Welcome to week 6 of term 1. I’m sure everyone had a relaxing and rested Mid-term break!

Our attendance was impressive again last week with 94%. I wonder how many classes will have 100% this week?

**Good Luck** to all students competing at the Regional Swimming Carnival this Friday in Dubbo. I’m sure all students will represent BPS with pride.

Later this term students in years 4 to 6 will be participating in the ‘Tell Them for Me Survey’. All students in Years 4 to 6 have received a note about this survey.

Our School photo’s are early this year (15th & 16th March). Please see all the details below on how to order photo’s.

**Personalised Learning Plans** are starting to be completed by teachers, parents/carers and students. 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.

**Thank you** to Corey Brooks and Bryce Kendall for putting a roof on our bike cage over the holiday period. Your work is much appreciated!

Have a great week! Kylie Pennell

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**School Photo’s – 15th & 16th March**

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

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Early Stage 1 AP – Miss Griffiths

Our PBL for this week is learning to be Proud, Safe and Respectful in the playground and equipment areas. Students will have discussions about this and demonstrations of what it looks like.

Congratulations to all Early Stage One, Stage One classes and the MC on a great first assembly for 2016. It was great to see so many smiling faces receiving awards for outstanding behaviour and dedication to work.

KC - Miss Clark

Welcome to week 6! I hope you all had a relaxing Mid-term break! In Maths this week we will be using different units of measurement to find the length of different objects. We will also continue our focus on counting forwards and backwards and writing our numbers correctly. Please remember that homework and home readers are due back every Friday. I hope you all have a great week!

KG - Miss Griffiths

I hope everyone had a fantastic Mid-term break and are ready for more learning and exciting experiences!

KG thoroughly appreciated our trip to the Public Library with Miss Pennell.

We got to learn about what there is to do at the library, where to borrow and return, where we can find picture books and DVDs and even got a sample bag to take home. Have a super week.

Stage 1 AP – Miss Budd

I hope everyone had a fantastic Mid-term break and are ready for the second half of the term. Just a reminder that sport is on a Friday. Due to the warm weather, it is encouraged that your child brings a water bottle and hat with them.

As we are focusing on cross country skills – running, please ensure students wear appropriate shoes.

Miss Bradley

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a very relaxing Mid-term break! Don’t forget that the 1C PLP meetings are today and tomorrow – if you haven’t already organised a meeting please ring the school to do so. This week in 1C we will be beginning to create our insect sculptures – if you have any small cardboard boxes, plastic bottles or containers, etc. that you would like to donate please send them in with your child!

Miss Budd

This Friday 4th March is my first PLP day. I would like to meet with you and discuss goals for your child. If you haven’t booked in for a meeting yet, please ring the office to arrange a time. This week 1B will continue making their thank you friendship cards. In HSIE we will start looking at making an Aboriginal shelter. We will be using twigs and leaves and discussing how it is adapted to shelter us from the Bourke weather. In art we will be making artworks based around creepy crawlies.

Dream, believe, learn and achieve!

AEO Caught Being Good Award

Quaylan Orcher & Sharelle Brown

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.
- Frutto – is still occurring daily at approximately 10am.
- Monday morning assembly – starts at 9.05am and all parents/carers and community members are welcome to attend.
Primary News

Miss Duiz
Welcome back after the Mid-term break. I hope everyone had a relaxing few days off! This week in English we are beginning to write about another Bruce Wheatly story, 'Fire'. In Maths we are developing our skills in multiplication and division, as well as solving word problems. This week we will begin our Science unit titled, 'Heating Up'. Remember, I have PLP meetings next Monday and Tuesday so please contact the office to make an appointment.
Have a lovely week everyone 😊

Mr Dewberry
Welcome back to week 6. I hope that everyone had a really enjoyable time during the Mid-term break! In English this week we will be focusing on editing our work on floods and writing our published copy then we will be starting our new book 'Fire'. In Maths this week we will be focusing on chance and data. We will be starting home readers in English. These are due every Friday.
Have a nice week everyone 😊

Miss Buckley
Welcome to week 6. I hope you all had a wonderful and safe Mid-term break! Our attendance has been great and we need to make sure it continues so we can win the Attendance Champion Cup. So make sure you come to school on time everyday. This week 2B will be continuing to learn and research famous landmarks found in Australia. Don’t forget to return your note for the performance that is coming up.

