Welcome back to term 4 at Bourke Public School! I’m sure everyone had a wonderful holiday. Term 4 will be full of engaging events and activities and we will continue to focus on attendance.

Thank you to Miss Mowbray, Miss Buckley, Miss Bradley, Mr Marshall and the committee for organising our Performance Night at the end of term 3. It was a fantastic night and all students demonstrated some smooth moves. It was great to see the community once again support this event.

Parents/carers are reminded that the Early Years Transition Centre opens at 8.40am each morning. Students are not to be dropped off prior to this time.

At Bourke Public School we are always evaluating what we are doing and are always looking for new innovative ways to improve students outcomes. We are encouraging parents, carers and community members to complete the “Tell Them From Me” survey at the below link to help us to continue to improve Bourke Public School. The online survey takes about 20 minutes to complete and is anonymous. The survey will be open until Friday 16th October.

Have a great week – see you at the P&C Fete Friday night!

Kylie Pennell

Welcome to Term 4! It’s going to be a very busy term with lots of exciting events and school events each and every week. Make sure you mark in your calendar our annual Presentation Night which will be held on Tuesday 8th December starting at 6pm. It is always a great way to end the year and recognise all our students for their achievements during 2015.

Don’t forget to support our P & C this Friday at their Fete which will be a great fun-filled afternoon with lots of stalls of goodies and yummy foods.

Swimming starts this Friday for all students as part of Term 4 sport.

Message from the Deputy Principal

Miss Milgate

P&C Fete – Friday 9th October.
Infants Assembly – Thursday 8th October.
State Athletics Carnival – Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th October.
River Safety Program – Tuesday 15th October.
P&C Meeting – Wednesday 21st October.
Reference Group Meeting – Wednesday 21st October.
Soccer game at St Ignatius – Wednesday 21st October.
Grandparents Day – Thursday 22nd October.
Term 4 Mid-Term Break – Friday 6th November & Monday 9th November.
Year 6 Farewell – Tuesday 17th November.

Attendance Goal

Week 10 85%
Our Goal 92%

Weekly Attendance award

Miss Nixon & MC

100% all week

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Welcome to Term 4! Hope everyone had a fabulous holiday and are rested and relaxed for another busy term. This week we will start our Science unit ‘Weather in my world’. In Literacy we are beginning to learn diagraphs and we will continue to learn new sight words. We will be reading and writing about some great books around this theme. In the afternoon sessions we will begin our Art, PDHPE and Science units. I hope you all have a brilliant first week.

Miss Heaney

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had a fabulous holiday and are rested and relaxed for another busy term. This week we will start our Science unit ‘Weather in my world’. In Literacy we are beginning to learn diagraphs and we will continue to learn new sight words each week. KH Maths class will be focusing on further developing our addition and subtraction skills. Have a fabulous first week back.

Early Stage 1 AP – Miss Griffiths

A huge welcome back to everyone! I hope you all had a great holiday and enjoyed yourself. We will be busy picking the mulberries in our kitchen and garden this week. Our tree is absolutely full! Therefore we are making some sweet recipes this week. Remember that if you would like to share a recipe or help out in a kitchen lesson, please contact the school and let me know.

Kindergarten will continue with our huge efforts in attendance this term. Also please remember to label all of your child’s clothing.

Have a great week.

Miss McKechnie

Welcome to Term 4! This year is just flying by! This term 1B Literacy will be working really hard on our writing goals and will be producing some fantastic persuasive texts. 1B Numeracy are focusing on working towards counting on and back. Our home class will be learning about different types of celebrations throughout the world in HSIE. As it heats up please remember to send your child to school with a hat and water bottle every day. Have a wonderful week! ☺️

Miss Mowbray

Welcome back to Term 4. I’m very excited to hear about 1T’s adventures on their holidays. This term we will be focusing on the unit ‘Celebrations’ in HSIE and safe living in PD/H/PE. We will also be having fun with drama and art. During English we will be focusing on automatically recognising our sight words to improve our reading. Have a fabulous first week back.

1T the best place to be!

Stage 1 AP – Miss Budd

Welcome back everyone! I hope we are all refreshed and ready to learn lots of exciting new things. If you haven’t returned your home reader for a while, it is important that you do this so you can get a new book. Reading every night at home is important and helps to improve students confidence in reading at school. Have a nice week!

Miss Budd

Welcome back to our final term of Kindergarten. I hope you all had a fantastic holiday. In literacy we will be learning diagraphs and continue to learn new sight words. Our literary unit for the next few weeks will be about Bravery so we will be reading and writing about some great books around this theme. In the afternoon sessions we will begin our Art, PDHPE and Science units. I hope you all have a brilliant first week.

