What a great start to the term! Our attendance was pleasing, all students were working hard and I saw lots of smiling faces. We are into the 2nd day of our Canberra/Snow excursion! We are all having a fantastic time and can’t wait to see the snow on Wednesday & Thursday when we go skiing.

This Friday is School’s Tree Day, we will be planting quite a few trees and all classes will be participating.

Education Week will be held in week 3 this term. A book fair will be held all week and a book parade will be held on Wednesday 29th July. Our Annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 31st August. To ensure we get through the day successfully, this year we will be running the discus on Tuesday 28th July (during the day). Any parents/carers and community members who can assist on the day please contact Louise Nixon.

Walk to school day is Wednesday 29th July. Who is going to walk to school?

Our Girls Rugby League team has been invited to play in Sydney at the ‘Legends of League’ carnival on the 20th August. The team will be finalised early next week and permission notes will be sent home.

Kylie Pennell
Infants News

Miss Clark
I hope everyone has settled back in nicely to the school routine and is ready for another busy week in KC. In literacy this week our reading and writing will be focused around the book ‘A Sick Day for Amos McGee’. We are beginning to write longer sentences and remembering to always put spaces between our words. In Creative Arts we will be making a Chinese dragon and beginning to learn our dances for Performance night. Please support your child to complete and return their home work and homereaders each week to maximise their learning. I hope you have a fantastic week!

Miss Heaney
Last week KH enjoyed learning about and making Chinese Dragon’s during Visual Arts. This week in Literacy KH will continue to learn some new blends and work hard on reading and writing the sight words we have been learning. In Maths we will be focusing on position. Remember home readers are still going this term. Students are to bring their home readers back once read and can exchange it for a new book. Hope everyone has a fabulous week, particularly those on the excursion at the snow!

Miss Duiz
We had a very busy first week back at school last week. We began to develop some dance moves for our performance at the end of this term. K/1D are dancing to two Indian themed songs. Your child will require a costume, however I will be in touch in the coming weeks regarding this. This week I am away in Canberra for the excursion but our class routine will remain the same. Have a lovely week 😊

Miss Mowbray
Welcome to Week 2! This week 1B Lipatry are focusing on the text ‘How to Catch a Star’ by Oliver Jeffers and we are completing an imaginative writing task. 1B Numeracy we will be completing work on measurement and length this week. I hope all of the students have a wonderful time on the exciting Canberra/Snow excursion. 1B can’t wait to hear all about it from Laura, Emma and George. Well done to 1B for winning Bourkie Bear at Assembly last week!

Miss McKechnie
Welcome to term 2 everyone! This week in Literacy we will continue to focus on our central theme for our writing unit, which is friendship. We are learning to identify key ideas from a story and retell them in the form of a recount. Please remember to come dressed up as your favourite book character on Wednesday for Education week! Finally, although it has cooled down, it is still important that we wear our hats to protect our faces from the sun. Have a fantastic week!

Miss Budd
This week in 1T we are beginning to learn about our performance night continent, we will be listening to music from the countries and start learning dance moves. In English we will be focusing on Goldilocks and the three bears. We will be writing our own recount of the story. In maths we are focusing on addition and subtraction and learning to measure informal units.

1T the place to be!

Stage 1 AP – Miss Budd
Winter is definitely here with all the cold weather. Students need to remember to take good care of their jumpers. Please make sure that your child’s name is on the jumper and encourage them to put it in their bag if they take it off. Good luck to all the students and teachers who are going on the excursion. Have a fantastic week!

Early Stage 1 AP – Miss Griffiths
We have had a fantastic first week back. It’s great to see so many jumpers/hats with their names marked on them. If your child has lost their jumper we do have a lost property box with unlabelled clothes. This term we are trying just as hard as last term with our attendance. The reward this term will be an Early Stage One Disco afternoon. To attend this you can only miss three or less days of school including partials. Keep trying hard!

Attendance awards from term 2

AEO Caught Being Good Award
Bailey Harrod & Caitlin Powell

Messages

- Could all parents picking up students in the afternoon please collect them from the canteen or the bus zone at 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/Carers or community members wanting to assist at our school please contact the school.
- Website – Bourke Public School has an active website that provides up to date information. Check out our website today!
- Parents are reminded not to park in the bus zone at the front of the school. The police will be monitoring this at bell times on a regular basis.
- Monday Morning Assemblies – everyone welcome.
- Parents welcome to assist in garden and kitchen lessons or visit and check out the facilities.
- Annual Athletics Carnival - Any parents/carers who would like to help at our Athletics carnival on Friday 31st July please contact Louise Nixon or the front office.
Mr Porter

Welcome to Week 2! This week is the excursion to Canberra & the Snow. 2N hopes everyone has a fantastic time at the snow. We are starting to put together our dance routines for performance night and having lots of fun learning the moves. Week 3 is Education Week, on Wednesday 29th we will be having a book parade, so please start thinking about which book a character your child could be.

