Welcome to week 6 at Bourke Public School. I’m sure everyone had a relaxing Mid-Term break and is ready to finish the term off. Congratulations to all students who participated in the District Cross Country last Thursday. All students ran well and displayed great sportsmanship. Students will be notified this week if they are progressing to the Regional Cross-Country in Wellington.

Congratulations to Brock, Kiara, Bailey and Lacey for their fantastic effort in the CWA Public Speaking competition last week. Kiara and Bailey now progress to the next round. Good Luck to the Rugby League team who play Gilgandra this Thursday at 9am at Davidson oval, Bourke in the second round of the PSSA knockout. It would be fantastic to have some parents/carers and community members support our team.

A huge amount of maintenance has occurred over the Mid-Term break. Safety precautions have been 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 during school hours. Kylie Pennell

Deputy Principal – Jenine Milgate

Please remember that if you know your child will be absent from school it is important to ring the office on 68 722 051 and inform the school. Well done to all classes that are trying very hard with their attendance each week.

This week our PSSA Rugby League team will be playing at Davidison oval on Thursday morning. Good luck to the boys!

Have a great week!
Early Stage 1 News

Miss Bartley
Welcome back after a small break, 1N hopes everyone is ready for the rest of our big school term. 1N would like to welcome Mrs Liddell to our classroom, she will be working with us for two weeks as she completes her teaching degree. In art 1N will be finishing their clown faces we outlined.

Miss Duiz
I hope you all had an enjoyable Mid-Term break and are ready to get straight back into the swing of things! This week in Literacy we are focusing on writing compound sentences and in Maths we are working on increasing our knowledge of counting on and backwards to solve problems. Have a fabulous week!

Miss McKechnie
Welcome back after the Mid-Term break! We have a very busy week ahead of us in 1M. This week we will be focusing on reading more difficult texts and constructing stories together. In maths we are refreshing our knowledge of skip counting and are practicing counting on and backwards. Have a fantastic week!

Stage 1 AP – Miss Bartley
Just letting everyone know that this week we will be completing the in school picture products that students have ordered and those orders made that requested them to be completed at home will be contacted during the week to indicate when they can pick up templates.

2014 Merit System Awards
Bronze
Brittany Robb
Bernard Dixon
Ben Nicholls
Karleasha Barker
Letayah Elwood
Ieshia Robb
Adrian Gersback
Salome Mann
Georgia Wood
Leithan Orcher
Ella Brown
Kayleigh Lollback
Shakia Edwards
Emily Hopley
Latoya Orcher
Lucas Creighton-Kemp
Chad Lollback
Quaylan Orcher
Cooper Tiffen

Silver
Shilah Orcher
Riley Parnaby
Laura Hand
Jack Reid
Madeleine Nicholls

AEO Caught Being Good Award
Lylah Orcher & Darcy Martin
Mrs Ryder
Welcome back to the second half of Term 2. Last week in Literacy we had interesting discussions about the gender stereotypes in classic fairy tales. This week the students will start to write fractured fairy tales by altering classic fairy tales to create modern ones. We will also start a new science unit, ‘Stuck on You’. This unit has lots of hands on opportunities to investigate the science of magnetism.

Mrs Gaukroger & Miss Clark
Welcome to week 6! I hope you all had a good Mid-Term break. This week we begin our science unit ‘Stuck on you’ which has lots of exciting activities. We also start our music lessons where we will learn to play different instruments. Remember to come to school every day so we can keep earning money for our class “shop”. Many of us have saved up lots of our money as there are very exciting items to ‘buy’.

Stage 2 News

Miss Buckley
Wow, I had a wonderful first week getting to know all the terrific students in 2B. This week we are starting our music unit which is all about different decades of music. I can’t wait to listen to all the different types of music we have had over the different decades. Have a great week everybody!

Stage 2 AP – Mrs Gaukroger
Home Reading – Students can read and then record a range of different texts in their home reading booklets. Students are encouraged to read as much as they can. This means they can read a newspaper, news articles on the internet, interactive books online, magazines or cookbooks when helping in the kitchen. As well as the books that students can borrow from their literacy teacher.

Stage 3 News

Miss Dorrington
3D hopes everyone had a fantastic break. 3D are looking forward to learning more about fossils during our Ancient Land unit. We will continue researching the various forms of communication and how it affects others. In English we have discovered a great internet site called Learn to Read.

Mr Porter
What a fantastic week we have planned in 3P this week. I hope everybody is feeling refreshed after our Mid-Term break. In our classroom we have seen some fantastic improvements in our reading fluency so far this year. Please remember your home readers so we can keep improving.

Mrs Douglas
As usual, 3S is looking forward to a busy week ahead. In Literacy, we are concentrating on the suffix ‘al’ and consolidating our work on homophones. In numeracy, we’ll be having some fun playing with cards and some coins whilst examining ‘Chance’. Keep up the great attendance ......

Stage 3 AP – Miss Griffiths
Last week Stage 3 had a special visit in the kitchen by the Early Years Transition Centre students. We were able to show the students around our fabulous kitchen and demonstrate some of our fantastic skills in our cooking groups. This week Stage 2 will be cooking up a storm. Its great to see all students so enthusiastic about cooking and eating so many different types of fruit and vegetables! Have a fantastic week!

Public Speaking
On Wednesday 28th May, Kiara Thompson, Brock Davis, Bailey Harrod and Lacy Davis competed in the Country Womens Association Public Speaking Competion at the CWA hall in Bourke. All four students represented Bourke Public School with great pride. In the 3-4 section Bailey placed 2nd and Lacey received a Distinction. In the 5-6 section Kiara placed 1st and Brock received a Highly Commended. Congratulations and well done.

Bourke Public School’s Motto for 2014
Make it Real
What a great week we had last week preparing for and going on our very own bear hunt!!! This week the students will be starting to create a class story book based on their hunt they went on! Our family tree is starting to look absolutely fabulous with all of our family photos! Please remember to send one in if you haven’t already done so!

Ms Topalov
We hope you had a great Mid-Term break. This week we are continuing our research on ‘Fossils and Dinosaurs’ the boys are learning some amazing facts about the life and times of dinosaurs. Well done to Anthony and Bailey on their Cross Country efforts. Enjoy your week.

Ms Nixon
Welcome back! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and safe Mid-Term break. Last week the MC loved pyjama day and enjoyed seeing all the teachers in their pyjamas. At assembly last Thursday, we were all well behaved and lucky enough to win Bourkey Bear! We will be having our Bourkey Bear party this week. Enjoy your week!

Early Years Transition Centre News
Miss Bradley
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Instructional Leader News
Mrs Roe
How to help your kids with talking and listening skills
1. Avoid interrupting your child when they’re talking and listen carefully to what they have to say.
2. Use everyday opportunities to talk with and listen to your child as they share things that are of interest or importance to them.

Bluey Star of the Week
KB – Rasheda Smith-Orcher
KH – Wayne Orcher
1D – Leithan Orcher
1M – Clancy Lawrence
1N – Kh’Tia McKellar
MC- Dougie Edwards Smith

Kiara, Lacey, Brock and Bailey being presented with their awards