Miss Duiz

I hope you all enjoyed your two week break and are ready to begin working again! This week we begin swimming for sport on Friday. Please ensure your child brings their swimmers to school in a bag with a towel, hat and suncream. In Literacy we are straight back into it with reading twice a morning, both with Max and Miss Duiz, as well as writing recounts of our holiday. Also, our policy on the playground is ‘No hat No play’, so please encourage your child to bring their hat to school everyday 😊

Fire Education sessions with Infants

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AEO Caught Being Good Award

Breanna Smith & Jeremy Kane

Messages

- Bike shed – we have changed the lock on the bike shed starting this term. Only staff will have keys to unlock the bike shed. The bike shed will be opened each morning at 8.30am and locked at 9am for the day. The bike shed will be opened again at 3pm.
- Parents are reminded not to park in the bus zone at the front of the school. The police will be monitoring this at bell times on a regular basis.
- Fruito – is still occurring daily at approximately 10am.
- Website – Bourke Public School has an active website that provides up to date information. Check out our website today!
- Facebook – Bourke Public School has a very active facebook page. Like our page so you can follow all the exciting things that are happening at our school.
- Breakfast Club – continues to be held every morning from 8am to 8.45am.
- Any Parents/Carers or community members wanting the BPS newsletter emailed to them weekly please contact the school.
- Parents are reminded to send children to school with a hat and water bottle during term 4.
Primary News

**Miss Hudson & Miss Bartley**
Welcome to Term 4. We hope you had a relaxing holiday. Swimming for Primary students starts this Friday. Please make sure your child brings their swimmers, a towel, a hat and sunscreen. Please remember to label your child’s items. This term we will be continuing our Night and Day unit in Science, as well as starting a new HSIE unit. Have a fabulous first week back and keep up the great attendance.

**Miss Wade**
Welcome to Term 4! I hope that everyone has had a great holiday. I am excited to have the pleasure of teaching 2D for the remainder of the year. This term for Sport Primary will begin swimming on Fridays. Please make sure your child brings swimmers, a hat, a towel and sunscreen to school, as well as 50c or a season ticket for entry. Have a fantastic first week!

**Miss Buckley**
Welcome to Term 4. I hope that everyone had a fantastic holiday! This term we will begin swimming for sport on Fridays. Please remember to bring your swimmers, a hat, a towel, sunscreen and 50c or a season ticket. This week, 2B Numeracy will be creating timetables and some wonderful Fraction cupcakes. Have a great first week!

**Stage 2 AP – Miss Bartley**
Welcome back to a huge term! We hope everyone had a lovely holiday and are ready to begin working again. Welcome to Miss Wade who will be taking over 2D from Mrs Douglas for the rest of the year. Remember to be at school everyday to have a chance to go to our attendance reward party. Also as the weather is heating up remember to bring water and a hat to school!

**PBL – WEEK 1**
**Proud – What is Bullying?**

**Miss Dorrington**
I hope everyone had a fantastic break and are ready for term 4. This term we have a lot of great things happening. We will be looking at information reports and persuasive texts in Literacy where we will focus on editing and using paragraphs. In Maths we will be continuing to focus on adding and subtracting negative numbers.

**Mr Porter**
I hope everybody has had a fantastic holiday and we are all excited for term 4. In stage 3 we have lots of things to look forward to this term such as swimming, high school transition, attendance excursion to Dubbo and the Fete just to name a few. Year 5 students will need to start thinking about leadership roles for next year. Have a fantastic week everybody!

**Stage 3 AP – Miss Dorrington**
Welcome back everyone! This term the Year 6 shirts will be arriving and they look fantastic. Year 6 will be going to the High School for the start of Transition. There are some great lessons planned and the visits should be extremely valuable. We also have a Musica Viva performance coming this term – this will be a comical Opera!

**P&C News:**
**Don’t forget that our FETE is this Friday! (9th October).** Come along with the family or friends and have a great afternoon/evening! The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 21st October at 6pm at Bourke Public School in the meeting room. A reminder that all lunch orders need to be made by 10am.

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**MERIT SYSTEM**

**BRONZE**
Aaron McKellar

**SILVER**
Richard Booth
Dakota Edwards

**GOLD**
Charles Vincent
Ben Vincent
Kodee Booth
Zali Reed
Blake Barker
Chad Lollback
Lachlan Lollback
Caitlin Powell
Salome Mann
Ashlyn Stutsel

**DIAMOND**
Bailey Harrod
Marcia Orcher

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**Bourke Public School’s Motto for 2015**

**Relationships**
Welcome back to Term 4 and what a term it is going to be! We are keen to get back into writing some more fantastic stories using some amazing describing words. These stories will be so incredible that Miss Milgate will need a dictionary to look up the meanings of many of the words we use! We are looking forward to doing some more cultural activities with Phil Sullivan this term. Have a super week!

Miss Nixon

LC and MC News

Welcome to Term 4! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday. Congratulations to the MC for having 100% attendance for the last two weeks of Term 3. Let’s try and keep it up in Term 4! This term the MC have lots of fun activities planned again with quite a few visits to local places. As the weather is starting to warm up, please remember to send your child with a hat and a water bottle each day. Have a lovely week everyone 😊

Ms Topalov

ATTENDANCE - IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY!

Miss Bradley

Early Years Transition

Centre News

Who can believe that it is Term 4 already! We have a fantastic and exciting term ahead of us as the students get ready to begin Kindergarten! This term the students will continue to participate in the SWAY program learning all about the Australian country and how it came to be. The students will once again participate in speech therapy interface sessions with Joanne and Auntie Lois and are set to begin in Week 2.

Instructional Leaders

News

Mrs Roe/Mrs Aquilina

To support your children with literacy, take some time to visit the local library and have your child choose a book to read or a book to have read to them. Ask the librarian for assistance. Special moments with books foster a love of reading. To assist with numeracy encourage your children to score when they are playing games with their friends and use a tally to record.

BPS Performance Night

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;
  - Child accompanying sick parent out of town for a period of time for treatment. If the time away is more than one 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
  - 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.
  - Student needing to attend appointments in Sydney, for example, for ongoing treatment;

- 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.

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