Mrs Douglas

This week will be slightly different from other weeks. Whilst some lucky students will be enjoying the snow in Canberra, students remaining at school will enjoy a new format to English and Maths groups for the week. On Friday, 2D will be pottering around and helping out in the school garden in celebration of National Tree Day... Have an enjoyable week!

Miss Hudson & Miss Bartley

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Miss Buckley

Welcome to Week 2! I hope all the students attending the excursion have a great time. This week 2B will be creating lots of wonderful artworks. We will also be making galaxy slime which should be fun. Remember to come to school everyday so you can attend Stage Two’s Spooky Attendance Disco at the end of the term. Have a wonderful week.

Stage 2 AP – Miss Bartley

Just a reminder that every Thursday night at the Port of Bourke our school run a trivia night to help fundraise for excursions. Trivia sign in is around 6.30pm and starts at 7pm. Please come and support us for the night by entering a team and try your luck at being the best brain for the night.

Primary News

PBL - WEEK 2

WHAT IS BULLYING?

Proud, Safe & Respectful

Miss Dorrington

Welcome back to another term. The holidays just seemed to fly but I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and is ready for another busy term. This term 3D are looking at the book Rowin of Rin for English and focusing on descriptive writing. Stage 3 has the continent Africa to dance to on performance night so we hope to present a lively and colourful performance for all to enjoy.

Stage 3 AP – Miss Dorrington

Stage 3 is busy this term with the beginning of High School transition and performance night practice. 3D will go to Africa and 3P are going to fly to Egypt or Morocco which is bound to be very exciting. This term there will be several visits from the High School and then Term 4 will see our students begin visiting classes at the High School.

P&C News:

Last Fortnight’s Canteen award goes to ‘Jeremy Kane’ for always using beautiful manners.

BPS winter uniforms are in stock! Please see Kelly for prices and sizes.

Save the date for the 2015 School Fete – 9th October.

Don’t forget the new ‘Meal Deals’ at the canteen! Worth a try...

Bourke Public School’s Motto for 2015 Relationships
**LC and MC News**

**Miss Nixon**
Welcome to Week 2! Last week the MC settled well into the Term 3 and produced some excellent numeracy and literacy results. They were also lucky enough to have a party and cook pizza scrolls. This week, the MC will be having Miss Wade for the week. Students will be practising their writing and tracing skills and will be learning about position in Mathematics. The MC will also be learning about what plants need to survive so they can complete experiments. Have a lovely week!

**Ms Topalov**
Welcome to Week 2! It was great to see everyone back at school with lots of happy faces! This week we will start our HSIE Unit on Antarctica – the timing is perfect with the ‘freezing’ weather we had last week! Some of the activities include comparing sizes of various animals that live there, and researching an animal of choice. We are hoping to turn part of our classroom into a mini winter wonderland.

**Early Years Transition Centre News**

**Miss Bradley**
This week in the Early Years Transition Centre the students will be introduced to Ngemba environmental words! We will learn to identify rocks, flowers, grass, rivers, bushes and trees in language. It is very cold at the moment but the heaters in our room make our classroom toasty warm which means the are children taking their jumpers off when we are playing inside. Please ensure your child’s jumper is clearly labelled with their name.

**Instructional Leaders News**

**Mrs Roe/Mrs Aquilina**
If you are searching for a suitable book to read with your child, try entering a publisher or an author’s name into a reliable search engine, such as Google. Some reliable publishers are Scholastic, Penguin, Allen & Unwin and Pan Macmillan. These publishers have their own databases that will allow you to preview recent releases, read sample extracts, covers and read brief overviews.

**BPS students engaged in different activities**

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**BLUEY STAR OF THE WEEK**

KH – Quenesha Orcher
KC – Kaleb Lollback
K/1D – Prestdan Booth
1T – Ben Nicholls
1B – Damon Brookman
1M – Harrison Tancred
MC – Kiam McKellar

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**Athletics Carnival - Discus**
To ensure our Athletics Carnival runs smoothly on the 31st July we are going to be completing the discus on Tuesday 28th July during the day. Students who wish to compete will be called from class after recess. All ages groups will compete separately. If all ages aren’t completed on the Tuesday we will finalise at lunchtime on Wednesday 29th July.