The school year is coming to a close with only 8 school days left. Bourke Public School has had a WONDERFUL YEAR! There has been a tremendous amount of academic achievement, sporting accolades, many rewarding experiences and improvement in all areas of our great school.

The visit last week from the Minister of Education, Mr Adrian Piccoli was well received and many staff and students had the opportunity to showcase our school.

Semester 2 student reports can be picked up today (Monday 7th December) after 3pm from the front office.

Parent/carer and teacher interviews are being held on Wednesday 9th December at Bourke Public School. Appointments can be made from 5pm to 8pm. Please call the office to make an appointment with your child/children’s teachers.

Our Presentation Night is on Tuesday 8th December and will start at 6pm at the High School hall. All parent/carers, family members and community members are invited to attend to help celebrate the achievements of our students for 2015.

Don’t forget the Book Fair will continue this week. We are encouraging reading over the Christmas holidays by promoting a deal to buy one book and get a second book free (for the same price).

I hope everyone has a lovely Christmas with friends and family. I’m sure 2016 will be another rewarding year at Bourke Public School!

Kylie Pennell

Week 9 90% OUR GOAL 92%
**Miss Clark**

Welcome to the final full week of the school year. I hope you have all had a fantastic year as I know I have enjoyed my year with KC. Last week a few students in our class got the special privilege of having lunch with Miss Pennell as they made it to Platinum level. Congratulations to those students. I hope all students who attended the excursion to Cobar for their terrific attendance had a great time. Your child’s report can be collected from the office after 3pm today. Parent teacher interviews are on Wednesday, if you would like to have a meeting with me please contact the office to arrange a time. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing holiday. See you all again next year.

**Miss Duiiz**

Congratulations to all those students who made it to Platinum level in our merit system and last week got to have lunch with Miss Pennell! Your child’s report can be collected from the office anytime after 3pm today and tomorrow night. We have Presentation over at the Bourke High School hall. It would be wonderful to see a lot of you there. On Wednesday we have our Parent Teacher interviews here at school. Please contact the office if you would like to have a meeting with me. I would like to take this time to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**See you in 2016! 😊**

**Miss Mowbray**

Welcome to the last newsletter of the year. How time has flown by! There have been so many exciting things happening, last week Laura, George, Jack and Sakai were lucky enough to have lunch with Miss Pennell as they had reached Platinum level. We also had many students attend the Attendance excursion to Cobar last Friday. This week we also have a busy one with Presentation Night on Tuesday night and our Parent/Carer and Teacher Interviews on Wednesday Night, please call the office to make a time to come and see me. Also your child’s report can be collected anytime after 3pm today. I have had a wonderful and very fun year with 1B. I hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas. I can’t wait to see you all again in the New Year. 😊

**Miss McKechnie**

Last Friday, many students from 1M attended the Infant’s excursion to Cobar and had a fantastic time! This week Stage One are having two very exciting days on Monday and Wednesday where we will be split into three groups and will rotate between a variety of fun Christmas activities! Remember that this Wednesday night we have our interviews for Semester 2. It would be great to have a meeting with you to discuss your child’s achievements this year. I hope that everyone has a safe and relaxing Christmas break! It has been a pleasure to be apart of a fantastic class this year. See you all in 2015!

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- Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Stage 1 AP – Miss Budd**

This Thursday 10th December is the Stage 1 and MC Christmas party at the pool. If you have not returned your note you need to make sure it is in before Wednesday. Students will need to bring a hat, swimmers, sunscreen and a towel.

Students will head down to the pool at 9.15am so they need to be at school on time. Students will be provided with a bucket of hot chips and a snow cone. I have had a wonderful year with Stage 1 and would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

**Stage 1 Attendance Excursion to Cobar Pool**

Last Friday the Stage 1 students who attended the attendance excursion had a fantastic time at the Cobar pool. This week Stage 1 will be splitting into 3 groups and rotating around different Christmas activities on Monday and Wednesday. Students will learn about Christmas, participate in craft and may even do some cooking. Thursday is the Christmas party at the pool and Thursday afternoon students who have reached Diamond level will have their movie afternoon. Have a great week.

