What a great start to the term! Our attendance was pleasing, all students were working hard and I saw lots of smiling faces. **This Friday is School's Tree Day**, we will be planting quite a few trees and all classes will be participating. In the coming weeks we will be having a few trees removed from our school as they have been identified as hazardous in the recent tree hazard assessment that was conducted in all NSW Public Schools. **Our Annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 1st August.** To ensure we get through the day successfully, this year we will be running the discus at lunchtimes starting tomorrow (Tuesday). Any parents/carers and community members who can assist on the day please contact Louise Nixon.

**Education Week** will be held in week 3 this term. A book fair will be held all week and a book parade will be held on Thursday 31st July. Both our Boys & Girls Rugby League teams have been invited to play in Sydney at the ‘Legends of League’ carnival on the 20th & 21st August. Teams will be finalised this week and permission notes will be sent home by the end of the week. Kylie Pennell
Early Stage 1 & P&C/Canteen News

Miss Budd
Kindergarten had an awesome start to the term. In English we are focusing on our independent writing and trying to write more than one sentence. It is important that we practise writing at home as well. We are improving our skills in technology and still working on changing the font.

Miss Heaney
What a wonderful start to the term KH had last week! This week we are looking at 'A home for Bilby' and doing lots of activities based around this. KH maths are working hard to add and subtract without materials. Remember to come to school every day so that you can be a part of our Pirate Attendance Day at the end of the term! Have a great week! ☺

Early Stage 1 AP – Miss Budd
This term we are have an exciting attendance award for students who miss no more then 3 days in the term. We will be having a pirate day where the students can dress up as a pirate for the day and participate in exciting pirate activities. So remember to attend school every day to attend this funfilled day.

New Student Leaders
Congratulations to Royce Mackay who is now our new Prefect for 2014, to Shakayla Dennis for being the new Sturt House Captain for 2014 and to Kobie Lollback for being the new 2M’s new member of the Student Representative council for 2014. Well done to these 3 students.

Stage 1 News

Miss Bartley
1N have had a great start to the term! Last week we won the attendance award and we were able to move further around our class monopoly board onto a prize tree. Everyone was very excited to earn some free time! In Literacy 1N will continue learning about the digestive system and how each part has an important part to play.

Miss McKechnie
I’m got back into the swing of things very quickly last week! This week in English we will be looking at using dictionaries to help us with our spelling and writing sentences using descriptive language. In Maths we are learning how to use a calendar and looking at sequencing number patterns. In Theme we are learning all about the digestive system! Have a fabulous week! Cheers ☺

Miss Duiz
Welcome to week 2! This week in Literacy we will be learning and writing about the Human Body. One of our focuses in Maths will be to read through word problems and solve them with a partner. Stage One will continue to practise their dance moves to songs from the movie ‘Frozen’ for our performance night at the end of this term. Please remember to send your child to school by 9am as this is our new starting time for Literacy.

Stage 1 AP – Miss Bartley
This term Stage One are having a ‘Fun Fair’ for all those students who have no more than 3 days of school off this term. The Fun Fair will be packed with activities and yummy foods to try, so remember students need to come to school every day to earn a ticket to the fun fair!!

P&C/Canteen
Tastes of the world destination: India
Mango Chicken Curry & Rice - $3.50

Last Fortnight’s Canteen award goes to ‘Royce Mackay’ for always using beautiful manners.

2014 MERIT SYSTEM AWARDS

BRONZE
Ben Vincent
Kruz Ryan
Kiam McKellar
Makye Knight
Dougie Edwards-Smith
Haylie Reed
Lance Gordon
Shontay Knight
Shontaya Mackay
Lyiata Gillon
Jada-Leigh Shillingsworth
Richard Booth

SILVER
Shayle McKellar
Jacob Clarke
Samuel Cannings
Marikki Smith

GOLD
Harrison Tancred
Shilah Orcher

AEO Caught Being Good Award
Nabeera Khan & Lachlan Lollback

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Stage 2 News

Mrs Gaukroger & Miss Clark
I hope you all had a great first week back. This week we will be beginning to learn our performance night item which will be very exciting. We will also continue our study of British Colonisation which we have already learnt lots of interesting information about. Remember to bring your smiling faces to school every day so you can earn big money to spend in our “shop”.

Miss Mowbray
2M had such a wonderful first week back last week! We have started our new writing unit in Literacy and the students are enjoying their journal writing everyday! 2M Numeracy completed some fabulous column graphs last week! Stage 2 are beginning to dust off their dancing shoes and to prepare for Performance Night as well! Have a great week!

Miss Buckley
Welcome to week 2, 2B are excited to start practising for performance night. In Literacy we are enjoying writing fabulous stories in our journals daily. In Numeracy we are still working hard on learning all our times tables. Remember that homework is very important so make sure you are bringing it back each week!

Stage 2 AP – Mrs Gaukroger
Stage 2 have got straight into their new technology unit. They are working with Microsoft Word and Powerpoint. Students will be revising their skills of creating a text document, saving it and editing it using different fonts and layouts. They develop new skills with word art and inserting different objects. In Powerpoint they will be learning how to create a presentation.

Stage 3 News

Miss Dorrington
This week we are looking forward to visiting Bali again. This is our new HSE unit and we are really enjoying comparing the cultural differences.
In English we are looking at the book ‘The Lost Thing’. It is a very interesting book with lots of wonderful illustrations.
In Maths we will further investigate symmetry and subtraction. The class are also discussing dance steps for our Performance item.

Mr Porter
This term 3P will be working extremely hard to improve our attendance. Mr Porter has put up an extra bonus for our class money tree if we achieve 5 days of 100% in a row. Our homework and home reading program has started again this term please remember to return it each week. Later in the week a note will go home discussing costume ideas for our performance night item.

Mrs Douglas
After much oohing and ahbing, 3S has finally chosen a song for Performance Night. We even managed a first rehearsal last week and made some exciting plans for our costumes! We have started our new unit on Bali and are in the process of creating a fabulous new display to adorn the walls of our fabulous new classroom! Feel free to come and have a nose at anytime ….have a great week.

Stage 3 AP – Miss Griffiths
We have made a strong start in the Garden this term. The amount of fruit we were able to harvest from our fruit trees was wonderful and they tasted amazing! We have also been weeding garden beds ready to plant new seeds and seedlings. Our chooks and ducks are continuing to lay eggs which is fantastic.
Stage 2 are in the Kitchen and Garden this week. We are making Brown Rice Fritters and Mini Vegetable Quiches.

Premiers Reading Challenge
Could all students participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge please bring in their Book Logs this week, Week 2. All books need to be logged on the Challenge web site and be validated by the coordinator to be recognised.

If you have any questions please see Mrs Marsh

Bourke Public School’s Motto for 2014
Make it Real
ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL is a BIG deal for Bourke Public School. We take it seriously!! Bourke Public School is continuing to implement numerous whole and class attendance initiatives to encourage all students to come to school every day. If there is any way that the school can help your child/children with attendance please contact the school.

Other Attendance facts:

- Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education?
- By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please either tell your child’s teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence within seven days.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – DISCUS
Starting on Tuesday 22nd July we will be running the Discus at lunchtimes for each age group. Please see the schedule below:
- Tuesday 22nd – Junior Girls
- Wednesday 23rd – Junior Boys
- Thursday 24th – 11 Boys
- Friday 25th – 11 Girls
- Monday 28th – Senior Girls
- Tuesday 29th – Senior Boys