the five schools. Bourke Public Schools boy captain was selected. Mitchell Harvey participated in the special function over the holiday as a representative of Bourke Public School and the Bourke Community. Mitchell had a fantastic time and even got to shake hands with Prince William.
Miss Mowbray
Welcome back to school for another great an exciting term. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. There are so many exciting and wonderful things happening in 2M in this short term. We are getting straight back into learning with Literacy and Numeracy. 2M Attendance Shop is open again with so many wonderful products for the students to buy so please make sure your child is at school so they can receive their Attendance Money every week. Have a wonderful week! ☺

Stage 2 News

Mrs Gaukroger & Miss Clark
Welcome back to another exciting term in 2G. I hope you are all ready for another great term after having a safe and relaxing holiday. This term in Creative Arts we begin doing Music and Drama. These should be really fun and give us lots of laughs. Please make sure you come to school each day so you can accumulate your money and spend lots at our class shop.

Miss Pullman 😊
Hooray for Term 2, Welcome back and how do you do! I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable holiday and are ready to work hard together. 2P will be learning about Australia’s past and present history and exploring Aboriginal perspectives through drama. In literacy we will be focusing on writing and in numeracy we will be passing the time learning analogue time.

Stage 2 – Mrs Gaukroger
I hope the Easter Bunny was kind during the holidays! This term we will be busy with our reading. The Home Reading Program will start and includes new incentive rewards. We will also be continuing with our Premiers Reading Challenge in class. Don’t forget you can add the books you read at home as well. Have a great week!

Stage 3 News

Miss Dorrington
We hope everyone had a great Easter break and didn’t eat too many Easter eggs. This term we will be looking at different forms of communication in science. We will investigate values within different cultures and focus on the different groups found within Australia. We will also focus on Australia in our Literacy time.

Mr Porter
I hope everybody has been refreshed and ready for a very busy term 2. This term in 3P we will be looking to improve our attendance from term 1. In week 11 of last term we had 3 days in a row with 100%. I hope we can keep this up in term 2. Our school will also be taking part in the Premiers Sporting Challenge this term.

Mrs Douglas
Welcome back to Term 2! This term we will be trying just as hard as last term for our attendance. We will also be learning about Identities and values in Australia. 3S are trying really hard with our fundraising for the school fun run. Have a great first week back!

Stage 3 – Miss Griffiths
I hope everybody had a fantastic holiday and the Easter Bunny was kind to you all! Another huge term ahead for the Kitchen and Garden! An enormous thank you to Corey Brooks for keeping our Garden looking so beautiful! So many healthy fruit and vegetables ready to harvest and cook! Have a great term everyone!

Bourke Public School’s Motto for 2014
Make it Real

Term 2 Staff Development Day
Bourke Public School will be holding our Term 2 Staff Development Day on Friday 2nd May. This day is a pupil free day as staff will be participating in professional Development.

NAPLAN 2014
Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be participating in National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy on the 13th, 14th, 15th May 2014.
LC and MC News

Miss Nixon
Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a happy and safe holiday and are ready to start learning. This term the MC will be focusing on improving our letter/sound recognition, reading, writing and mathematics skills. We will also be developing our fine motor skills by completing lots of cutting and tracing activities. Have a great week everyone. 😊

Ms Topalov
Term 2 and all systems go in the LC. We have some fantastic activities planned for this term. The LC will continue to visit some residents at the hospital and are going to work on their rose gardens. During our cooking sessions we will be tasting various foods from around the world. Have a super week.

Early Years Transition Centre News

Miss Bradley
Welcome back to Term Two everyone! Monique and I hope you have had a lovely Easter break and are ready for lots of learning! This term, the children will be looking at families, so just a reminder to send in a family photo – it would be much appreciated! The students will also be continuing their excursions around the school this term and hopefully we will visit every class!

Instructional Leader News

Mrs Roe
Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break. This term the Premier’s Reading Challenge continues. It’s not too late to enter and get reading! See your class teacher for more information. Remember it is important to read at home every night!

Attendance - It's Not OK to Be Away!

EXEMPTIONS - Did you know?
You can apply to the Principal for an exemption if your child needs to be absent from school. Exemptions are not counted in your child/children’s end of year absences. Exemptions are not included in our school attendance initiatives.

Exemptions may be granted for the following reasons and will need to be assessed for approval by the Principal:

- **exceptional domestic circumstances** (some examples are listed below):
  - Flood (or other natural disaster) where the student is prevented from attending school;
  - Funerals where the family needs to leave town for a period of time;
  - Family holidays during school term subject to being satisfied that this is in the best educational interests of your child;
  - Child accompanying sick parent out of town for a period of time for treatment. If the time away is more than a week try to have your child attend the local school through short-term attendance to ensure your child does not miss out on too much learning.

- **other exceptional circumstances** such as health of the student where sick leave or alternative enrolment is not appropriate
  - Student needing to attend appointments in Sydney, for example, for ongoing treatment;
  - The child being prevented from attending school because of an infectious disease which could include whooping cough; measles; impetigo (school sores); influenza; chickenpox; conjunctivitis; gastroenteritis; German measles; mumps; ringworm; scabies; Scarlet Fever.

- **employment in the entertainment industry or participation in elite sporting events for short periods of time i.e. for one or two days, and at short notice.**

Remember: Exemptions need to be applied for by the parent or carer prior to the absence and will need to be approved by the school principal. If you think your child/children may need an exemption, speak to the principal by appointment or phone call and complete the application form.

Our School Leaders did a great job leading our school ANZAC service.

A minutes silence during our Anzac service as we remember.