Stage 2 AP – Miss Gordon-Poole
Welcome to week 6. I hope everybody had a fabulous Mid-term break. Just a quick reminder that Primary Assembly is this Thursday. I am looking forward to seeing you all there. It has been a pleasure to see all of the Stage 2 students in their school uniforms, please remember that we must wear appropriate shoes as well.
Have a fabulous week of learning!

Miss Wade
Welcome to Week 6! I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. This week we are introducing the school Attendance Champion cup for the class with the best attendance, please make sure you are coming to school each day and on time. This week in History 3W is starting to look at Democracy and creating our own political parties to run for a mock election in class. In Science we are continuing our investigation into how light works and reflects off different objects. Have a great week! 😊

Stage 3 AP – Miss Milgate
Year 6 have chosen the designs for their Year 6 t-shirt and boy will they look great! A note with final costings will go home with Year 6 students this week and we hope to have the order finalised by the end of this term. Stage 3 students with 93% or better attendance will be having a movie & snack afternoon at the end of the term to acknowledge their fantastic behaviour. Have a great week!

Miss Heaney
I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing Mid-term break! The school leaders and I had a wonderful time at the Young Leaders Conference in Sydney and all four students should be proud of how they represented our school. This week is the first Primary Assembly starting at 2.15pm. Home Readers went out last Thursday, please remember to log your nightly reading and return weekly for your teacher to see. Have a super week!

P&C News:
A fundraising meeting will be held at the Port of Bourke on Wednesday 9th March at 6pm.
Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th May at 6pm at Bourke Public School in the meeting room. New members are always welcome!
Last Fortnight's Canteen award goes to 'Taylah Reid' for always using beautiful manners.

KC and 2B had a wonderful time participating in peer reading in DEAR time last week!
Welcome to week 6 everyone! This week we will begin learning about our very first sound, the 's' sound. You will find 'Sammy the Snake' on the back of our daily note this week so that you can practice saying and writing this sound at home. If your child brings plastic containers to school, please remember to clearly label them to ensure that they come home each day. Also, if you would like your child to have a rest in the afternoon, please remember to bring in a pillow and a sheet. Have a fabulous week!

Miss Nixon/Miss Bartley

Welcome to Week 6! We hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Mid-term break. When spending time with your child, there are plenty of opportunities to develop mathematical skills. For younger children, have them count the amount of pegs used when you hang out the washing. Alternatively, you could have them count items as you place them in the shopping trolley. For older students, have them mentally compute the total of your shopping bill as you walk around (you may wish to use a calculator to check and for added fun!). Additionally, when travelling in the car, have them work out the distance to the next town using the road signs. Enjoy Maths!

Mrs Sagar

This week the students shared a wonderful story The Rainbow Fish. They have really enjoyed responding to the text with writing and craft activities. Some of our students attended their first Infants Assembly and were very proud to receive awards for their hard work in class! Each morning we have been taking part in Daily Fitness activities. Our favourite lesson was running, skipping, hopping and rolling along the obstacle course!

Ms Topalov

Welcome to Week 6! I hope everyone had a fantastic Mid-term Break. This week in HSIE we have been learning about Australia before Federation and how it was made up of 6 different colonies. We have continued to learn about Ned Kelly in English. Well Done to the LC for winning the Week 4 attendance trophy. Keep up the great attendance. Have an awesome week.

LC and MC News

Regional Swimming Carnival
Good luck to the students competing at the Regional Swimming Carnival on Friday 4th March in Dubbo. Students that are travelling with the school will leave at approximately 1pm on Thursday 3rd March from school. All students are to bring their bags to school on Thursday morning so they are ready to leave at 1pm on the school bus.