Welcome to week 2 which will be a busy week! It’s great to see that the majority of students have returned to school and are back in to routine. This term is only a short term however we have many learning experiences happening each week.

Welcome to Mr Ben McLean a new teacher that started at Bourke Public School today. Mr McLean will be supporting most classes and programs in our school.

Welcome to Mr Jack Tier a Prac student who will be working with Mr Porter and 3P for the next 4 weeks.

This week Bourke Public School will be hosting the 'Outback Challenge'. It is always a great day for Rugby League for all that participate. Please come along and support the day.

NAPLAN is next week (Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th May). Our year 3 and year 5 students are doing some final preparations before next week. All students in year 3 and year 5 are encouraged to attend school on these days.

This Friday is our annual Cross-Country (9th May). Infants will be our first runners and will start after recess at approximately 11.30am Primary runners will start at approximately 12noon. Parents/carers are encouraged to participate or come along and support our students.

During term 2 and term 3 a number of maintenance works will be happening at Bourke Public School. Safety pro-cautions 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.

Kylie Pennel

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**Weekly Attendance award**
Week 1 88% OUR GOAL 92%
MC & MISS NIXON

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**Deputy Principal – Jenine Milgate**
Congratulations to Mitchell Harvey for winning the Term 1 100% attendance prize of a digital camera. Please remember to be on time each and every day and if you know your child is going to be absent from school at any time then please contact the school so we can alter their records.

Good luck to all students participating in the Cross Country on Friday afternoon. All parents are welcome to watch. Have a good week!

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Early Stage 1 & P&C/Canteen News

Early Stage 1 News

Miss Bartley
1N have had a very busy week settling back into our class routines and starting our new units. In theme we have been talking about needs and wants and what this means to each of us. 1N wishes all our mums a happy Mother’s Day and we hope you all have a great day!

Miss Duiz
1D are getting straight back into some very hard work this week! In Literacy we are looking at patterns evident in story books. In Theme we will be looking at all the different types of workers in our community. Remember, this Friday is Cross Country so wear your joggers ready to run! Have a great week.😊

Stage 1 News

Miss Budd
Well done to KB who won Bourkie Bear at assembly. We will celebrate this week with a party. We need to remember to come to school every day. This week we will begin learning some new tricky words and sounds. We will be making some Mother’s Day craft and learn how to use Kidpix.

Miss McKechnie
I’m have a lot of exciting things planned for this week. In Literacy we are working hard on our learning centres and focusing on using full stops in our work. In maths we are implementing our maths groups and working on a range of skills. We are also learning about different workers in our community and fun skills using hula hoops. Remember that this Friday is our Cross Country. Infants students will be starting at approximately 11.30am. Have a fantastic week! 😊

Miss Heaney
Welcome to week 2! It is important to be coming to school every day and on time! We will be looking at data, addition and subtraction strategies in maths. During literacy we will be working on using capital letters at the start of sentences. Happy Mother’s Day to all mum’s. Have a great week! 😊

P&C/Canteen
Tastes of the world destination: CANADA..... Pancake stack with bacon & maple syrup $3.00
Last fortnight’s Canteen award goes to ‘Lleyton Dennis’ for always using beautiful manners.
Mother’s Day presents on sale at the canteen.

P&C Meeting: Tuesday 6th May, 6pm in the library.

Stage 1 AP – Miss Budd
On Wednesday is ‘The Outback Challenge’. Good luck to the boys and girls teams who are competing on the day. This Friday is our annual Cross country. Remember to wear your joggs and bring a drink bottle. I’m sure everyone will have fun and try their best!

Have a wonderful week!

Stage 1 AP – Miss Bartley
Just a reminder to let everyone know that we are extending our Picture Products order date to the 16th May. Please take this opportunity to be part of our Infants fundraiser by ordering something from our Picture Products. A new note and order form will go out this week. Please send order forms into the office as soon as possible.

