It’s hard to believe that it’s week 7 of term 1 already! This term is ten weeks, so we do have four more weeks of learning before the holidays.

Congratulations to all students who competed at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Dubbo last Friday. All students swam extremely well and all achieved personal best times. Well done to Bradley Parnaby who has made it to State Swimming for his 50 metre breaststroke and will compete at Homebush later this term. Thank you to all parents who assisted on the day.

WOW! 94% attendance 2 weeks in a row! It’s great to see our attendance percentage above our goal. Bourke Public School is continuing to use the yellow absence cards. All students that leave school for whatever reason will be issued with an absence card.

Congratulations to our PSSA Cricket team who played Lake Cargelligo in Cobar last week and won. The team now progress to the 2nd round that will be played in Narromine on Tuesday 17th March against Condobolin.

Personalised Learning Plans will start being completed by teachers, parents/carers and students over the coming weeks. Teachers are inviting parents/carers to be involved in devising the plan and being part of the process. All students at BPS will have a Personalised Learning Plan that will be used to support every student’s individual learning.

Have a fantastic week and remember it is ‘Ride to School Day’ this Friday!

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Infants News

Miss Clark
Can you believe it is week 7 already? This term is flying by! In creative arts, students will be exploring the different textures that items have and using these to create artworks. Our Sea Monkeys are growing slowly as we are remembering to care for them every day. We are going great with our attendance this term. Please remember to ensure your child is at school before 9:15am each day. Enjoy your week!

Miss Bud
Wow week 7 already! This term is quickly going by. Last week in PE we started to create a 1T friend book. It was lovely to say nice things about each other. This week in English we are continuing to write about the different adventures we have in a day. In Maths we will be looking at addition and subtraction and time. 'T'he place to be!

Miss Duiz
Welcome to week 7! This week in Literacy K-1D will be writing a procedure on how to make basic foods, such as sandwiches and rice crackles. In Maths students will practice reading and writing numbers up to 30 as well as exploring length. If any parents would like to help out during sport on Fridays, please come in at 11:30am on Friday.

Miss Mowbray
Welcome to Week 7! Congratulations to 1B for winning the Attendance Award last week! It is so good to see you all at school every day! This week 1B Literacy will continue with our writing about the text “Tom Tom”, writing about our families and where we live. 1B Home Class will be continuing with our relationships unit in PE and will be making a friend book.

Miss McKechnie
Welcome to week 7! This week in Literacy we are revising our use of full stops and capital letters. We are also learning to edit our writing by re-reading and inserting punctuation. This week in Maths we are learning about the concept of time and are continuing to develop our knowledge of three digit numbers. If you have not done so already, please remember to send in a paint shirt. Have a fantastic week.

Stage 1 AP – Miss Budd
Infants assembly is on again this week. Thank you to all the parents who turned up last week. It was fabulous to see so many parents attend. This week 1M will be performing at assembly. Please come along again and support 1M. I wonder if anyone has reached the first merit level yet? The best stage 1 attendance class for last week was 1M. Well done!

Early Stage 1 AP – Miss Griffiths
Early Stage 1 has been trying really hard with attendance. It is fantastic to see almost all of our students arrive on time each day for more learning! Each class is keen to win the class attendance award at our Monday assemblies and receive the $10 voucher to go towards their class. Keep up the fantastic effort! Stage 3 will be in the Kitchen and Garden this week. Our garden is growing well and hopefully this week we will see all of our seeds germinate! Have a great week!

Messages

- 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.
- Any Parents/Carers or community members wanting the BPS newsletter emailed to them weekly please contact the school.
- Website – Bourke Public School has an active website that provides up to date information. Check out our website today!
- Bourke Public School – Connected Communities Reference Group – Our BPS Reference group has meetings twice a term in weeks 3 & 7. The current members on our Reference group are: Chair: Denise Webb Vice Chair: Melanie Milgate Staff Rep: Samantha Gaukroger

Senior Leader Community Engagement: Troy Gordon Principal: Kylie Pennell Community Elder: Dot Martin Parent Rep: Dwayne Willoughby

If you would like any members to raise something at a meeting please don’t hesitate to contact them.
Primary News

Miss Hudson & Miss Bartley
Welcome to week 7!!! We have been continuing with our music focusing on body percussion, rhythm and sound. We had lots of fun coming up with our own beats and actions. In HSIE this week we will look at the different shops and services in Bourke. Keep up the fantastic attendance 2N. Have a super week.

Mrs Douglas
This Friday is ‘Ride to school’ day. If you are thinking of riding your bike to school, please make sure to wear a helmet for safety reasons. In Maths this week, we will be using inverse operations to check addition and subtraction calculations and in English, we will be looking at Speech Marks. Have a great week...

Miss Buckley
Wow, Week 7 already. Last week, 2B were lucky enough to win the ‘Wii Pride’ prize for their excellent work in our Primary Assembly. Well done and we all can’t wait to play it. This week we will be starting to write our character descriptions for the book ‘Fox’. Keep up the wonderful work 2B. Have a super week!

Stage 2 AP – Miss Bartley
Well done to 2B who won the Wii Pride prize at assembly, this is a new reward we have in Primary for the best class at assembly. The class who wins is given the privilege of playing some Wii games in class. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to our first assembly, we hope to continue to see more guests coming to share the success of our kids.

Regional Swimming Carnival

Miss Dorrington
This week 3D will be role playing government decision making. We will think about things we would like to change and break into two groups and work as a team to change a rule or decision. In English we have begun to look at various poems and imagery. In maths we will revise decimals and fractions as well as investigate chance and data.

Mr Porter
Welcome to week 7. In literacy groups we will be publishing our fantastic poems from last week. We are learning how to create fantastic images by using a range of literacy tools in our writing. In maths groups we will be starting our new groups with independent activities. Please remember to come to school each day as we need to win a few more attendance awards this term for our party. Have a great week!

Stage 3 AP – Miss Dorrington
We hope everyone had a fabulous time at the Regional Carnival. On Friday we had Eternity Aid visit the year 6 students. There will be several other visits throughout the year.
We hope everyone enjoyed the performance last week and remember the next one on the 16th March and costs $3.50.

P&C News:
The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th March at 6pm in the BPS meeting room. Everyone is welcome to attend! Keep a look out for our Easter raffle information that will be out soon. We will also be claiming a date for our 2015 Annual Fete.

Premiers Reading Challenge
The PRC is now OPEN and will run till August 28th. All students are encouraged to participate and will receive a certificate upon completion of the challenge. Please see the PRC note for more details, or contact Miss Hudson.

Bourke Public School’s Motto for 2015
Relationships
Welcome to Week 7 everyone! This week the children in the EYTC will be participating in activities all about themselves and their families – we will even be making some puppets! We are putting together a class family tree and would greatly appreciate it if you would send a family photo in with your child or alternatively email one to me at christine.bradley1@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Roe & Mrs Gaukroger

Did you know?
Using the Internet requires skills and knowledge that are different from those found in books and other printed materials. These skills include such things as links, images, icons and searching.
The Internet is a wonderful resource for knowledge gathering, information using to support your child’s literacy development.

Easter Hat Parade
Bourke Public School is seeking any donations of Easter Eggs for the school’s Easter Hat Parade. The Easter eggs are used as prizes.
Donations can be left at the front office.
All donations would be greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Bradley Parnaby who won his 50 metre Breaststroke at the Regional Swimming Carnival. Bradley will compete at the State Swimming Carnival at Homebush in a couple of weeks.