WOW! What a great start to the school year! Our attendance has been impressive. We had 92% attendance in our first full week. We also had 15 classes get 100% of their students at school on different days during the week.

It was also great to see all students wearing their school uniform. We all looked very proud and part of a great school.

Most importantly every student came to school ready to learn and were all engaged in each lesson. Our Kindergarten students and Early Years Transition students have settled in nicely and are starting to learn the school routines quickly.

Congratulations to all students who swam at our Swimming Carnival last Friday. You all did extremely well and should be proud of your efforts.

A BIG thank you to all parents/carers and community members who helped at our swimming carnival.

Our District Swimming Carnival is this Friday (20th February). Please return all permission notes as soon as possible.

A special Assembly will be held next Monday to present our new Students Representative Council and Library Monitors with their badges. Parents will receive an invitation to this assembly today.

Have a super week!

Next Monday (23rd Feb) Roads and Maritime Services will be installing flashing lights in the school zone area in our street. These will further assist to help make our busy street safe.

Later this term students in years 4 to 6 will be participating in the 'Tell Them for Me Survey'. Please find further information attached to the newsletter.

Kylie Pennell
Miss Milgate

Miss Milgate
Congratulations to all students who swam and participated so brilliantly in our Swimming carnival last Friday. It was a fantastic day and I would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make the day a huge success. This Friday we will be participating in the District Carnival at the Bourke pool, congratulations to those students selected to represent our school.

A reminder to all that students need to wear covered in shoes when at school, this is for safety purposes. If your child needs to wear thongs or sandals then you should provide a note to your child’s teacher informing them why.

Have a great week!
Miss Clark
I hope everyone had a great first week of school! It was great to see everyone having lots of fun at the swimming carnival last Friday. I would like to thank the parents and carers who helped us out on the day.
In literacy this week we are learning new sounds and tricky words which help us to write sentences. Maths groups will start this week and students will be learning lots of new number games. The temperature is very warm at the moment, so can I please remind all students to bring their hat and a drink each day. Have a great week.

Miss Duiz
K/1D had so much fun last Friday at our Swimming Carnival! We played lots of games and even got to have a swim in the little pool! This week we begin Maths groups and will be looking at counting from 0 to 30. In Literacy we are writing sentences about the book ‘It’s a Mirocoot’. Congratulations to Jayarna Payne for receiving our class PBL award for follow all expectations.

Miss Mowbray
1B students had a wonderful time at the swimming carnival on Friday! Well done to all of the students who participated.
This week in Literacy 1B will be focusing on our writing. 1B Numeracy class will be learning about addition and subtraction. Homework starts today so please make sure your child is having a go and returning it to school. 1B home class will be continuing with their fantastic artworks based on Living Things later this week.
Have a great week!

Miss Budd
It had a fantastic time at the swimming carnival and we would like to thank Miss McKechnie for organising the fun activities.
This week we will begin our independent writing in English. We will be focusing on texts based on families and the past. Have a fabulous week. 1T the best place to be!

Miss McKechnie
Welcome to week 4 everyone! 1M had a fantastic time at the swimming carnival last week and it was great to see so students participating in activities.
This week in Literacy we are focusing on planning and drafting written texts. In Maths we are revising whole number, addition and subtraction. Have a fabulous week!

Stage 1 AP – Miss Budd
Well done to all the students who participated in the swimming carnival on Friday. It was wonderful to see the students enjoying themselves.
In Literacy this week we will begin guided reading with the students. Remember it is important to support the students at home by reading with them every night. I hope everyone has a wonderful week!

Early Stage 1 AP – Miss Griffiths
Kindergarten students have settled in very well and had a fantastic first week getting to know their teachers, teacher’s aides and class members last week.
This week Kindergarten will start Literacy and Numeracy groups. Also homework will be handed out today. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

