What a lovely Morning Tea Bourke Public School students and staff had last Thursday to participate in ‘Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea’. This week we celebrate ‘National Sorry Day’ and ‘National Reconciliation Week’. All students will explore the meaning of National Reconciliation week and develop a better understanding.

Welcome to Melinda Liddell a prac student who will be working with IN for two weeks. Don’t forget to wear your PJ’s to school this Thursday! All money raised will go towards Asthma.

Good Luck to the students participating in the District Cross Country this Thursday at Enngonia.

Good Luck to the students participating in the CWA Public Speaking competition this week. Over the Mid-term break our main office area will be having a face lift. It is anticipated that the work will be completed by the time we return to school on Tuesday 3rd June. Please be mindful that we will have some dis-organisation leading up to the Mid-term break and after the Mid-term break in the office area.

Enjoy the term 2 Mid-term break this weekend (Friday 30th May to Monday 2nd June) and we will see everyone back at school on Tuesday 3rd June.

Kylie Pennell

Deputy Principal – Jenine Milgate

Thank you to all the students and staff that made a donation and enjoyed morning tea together last Thursday as we celebrated ‘Biggest Morning Tea Day’. It was fantastic to see lots of students wearing yellow and blue to mark the occasion.

Our PBL focus for this fortnight is being Proud and Safe when lining up and walking around the school. It is great to see ‘Bluey’ filling up with stickers, this means that there are lots of students being Proud, Safe and Respectful.
**Early Stage 1 & P&C/Canteen News**

**Miss Budd**
Last week KB enjoyed going to the technology train with KH and we are excited to go again. This week I will be doing PLP’s on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you have not yet booked an appointment can you please ring the school and arrange a time. Don’t forget to wear your PJ’s on Thursday.

**Miss Heaney**
Week 5 already! The term is flying! KH enjoyed doing fine motor activities with KB and the EYTC last week. It was also very nice to eat our recess with everyone in the school for ‘The Biggest Morning Tea’. In English this week our focus is on writing. Hope everybody has a safe and enjoyable Mid-Term break.

**Early Stage 1 AP – Miss Budd**
Well done to KB for winning the weekly attendance for week 5. Remember this term for our attendance incentive Kindergarten are having a movie afternoon in week 9. To be able to attend you need to miss no more than 3 days of school. Have a lovely Mid-Term break.

**P&C/Canteen**
The NEW BPS girls school dress is now in the canteen. Purchase the dress before August 30 for only $30 (reg $40)....bring your old dress in to donate to our Charity School in Fiji - all sizes available happy for students to try on, orders taken also. Take advantage of this deal just for you! The old dress is out this is our new look uniform get it today!

**Stage 1 News**

**1N were very excited as we won Bourkey Bear at week 4’s assembly, so last week we had a party to celebrate our time with Bourkey Bear. Everyone really enjoyed sharing an ice-cream with him. In PDHPE we have been discussing our bodies and ways teachers, parents and people in our community protect us.**

**1M were dancing superstars last week who began learning an Indigenous dance with Aunty Pussy. This week we are practising using capital letters on our proper nouns and writing compound sentences. Please remember to bring your home readers back to school so that we can send home some great books to read over mid-term break. 😊**

**1D have had a fabulous time learning the Aboriginal Language on Thursday afternoons with Aunty Pussy! We can’t wait to learn even more words and songs. This week is a short week but we will continue to work hard to independently write compound sentences and read over our work. Have a lovely mid-term break!**

**Stage 1 AP – Miss Bartley**
Just a reminder that this term Stage One are having a disco party for those students who have no more than 3 days off this term. So come to school every day if you want a chance to have fun at our disco, we can’t wait to rock it with stage one!! Have a wonderful mid-term break!

**2014 MERIT SYSTEM AWARDS**

**Bronze**
Sharika McKellar
Bailey Harrod
Jeleall Suckling
Timothy Abbo
Aleshya Thompson
Blake Barker
Shaylee Kelly
Kyah Sullivan-Knight
Chad Edwards
Cooper Ryan
Estelle Edwards
Koby Knight

**Silver**
Aisha Benek-Sutton
Charli Ibbotson
Bradley Parnaby
Andi Ibbotson

Please remember Mid-term Break this Friday 30th May & Monday 2nd June, Students return Tuesday 3rd June
Stage 2 News

Mrs Gaukroger & Miss Clark
The weeks are flying by and what a great term 2G is having! This week we will continue learning new games and performing new plays in our Drama lessons. What great acting skills we have in 2G, it makes the lessons fun and enjoyable. Keep up the great work everyone. Have a safe and relaxing mid term break and I will see you all next week ready for another exciting week.

Miss Mowbray
Welcome to Mrs Ryder who will be working with 2M for the next 4 weeks while Miss Mowbray is away. This week 2M will be continuing to learn about the features of ‘Fairy Tales’ in Literacy. In Numeracy they will be working with money and learning about angles. Have a great week!

Stage 2 AP – Mrs Gaukroger
Last week each class in the infants and primary school were given a talk by Dr Suman a visiting dentist. Dr Suman taught all the students how to properly brush their teeth so they can prevent tooth decay. The students were kindly given a toothbrush and toothpaste each so they can continue cleaning their teeth as they were taught.

Moorambilla Choir
The following students have been successfully chosen to attend the Choir Camp later this year.
Jeleall Suckling
Mitchell Harvey
Sharlene Mann
Sophie Mathews
Jordan Kane
Shakia Johnson
Lachlan Lollback
Kobie Lollback
Kylan Orcher
Tara Brookman
Andy Ibbotson
Charlie Ibbotson

Our leaders enjoyed the GRIP conference in Dubbo last week

Bourke Public School’s Motto for 2014
Make it Real
This week in the EYTC the children will be going on a BEAR HUNT!!! We have loved singing the bear hunt song and reading the book that the children decided they would like to go on their own bear hunt around the school and make their very own book! Don’t forget about PJ day this Thursday!!!

Miss Bradley

Bourke Public School has a variety of extra curricular activities available to support your child’s development in reading. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is well underway, and all students have the opportunity to participate. The Home Readers Program is another fantastic inititate, and great fun! See your child’s class teacher for more information.

Miss Duiz

Miss and the girls dressed in blue and yellow for Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

Early Years Transition Centre News

Ms Topalov

Wow! Week 5 already! Today we attended the National Sorry Day event at the Bourke Aboriginal Health Service and Far West NSW Medicare Local. It involved a Welcome to Country and Flag Raising Ceremony. The boys showed great respect during the event and were proud wearing their school uniforms. We hope you all have an enjoyable Mid-Term break.

Instructional Leader News

Mrs Roe

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Premier’s reading Challenge has started again. If you would like to participate, please ask for a permission note from your class teacher and one will be sent home. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an excellent way for children to explore new and exciting books.

Home Readers Program

A new student record and reward booklet has been designed for students to encourage them to read. It involves counting the number of nights the student reads and as they achieve the reading goals, awards may be signed by students teachers to recognise the students achievement. You will also find a Bluey metre at the front which allows you to keep track of a students accomplishments. Helpful hints and word banks have also been included throughout to assist parents and students.