Welcome back or welcome to Bourke Public School. This year will be a super fun-filled year of learning and extra curricula activities. I look forward to working with everyone again this year and ensuring our students have every opportunity to succeed.

A HUGE welcome to our 38 Kindergarten students who start school tomorrow. I’m sure you will all have a great first day.

Welcome to our Early Years Transition students who started today and also later in the week. There were many smiling faces this morning arriving at our Early Years Transition Centre.

Welcome to our new teachers and staff. They have all had a smooth transition to Bourke Public School.

Attendance will continue to be a focus for Bourke Public School this year. IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY!

Positive Behaviour for Learning will also be a focus again this year for Bourke Public School.

Our annual Swimming Carnival is this Friday (12th February). Come along and join in the fun.

Have a fantastic week and a brilliant year!

Kylie Pennell

School Photo’s – 15th & 16th March

Our school photo’s this year are on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th March. An envelope is attached to this weeks newsletter or details are below for ordering online. Envelopes can be collected from the office for family photo’s.

Sports & Co-Curricular PhotosNow Available For Online Purchase

4 Easy Steps to Online School Photo Ordering

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

Step 2: Select “GROUPS” and choose the images you would like to purchase.

Step 3: Enter your student’s details (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).

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

Term 1 Week 2 2016

Principal’s award goes to Cyenna McMahon
Infants News

KC - Miss Clark
A big welcome to everyone! I am looking forward to a fantastic year full of learning and fun. I would like to thank all the parents for attending the Best Start appointments over the last week. This Friday is our swimming carnival. Please remember to bring swimmers, a towel, water, a hat and sunscreen. If you have any questions about your child’s learning please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

KG - Miss Griffiths
I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday! I am very excited to tell everyone I will be teaching Kindergarten this year. It has been great to meet all of the parents and students over the last few days. I look forward to lots of positive learning happening in our classroom this year.

Stage 1 AP – Miss Budd
Welcome to 2016! I am excited to be working with Stage One again. I am looking forward to getting to know and work alongside all the parents and caregivers this year. This Wednesday we will be nominating for our class SRC reps and then on Thursday we will be voting. English and Maths groups start this week.

Don’t forget the swimming carnival is Friday.

Miss Budd
Welcome to week 3! 1B have had a wonderful start to the year and have had lots of fun getting to know each other. Please remember to bring in the beginning of the year note. This Friday is our swimming carnival. Students are encouraged to come to the carnival in their house colours.

Dream, believe, learn and achieve!

Stage 1 AP – Miss Griffiths
Bourke Public School Swimming Carnival is taking place this Friday. Please remember to send your child with swimmers, water, a hat and sunscreen. Also please wear enclosed footwear. It should be a fantastic day.

If you have any questions at all about stage one please feel free to contact me at the school.

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Messages

• Parents/carers are reminded that the Early Years Transition Centre opens at 8.40am each morning. Students are not to be dropped off prior to this time.
• Bike shed – The bike shed will be opened each morning at 8.30am and locked at 9am for the day. The bike shed will be opened again at 3pm.
• 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.
• Website – Bourke Public School has an active website that provides up to date information. Check out our website today!
• 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.
• Fruito – is still occurring daily at approximately 10am.

AEO Caught Being Good Award
Stephen Wilson & Brittany Robb
Miss Duiz
Welcome back to school for 2016! I am very excited to be teaching Stage 2 this year and look forward to a busy yet exciting year with all of you! This week we are straight back into the swing of things with English and Maths groups. On Friday we have our Swimming Carnival, so please remember to bring swimmers, a towel, a hat and sunscreen. You may dress in the colours of your house or in your school uniform. You are allowed to bring money to buy your recess and lunch from the pool. Have a fabulous week!

Mr Dewberry
Welcome back to school for 2016! I am very pleased to be teaching Stage 2 this year. We will be getting straight back into English and Maths groups, starting from today. Don’t forget that the Swimming Carnival is on this Friday, so make sure that you remember to bring your swimmers, a hat, sunscreen, a towel and plenty of water. Make sure that you dress up in your house colours and you are allowed to bring money to buy recess and lunch from the pool. Have an excellent week!

Miss Buckley
Welcome to 2016! I’m very excited to have Stage 2 again. This week English and Maths groups start and homework will be sent home. Please make sure you hand in your homework every Friday so you can attend the Homework party at the end of the term. This Wednesday we will be nominating for our class SRC representatives and then on Thursday we will be voting. This Friday is the school Swimming Carnival. So remember to bring your swimmers, a hat and sunscreen. Go STURT!

