Welcome back to Term 2 at Bourke Public School. I’m sure everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. Term 2 promises to be a busy and an exciting term with many learning opportunities.

Attendance will continue to be our focus this term for all classes and the whole school. Let’s see if we can keep above our weekly goal of 92%.

The Gala Day held in the last week of term 1 with St Ignatius was very successful. It was great to see the students from both schools participating in sports together. We will hold another Gala day this term focusing on other sports.

Thank you to Margaret Gordon-Poole for organising the day.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy) will be held in week 4 this term for all students in year 3 and year 5. An information note has already been sent home to parents/carers in term 1, if parents/carers have any further questions please contact the school.

This Friday we will be holding our school ANZAC service at 11am. All parents/carers and community members are welcome to attend.

Bourke Public School photos will be held on Thursday 11th June for Kindergarten to Year 6. Photos for the EYTC students will be held on Tuesday 9th June (both groups). Photo envelopes were sent home at the end of term 1. More envelopes are available at the school office or alternatively photos can be purchased online.

Our annual cross-country fun run is fast approaching (Friday 8th May). Sponsorship packages were sent home at the end of term 1 – some great prizes are up for grabs. Information will be sent out this week about the Primary excursion.

Miss Milgate
Welcome! I hope all students have enjoyed their holiday and I’m sure they are looking forward to another busy term. As it is starting to cool down it is a timely reminder to make sure all jumpers have names clearly marked on them so they make it home at the end of each day. It would be also great to see all students bring a school bag to school every day so we can ensure their jumpers and other belongings are kept in the one place and return home each afternoon.

Don’t forget our school expectations are Proud, Safe and Respectful and I’m sure if you ask your child they can explain what these mean to us. Have a great week!
Easter Hat Parade

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday and are ready for another busy term! Miss Heaney is away this week and next week so Miss Wade will be taking KH. During English we are revising all the sounds and tricky words learnt. In Maths we are continuing to developing our Early Arithmetic Skills. Have a wonderful first week back at school and remember to come every day and on time!

Miss Heaney

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday and are ready for another busy term! This week in English we will be revising all the sounds we have learnt. In Maths we will continue to develop our counting and number recognition skills as well as our knowledge of 2D shapes. This term I hope that KC can again have terrific attendance. Please remember to arrive at school on time. I look forward to another awesome term of learning in KC.

Miss Duiz

Welcome back to Term 2 for 2015! I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and are ready to get straight back into learning! This week in Literacy, Kindergarten and Year 1 will be revising single sounds and blends that they learnt during term 1. In Maths Kindergarten are focusing on 2D shapes, position and addition and subtraction. This week we have Infants Assembly on Thursday from 2:15pm onward.

Miss Mowbray

Welcome to Term 2 in 1B! I hope you all had a happy and relaxing holiday! This week 1B Literacy are straight back into learning with writing about Anzac Day and Numeracy will be learning about addition and volume. Our attendance will continue to be a big focus in Stage One this term and we will be having some exciting rewards. This Thursday is the Infants Assembly and 1B are the lucky hosts, so please come along to see our class in action! Have a fantastic week!

Miss Clark

Welcome back to another great term in KC. I hope you all had a fantastic holiday. This week we will be revising all the sounds we have learnt. In Maths we will continue to develop our counting and number recognition skills as well as our knowledge of 2D shapes. This term I hope that KC can again have terrific attendance. Please remember to arrive at school on time. I look forward to another awesome term of learning in KC.

Miss McKechnie

Welcome to Term 2! I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday and is ready for another big term. Again we are focusing on Attendance. It is important to attend school every day. Ensuring your child is here on time each morning will be part of our attendance party requirement for this term. In the Kitchen and Garden Stage 3 are participating this week. We have quite a bit of weeding and mulching to do, as well as harvesting the fruit that has ripened over the holidays. Have a great week.

Miss Budd

Welcome back to the first week of Term 2. This term we will be focusing on the HSIE unit Transport. In CAPA we will be looking at different artists and learning different dance styles and studying music from different years. This week in English we will be focusing on our reading. Remember to return your home readers so you can get a new book. 1T the place to be!

Stage 1 AP – Miss Budd

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone has had a relaxing holiday and are ready for an exciting term of learning. This term for our attendance prize, students will be able to dress up as something from the circus. To participate in the day you are to miss no more than 3 days of school and have to be at school on time. If you are late, it will be classed as a day away. So remember to come to school every day and turn up on time.