**1T the best place to be!**

**AEO Caught Being Good Award**

Claire Hand & Nikyra Suckling

**Miss Heaney**

I can’t believe the end of the school year is already here! I would like to thank all students, parents and carers for a wonderful year in KH! This week students will revise concepts learnt this year and participate in Christmas activities during the afternoons. On Friday students books and work will be sent home. Don’t forget Presentation Night is tomorrow and Parent Teacher Interviews are on Wednesday evening. I hope everyone has a happy Christmas and a safe New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2016 🎄

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Primary News

Miss Hudson & Miss Bartley
This week will be very busy. We have our attendance party at the Bourke pool on Monday and Presentation Night at the High School on Tuesday 10th and Parent/Teacher interviews on Wednesday 11th December. Please call the office to make an appointment with Miss Hudson and Miss Bartley. Well Done to all students who reached platinum level last week. Your child’s school report will be ready for collection at the school office on Monday 9th. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Miss Buckley
Wow, welcome to Week 10. This year has been fantastic to watch 2B learn and grow. I wish you all the best for next year. This week 2B will be spending the week creating lots of magnificent Christmas artworks and crafts. We are even making our own snowglobes. Remember Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held at our school on Wednesday Night, please call the office to make a time to come and see me. Also your child’s report can be collected anytime after 3pm today. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stage 2 AP – Miss Bartley
Remember that now that our Merit System has finished, Stage 2 have started another incentive for the remainder of the year. Students are able to collect ‘Lucky’ tickets that get placed in a box for a draw at our Christmas party on the 14th December, students will be drawn out to see if they win a prize out of our santa sack. Students MUST be at the party to win. Merry Christmas!

Mr Porter
Well, it is almost the end of the year. It is hard to believe how fast the weeks have flown by. This week we have our presentation evening, parent teacher interviews and our attendance excursion to Dubbo. Please come along to parent interviews it would be great to see you there. I would just like to thank everybody that has been a part of the 3P classroom no matter how big or small. The students are all the better for it. We would like to wish the year 6 students all the best for next year at high school. Please have a safe and enjoyable break. Merry Christmas too all.

Miss Dorrington
Last week in English we looked at Anh Do and his journey as a boat person to Australia. Our class watched the video covering his trip to Vietnam and they were all really interested in how people live. From this point the students wrote an information report on Anh Do and then talked about the points they found interesting. Merry Christmas to all.

Stage 3 AP – Miss Dorrington
Year Six had a terrific time at the last day of High School transition. The students were broken into two classes and all students were engaged in various activities that taught them the school expectations. Lunch was at the pool and there were some activities for all to be involved in. The students seem to be well prepared for year 7 and should find High School exciting. Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

P&C News:
Uniforms are still for sale! It is the perfect time to be buying uniforms for the 2016 school year. Look out for uniform packs coming soon!

The canteen will be open on Wednesday 3rd February (day before school starts) from 10am to 2pm for parents/carers to purchase uniforms.

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th February, 2016 at 6pm in the meeting room at Bourke Public School. Everyone welcome!

MERIT SYSTEM

Bourke Public School’s Motto for 2015
Relationships
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- **Wednesday - Thursday Group** on Wednesday 9th December at 2pm.

The students will also be having a Christmas party on their last day (Tuesday or Thursday) and are asked to bring in a small plate of food to share with their friends (please avoid any nut products). Monique and I hope that everyone has a happy and safe holiday with family and friends. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Miss Topalov**

Week 10 already!!!! Last week we went to Cobar for our LC Christmas Party. We spent the day at the Cobar Pool. It was a fantastic trip. The boys had a wonderful time on the water slide – zooming down at high speeds and playing under the wonderful water spouts. Dave the manager of the pool was very impressed with the boys manners. This week we will be creating a painting using special water colour paint and making some delightful Christmas Decorations. Don’t forget presentation night on Tuesday. Have a wonderful holiday and Christmas!

**Early Years Transition Centre News**

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**Miss Bradley**

Welcome to Week 10! This year has flown by! Last week the MC enjoyed starting Christmas activities and artwork, which will continue this week. We have also been learning lots of Christmas carols. Congratulations to the MC students who have had amazing attendance and are going to the attendance excursions. Please don’t forget Presentation Night on Tuesday and Parent interviews on Wednesday night. I hope that everyone has a happy and safe holiday with family and friends. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Mr Adrian Piccoli, Minister of Education Visit**