Stage 2 AP – Miss Gordon-Poole
Welcome back to the start of a fabulous school year. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Stage 2 Assistant Principal. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me. I am very excited to be working with this wonderful stage and participating in all of the activities we have planned.

Miss Wade
Welcome to 2016! I am excited to announce that I will be teaching Reading Recovery and Stage 3 this year! I am looking forward to participating in fantastic learning opportunities with 3W in Science and History. If you have any questions about your child’s learning please don’t hesitate to see me. Don’t forget this week is the swimming carnival on Friday!

Miss Heaney
Welcome to 2016! I am pleased to announce that I will be teaching Stage 3 this year. There are many exciting opportunities for Stage 3 this year including the Swimming Carnival on Friday. English and Maths groups start today; the focus for English throughout the year is cursive writing and using this across all learning areas. If you have any questions regarding your child’s learning please do not hesitate to call. Have a great week!

Stage 3 AP – Miss Milgate
Wow! 2016 school year has started with a BANG! and I hope everyone is ready for a BIG year. As Stage 3 AP I am looking forward to working with all students and their families and I know we will achieve great things. Stage 2 will be busily working in the Kitchen & Garden this week preparing garden beds and cooking pizzas and fruit salad. Have a great week!

P&C News:
Please find attached to the newsletter our Term 1 canteen menu.

The next and first P&C meeting for the year is our AGM. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 17th February at 6pm at Bourke Public School in the meeting room. A variety of uniforms are still available at the canteen.

A reminder that all lunch orders need to be made by 10am.
Monique and I would like to welcome all EYTC students to their very first week at Bourke Public School. I am very excited to be working with you and your child in 2016. This year we will have a strong emphasis on the SWAY program which focuses on oral language. The Early Years Transition Centre aims to support your child in their transition into Kindergarten through routines and unique experiences. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or queries you have about your child’s learning and development.

Welcome back everyone! This year, Miss Nixon will be working with Kindergarten and Stage One teachers to develop their skills, knowledge and teaching practice to improve educational outcomes for students. Miss Bartley will be working in the same capacity with teachers from Stage 2 and Stage 3. Miss Bartley will also be teaching Stage 2 English and Mathematic groups. Have a lovely week! 😊

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

Early Years Transition Centre News
Miss McKechnie
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Instructional Leaders News
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KG – Miss Griffiths
KC – Miss Clark
1B – Miss Budd
IM – Miss Mowbray
1C – Miss Bradley
2T – Mr Dewberry
2B – Miss Buckley
2D – Miss Duiz
3H – Miss Heaney
3W – Miss Wade
LC – Ms Topalov
MC – Mrs Sagar

Early Years Transition Centre – Miss McKechnie, Monique Driscoll & Bob Stutsel
RFF – CAPA – Mr Marshall
RFF – Kitchen & Garden – Miss Milgate
RFF – Early Stage 1 - Miss Gordon-Poole & Miss McKechnie
RFF – Stage 1 – Miss Dorrington
RFF – LC/MC – Mr Marshall & Miss Gordon
Reading Recovery – Lisa Wade
Learning & Support Groups - Ms Johnson
Focus Programs – Miss Cook, Miss Smith & Mrs Davis
Home School Liaison Officer – Kevin Handsaker
Assistant Principal’s – Miss Griffiths, Miss Budd, Miss Gordon-Poole, Miss Milgate & Miss Gordon
Instructional Leaders – Miss Nixon (infants) & Miss Bartley (Primary)
Senior Leader Community Engagement – Troy Gordon
School Administration Manager – Melba Stutsel
School Administration Officers – Fiona Rankmore & Anne-Maree Riches
Aboriginal Education Officer’s – Margo Grimes & Priscilla Grimes
School Learning Support Officer’s – Penny Bartley, Douglas Payne, Andrea Thiele, Shane Edwards Thomasina Beauchamp, Lisa Rankmore, Donna Willoughby, Mia Hull, Kate Poplin, Bridgett Dickson & Sarah-Jayne Bock.
General Assistant’s – Phil Lawson, Corey Brooks & Greg Gaffney
School Counsellor – Mrs Wall
Canteen Manager – Kelly Harrod
Cleaners – Jim Thompson & Manu Manato