The lucky hosts, so please come along to see

Miss Mowbray

Welcome to Term 2 in 1B! I hope you all had a happy and relaxing holiday! This week 1B Literacy are straight back into learning with writing about Anzac Day and Numeracy will be learning about addition and volume. Our attendance will continue to be a big focus in Stage One this term and we will be having some exciting rewards. This Thursday is the Infants Assembly and 1B are the lucky hosts, so please come along to see our class in action! Have a fantastic week!
**Mr. Porter**
Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everyone had a fantastic Easter! This term in Mathematics, we will be analysing 3-dimensional shapes and continuing our daily times table challenges. Please remember to bring in all home readers this week so we can change them over. If you are on Peer Mediation Duty please check the new roster. Have a great first week.

**Miss Hudson & Miss Bartley**
Welcome back to Term 2. We hope everyone had a fantastic Easter! This term in Science we will be continuing our Smooth Moves program and we are learning about State and National Parks in HSIE. Attendance will be a big focus this term and we are hoping to have 100% attendance. Miss Hudson and Miss Bartley are looking forward to another fantastic term with 2N.

**Miss Buckley**
Welcome back to Term 2! I hope that all students had a fantastic holiday and are looking forward to another great term. Thank you to everyone for the great support for our Easter Hat parade at the end of last term, it was great to see all students participating and there were some really creative hats on show as well. Our school will have a display at the Bourke Show next weekend in the pavilion so please remember to have a look at our wonderful work.

**Stage 2 AP – Miss Bartley**
Welcome back to Term 2!! I hope everyone had a lovely break and enjoyed all the activities in our community over the break. This term Stage 2 are rewarding students with less than 3 days off from school with a movie afternoon, so please remind students to come every day!!! Hope to see everyone next week (week 2) at our first term 2 assembly.

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**Mrs. Douglas**
Wow what a great holiday! Welcome to term 2 and it’s going to be a very busy one too. 2D will be continuing to learn lots of new things in class time and especially about our Smooth Moves program. This term we are going to try and win the attendance award each and every week so please make sure all 2D students are at school every day. Have a great week!

**Miss Dorrington**
A big welcome back to everyone! I hope the holidays were a time of fun and relaxation. This term 3D will be investigating ‘light’ in science. We will be discovering the properties of light and how it enables us to see. We will also be developing our skills in maths through narratives that require knowledge in all strands.

**Stage 3 AP – Miss Dorrington**
I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and are ready to get back into school. We require some year 6 students to return the Moving on to Year 7 forms. It would be appreciated if they could be returned in the first week of school. This term we are lucky to have a group visit us and act out a session of parliament. This will be a great experience for students to fully grasp the way decisions are made.

**P&C News:**
Last Fortnight’s Canteen award goes to ‘Sharla Johnson’ for always using beautiful manners.
Blue & White hair clips on sale in the canteen for $8.00 each.
Also attached to the newsletter is the term 2 Canteen Menu.

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

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**PBL - Week 1**
Office & Staff Room
Proud, safe & Respectful

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Easter Hat Parade
Welcome back to Term Two! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday! This week the MC will be discussing and writing about their holidays and focusing on writing the letters ‘p’ and ‘q’ with the correct formation. In Mathematics, we will be continuing to practise saying and writing numbers and matching objects to the correct numeral. Have a lovely week!

Early Years Transition Centre News

Welcome back to Term Two everyone! I hope everyone has had a fantastic break and is ready for another exciting term in the EYTC! We are starting the term looking at our families and will even be making some special puppets! We are still missing lots of family photos for our family tree in our room so please send a photo in with your child or you can email it to me and we will print it:

christine.bradley1@det.nsw.edu.au

Ideas for helping your child with counting at home:

- Count with your child the number of buttons as you do up a cardigan or shirt.
- Encourage your child to count the number of pegs used to hang out the washing.
- Count the number of steps from the front door to the letterbox.
- Count the number of eggs in a carton, and again after some have been removed.
- Count the number of times you and your child can throw a ball to each other without dropping it.

Gala Day with St Ignatius – playing Basketball & Softball

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 a 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.
- 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.

School Photos Are Now Available For Secure Online Purchase

4 Easy Steps to Online School Photo Ordering

Step 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code N7C 83Q 1ZX

Step 2: Enter your student’s details.

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection).

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

Please note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed | Family/Sibling photo orders online close 48 hours before the first school photo day however they can be purchased using an envelope up until photo day.

ATTENDANCE - IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY!