Week 8 is upon us and our attendance continues to be FANTASTIC! Wouldn’t it be nice to have a day where we have 100% for our attendance.

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.

Good Luck to our PSSA Cricket team who play Condobolin in Narromine on Tuesday.

Good Luck to our PSSA Netball team who play Nyngan in the first round this Friday in Bourke at the tennis courts.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is this Friday (20th March). All students will be participating in activities in class.

Next Monday (23rd March) is Harmony Day. All students will be participating in some fun activities and are also encouraged to wear orange.

It was great to see so many students ‘Ride to School’ last Friday. Thank you to Mr Dewberry for organising ‘Ride to School Day’. This Friday (20th March) we are having a ‘Snowcone Day’ for Bradley Parnaby to help support him going to Sydney for State Swimming.

Have a Super week! Kylie Pennell

Miss Milgate

Our merit system at BPS is a great way to reward students for their Proud, Safe and Respectful behaviour at all times. We have displayed each level and the prizes that are won in the display cabinet outside the staffroom. Students are presented with their level certificate and prizes at our infants and primary assemblies and families will receive a letter prior to this to notify them if their child will be receiving a merit system award.

Good luck to the cricket and netball teams who are both playing rounds of their PSSA knockout this week. Have a great week!
Miss Clark
Welcome to another fabulous week in KC. I am very proud of how hard everyone has been trying. This week we are focusing on our reading and writing skills and making sure we are forming our letters correctly. In art we will use our imagination and creative thinking to create dot monster drawings. Literacy and Numeracy homework is handed out every Monday. Please ensure this is returned each Friday to your child’s teacher. Have a great week!

Miss Heaney
Week 8! KH are getting better and better at coming to school on time. Let’s keep it up! This week in Literacy we are focusing on beginning to hear and record sounds in writing. In Maths we are looking at Area and comparing the areas of different objects. Good luck to the girls PSSA Netball team, they have their first game against Nyngan on Friday. Have a wonderful week!

Miss Duiz
Congratulations to all students in K/1D who worked so hard to come to school during week 6! We had 3 days of 100% attendance prize. On Monday, we had fantastic attendance! On the girls PSSA Day, please remember to send in a paint shirt. It was great to see so many students participate in Ride to School Day on Friday. Well done to everyone who rode.

Miss McKechnie
Welcome to week 8 everyone! Well done to all of those students who rode their bikes or scooters to school on Friday. 1M had fantastic attendance last week with two days of 100%! On Friday 27th March we are participating in Earth hour to raise awareness about climate change. If you have not done so already, please remember to send in a paint shirt. Have an amazing week!

Miss Mowbray
Welcome to another fabulous week with IB! Last week we made a fantastic Friends book in PD/H/PE that we have published and it is now in our classroom library. IB Literacy has published some fantastic writing and this week we continue with learning how to use capital letters and full stops correctly. Please remember to send in a paint shirt for your child for our wonderful art lessons. Well done to IB for winning Bourkie Bear at assembly last week! Have a great week!

Miss Budd
It has finished off their friendship book. We will keep the book in class so we can read the positive comments. This week in literacy we are focusing on writing more than one sentence. It would be great to practise writing at home. Remember to turn up to school every day so you can attend the Stage 1 attendance prize.

Stage 1 AP – Miss Budd
Reading every night is important and all students are encouraged to read. The home reading program has started and all students have been given a home reader. Please bring these home readers back to your literacy teacher so you can have a new book to read.

The best stage 1 attendance class for last week was 1M. Have a wonderful week!

Early Stage 1 AP – Miss Griffiths
Week 8 already! This term is certainly flying. It was great to see so many students participate in Ride to School Day on Friday. Well done to everyone who rode.

If you would like any contact them.

Bourke Public School has an active website that provides up to date information. Please contact the school.

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/Careers 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 Gaukoerger
Senior Leader Community Engagement: Troy Gordon
Principal: Kylie Pennell
Community Elder: Dot Martin
Parent Rep: Dwayne Willocks

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

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Miss Hudson & Miss Bartley
Well done to all those students with 100% attendance. Last week we looked at the artist Pro Hart and his landscape drawings of the outback. We then drew our own landscapes with oil pastels. It was a great lesson. We have assembly on Thursday so let’s hope 2N can win the new reward and win the Wii Pride Prize for the best class. 😊

Mrs Douglas
Last week, 2D completed some excellent written work in Literacy with attention to punctuation. In Maths, we looked at different strategies for subtraction and considered which strategies worked best for different students. In Art, we made some excellent skyline pictures which are now brightening our classroom walls.

Have a great week ahead…

Miss Buckley
Welcome to Week 8! Last week 2B Literacy edited their character descriptions for the book ‘Fox’. This week we will be spending our writing time publishing our descriptions. 2B enjoyed using the playground equipment to investigate the different forces ‘push and pull’. Remember to bring your homework. Have a great week!

Stage 2 AP – Miss Bartley
Well done to 2B who won the Wii Pride award at our last assembly. We hope to see everyone at our Primary assembly this week and can’t wait to see which class wins the reward of Wii Pride. Don’t forget our special Easter Hat Parade coming up soon, so if you have some spare time start making your Easter Hats!

Miss Dorrington
3D is looking forward to the Banjo Patterson performance on Monday. In Literacy we are continuing our journey looking at the finer points of poetry and how imagery helps create a picture with words. In Maths we will further investigate chance and data and real life situations where these strands occur. Decision making has been a feature in theme work discussion this week – this was very interesting.

Mr Porter
Welcome to week 8. Good luck to the students in stage 3 that are representing BPS at the PSSA cricket and netball this week. On Tuesday and Wednesday 3P will be conducting Personalised Learning Plans or PLPs. These plans are aimed at developing goals for each student in negotiation with the student, parent and the class teacher. If you haven’t done so already please contact the school to arrange a time.

Stage 3 AP – Miss Dorrington
This term is really racing along and it is hard to believe we are already in week 8. This week we have our ‘Banjo Patterson’ performance on Monday. Week 8 is assembly for stage 2 and 3 on Thursday this week and everyone is welcome to attend. Let’s see how many people can name the mystery object or recall the words to the song in our assembly activities.

P&G News:
The P&G Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th March at 6pm in the BPS meeting room. Everyone is welcome to join the P&G.
A huge thank you to Tracy for running the canteen last week. Your efforts were very much appreciated! This fortnight’s canteen award goes to Owen Locke for always demonstrating fantastic manners at the canteen.

Premiers Reading Challenge
The PRC is now OPEN and will run til 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.
This week the students will be looking further at the sound that Sammy Snake makes! He likes to make a soft hissing sound but doesn’t stick out his tongue like normal snakes, he hides his tongue away behind his teeth! Don’t forget 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.brady1@det.nsw.edu.au.

**How can I help my child spell?**

Encourage your child to try words, then praise the parts that are correct, and suggest what else is needed. For example, if your child has written *little* for *little*, you might say, “You have five of the six letters right. One of the letters should be doubled. Can you tell which one it should be?” Remember that not all English words can be spelt correctly by “sounding out”, e.g. the words *you* and *said*.

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**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.