AEO Caught Being Good Award
Bailey Harrod & Dallas Wilson

2014 MERIT SYSTEM AWARDS
Bronze
Tayjah Barker
Charmaine Johnson
Izaya O’Shannessy
Kayley Dixon
Shannon Bates
Leonard Doolan
Toby Martin
Archie Scanlon
Lillian Milgate
Breanna Smith
Jaydiah Thomas
Samuel Cannings
Riley Parnaby
Sharelle Brown
Mataya Edwards
Laura Rand
Eliza Johnston
Emma Simmons
Damon Brookman
Selwyn Kelly
Jarryn Moore
George Orchard-Knight
Jack Reid
Nat aria Smith
Ashlyn Stutsel
Tyrese Gibbs
Stage 2 News

Mrs Gaukroger & Miss Clark

2G are back and already hard at work! We started our Drama unit last week and cannot wait to learn more exciting activities and role plays. This week we will start our HSIE unit ‘Places: Then, Now and Tomorrow’. We are happy to be back in our newly painted classroom. It looks very clean and bright. Remember to come to school every day so you don’t miss out on anything exciting.

Miss Mowbray

Welcome to week 2! 2M are already back into the swing of things and had a great start to term 2 last week! Both 2M Literacy and Numeracy are busy preparing for NAPLAN next week. 2M Home class are enjoying our HSIE and Drama units. The Outback Challenge is this Wednesday so good luck to the Students participating! Primary Assembly is week! Enjoy your week!

Stage 2 AP – Mrs Gaukroger

Stage two this term will again have an attendance reward in week 5 for students who have achieved 95% attendance. This week we have a busy week with sport. On Wednesday the football teams will be competing at the Outback challenge. On Friday the school Cross country will be held. Good luck to all of those students who will be participating.

Stage 3 News

Miss Dorrington

This week we will complete our models of landforms found in Australia and overseas. The class will also be analysing the diversity of Australia’s population. In English we hope to publish our ‘Strange Events’ story using graphics and various fonts. Maths sessions will involve researching volume and capacity of various items.

Mr Porter

What a fantastic beginning to the term. Congratulations to 3P for added another attendance award win to our notice board. This term our class will be participating in the Premiers Sporting Challenge, Primer’s Reading Challenge and Home Readers. Please ask your child about these programs. Have a great week!

Mrs Douglas

3S is off to a flying start this term! The class has made a great effort to be punctual this week and we are going to try our best to win some more Attendance prizes! We have enjoyed starting our new Science unit titled ‘An Ancient Land’ and this week we have been learning about Ancient Australian landforms such as Wave Rock and Uluru. In Maths we have been consolidating our knowledge of 24 hour time and in English we attempted an exciting imaginative narrative.

Stage 3 AP – Miss Griffiths

We are harvesting the most amazing and delicious fruits and vegetables for our recipes! This week we will be cooking Carrot Soup and Capsicum and Spinach Stir Fry with all ingredients grown in our garden. Just a reminder, if you have a special recipe at home you would like to share with us please send it in with your child.

Also, with the cooler weather coming please remember to write your child’s name on their jumpers so they are not lost or mixed up with others. Have a great week everyone!

Dance Classes starts

May 5th 2014

Toddler (ages 2-5)
Monday 9am @ PCYC

Thursday 3:45 – 4:30
Bourke High School Hall

Junior (ages 6-10)

Thursday 4:30 – 5:30
Bourke High School Hall

Senior (ages 11-17)

Thursday 5:30 – 6:30
Bourke High School Hall

Cost: $5 per session
Questions please call or SMS
Kelly @ 0408238553

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.
What a busy week the MC had last week! We had 100% attendance for 3 days! We were straight back into Literacy and Numeracy activities and our daily routine. This week we will continue to focus on our sounds, writing, counting and times tables. We will also be working on our fitness whilst participating in the school cross country. Good luck everyone!

Outback Challenge
The Outback Challenge is on this Wednesday. All students who are participating need to have their notes returned by tomorrow (Tuesday 6th May). This event will be starting at 8.30am. All students need meet Miss Pennell and Mr Marshall at the oval at 8.15am.

The National Assessment Literacy and Numeracy Program (NAPLAN) will be held next Tuesday 13th May - Thursday 15th May. There will be a catch up session on Friday 15th May. It is very important that all students in Year 3 and Year 5 are at school on time for the assessments. Please contact the school if you have any questions. Have a great week.

This week will be extremely busy. Some of the LC boys will be participating in the Outback Challenge on Wednesday; this should be lots of fun. On Friday the whole class will join the rest of the school for our annual school Cross Country event. We will also be celebrating Matty’s birthday this week.

Bluey Star of the Week
KB – Brittany Robb
KH – Kayley Dixon
1D – Tahliah Sullivan-Nean
1M – Jimeara McKellar
1N – Emily Hopley
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Our teachers Learning new skills from visiting Professor Dr. Bill Rogers, Leading behaviour management expert