AEO Caught Being Good Award
Emily Hopley & Charles Vincent

Messages
- Primary Sport – Friday afternoons (1.30pm to 3pm).
- Infants Sport – Friday middle sessions (11.30am to 12.30pm).
- Infants & Primary Scripture – Held on Thursday’s (alternate weeks) at 1.30pm to 2pm.
- Infants & Primary Assemblies – Held on Thursday’s (alternate weeks) at 2.15pm in the hall.
- Student pick up – Could all parents picking up students in the afternoon please collect them from the canteen where they line up.
- Any Parents/Carers or community members wanting the BPS newsletter emailed to them weekly please contact the school.
- Monday Morning whole school Assemblies – Held every Monday morning at 9am in the hall. Everyone welcome to attend.
- Kitchen/Garden helpers – Parents are welcome to assist in the kitchen and garden lessons or visit and check out the program.
- Breakfast Club – Held every morning in the kitchen from 8.15am to 9am.
- Fruit – Held every day in the morning session about 10am. The school provides the fruit.
Miss Hudson & Miss Bartley
Well done to everyone who participated in the swimming carnival. We had a fantastic day. Last week in HSIE we started to learn about ‘Cooperating Communities’ and what makes Bourke a community. The class did lots of brainstorming and discussion. This week we are going to look at our favourite leisure activities and will put this information into a table.

Mrs Douglas
Homework commences this week and it is expected that all students attempt and return their work by Friday. As a parent or carer, your assistance with homework supervision is greatly appreciated! This week, 2D is also looking forward to visiting the kitchen with Miss Griffiths. Congratulations to Blake Barker and Madeleine Nicholls who were chosen as SRC representatives for 2D. Have a great week...

Miss Buckley
Welcome to Week 4! We all had such a great day at the Swimming Carnival. This week, in Literacy we will be creating adjective clouds so we can use these words in our writing. Just a reminder that homework will start this week so make sure you bring it back so you can come to the homework party at the end of the term. Have a great week!

Stage 2 AP – Miss Bartley
Well done to everyone who participated in the carnival last Friday. It was great to see everyone swimming for their houses. This term our Stage 2 reward for coming to school is a Technology afternoon, so remember to come to school every day to have chance to attend this afternoon.

Miss Dorrington
This week, students will calculate the time intervals between arrival and departure of a bus. We are also solving number problems using negative numbers. In English we have been composing our own narratives about a little girl found covered in mud. There are some really great stories that will be published soon.

Mr Porter
Congratulations to all the students in 3P you should be proud of your efforts already and to think, its only Week 4. In literacy groups we will be busy working on our spelling words and publishing our short stories in the computer lab. While today we had our first PDHPE lesson with Mr Marshall.

Stage 3 AP – Miss Dorrington
I hope everyone had a great time at the Swimming carnival. This week Friday sport will at school. We would like all students to wear appropriate shoes for both sport days and everyday use at school. Students should not be wearing thongs or crocs to school as they are not considered safe footwear.

Canteen news:
Last Fortnight’s Canteen award goes to ‘Robyn Gillon’ for always using beautiful manners.

P&C News:
The first P&C Meeting will be Wednesday 25th of February at 6pm at the school. Everyone is welcome to attend.

District Swimming Carnival
This Friday!
Remember to bring swimmers, towel, sunscreen, drink, hat, googles, food or money.

Bourke Public School’s Motto for 2015
Relationships
What a fantastic first week we had in the EYTC! We had lots of smiling faces and had fun getting to know each other. The students also had the opportunity to meet many of the teachers from around the school as they came down to visit us. This week they will get to know even more as we visit the infants equipment at lunchtime!

Mrs Roe & Mrs Gaukroger

In 2015 students K-6 will be engaging in highly effective literacy and numeracy programs to support student learning. Teachers will be trained in programs such as L3, L3 Stage 1, Focus on Reading, Targeted Early Numeracy (TEN) and Taking off with Numeracy (TOWN).

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL is a BIG deal for Bourke Public School. We take it seriously!!

Attached to the newsletter this week is a letter to all parents/carers and community members. The letter outlines that attendance at school is important and that it’s everyone’s business to ensure all children are at school every day. Also attached are two attendance information flyers for students and parents/carers that provide some tips and frequently asked questions.

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.

Swimming Carnival Champions

Jnr Boy – Champion - Hunter Flick
Runner up – Jack Reid
Jnr Girl – Champion - Grace Milgate
Runner up – Emma Simmons
11Yr Boy – Champion – Bradley Parnaby
Runner up – Cooper Ryan
11Yr Girls – Champion – Claire Hand
Runner up – Myah-Rose Edwards-Driscoll
Snr Boy – Champion - Koby Knight
Runner up – Jordan Kane
Snr Girl – Champion - Tara Brookman
Runner up – Kyah Sullivan-Knight