It's hard to believe that it's week 7 of term 1 already! This term is eleven weeks, so we do have five more weeks of learning before the holidays.

Congratulations to all students who competed at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Dubbo last Friday. All students swam extremely well and all achieved personal best times. Well done to Harrison Tancred, Emma Simmons and Hunter Flick who have made it to State Swimming. All 3 students will compete at Homebush later this term.

Thank you to all parents who assisted on the day.

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.

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.

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.

Have a fantastic week and remember it is ‘Ride to School Day’ this Friday!

Kylie Pennell

School Photo’s – 15th & 16th March

Our school photo’s this year are on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th March. Envelopes were sent home a few weeks ago attached to the newsletter or details are below for ordering online. Envelopes can be collected from the office for family photo’s. Please also find attached to the newsletter a schedule of the photo’s for each day.

Sports & Co-Curricular Photos Now 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).
Infants News

Early Stage 1 AP – Miss Griffiths

Infants Assembly is happening again this week (odd weeks). It starts at 2:15pm in our hall. Please feel free to attend and watch our students receive their awards. Also just a reminder to send a water bottle with your children. Sport is particularly hot at the moment and it is great to have your child carry water with them to keep hydrated and happy.

KC - Miss Clark

Wow week 7 already! The term is going by so quickly! Well done to our class for winning Bourkie Bear at the last infants assembly. We had a party to celebrate our fantastic effort. This week in Maths we will be focusing on addition and subtraction. Remember that school begins at 9am so please make sure you are at school by this time. We really would like to win the attendance trophy!

KG - Miss Griffiths

Congratulations to all KG students that have been regularly returning their homework. It is great to see the effort and improvements being made by students. Please remember if you need another copy to let me know.

Home readers have started last week. Your child will receive a book to read each week, every night. Please fill in the book to let me know how they are going. Have a great week 😊

Stage 1 AP – Miss Budd

Last week students received their home reader folder. Remember it is important to read every night with your child. At the end of the week remember to return your home reader to receive a new one for the following week. When you read for 25 nights, please inform your English teacher and you will receive an award at assembly. Remember to get your bike and helmet out ready for ‘Ride to School Day’ this week. Have a fantastic week.

Miss Bradley

Miss Budd

Welcome to Week 7, already! Last week we welcomed our new Student Teacher Mrs Davis to our class. We can’t wait to learn with her. Well done to Shilah for representing our class at the Regional Swimming Carnival last week and a massive congratulations to Harrison for making state for his amazing freestyle. 1M are very proud of you both! This week our English class will continue to work on recounts and compound sentences and 1M Maths are focusing on addition and time. Have a wonderful week 😊

Thank you to all the parents who have booked in for their PLP meeting. Congratulations to 1B who won the attendance award last week. Keep up the wonderful attendance. This week we will use the expertise of Aunty Margo and Aunty Priscilla to help make our Aboriginal shelter. In English we will be focusing on our new text Possum Magic. In Maths we are learning how to use the jump strategy to solve large addition problems. Have a wonderful week at school and don’t forget ‘Ride to School Day’. Dream, believe, learn and achieve!

Regional Swimming Carnival

AEO Caught Being Good Award

Prestdan Booth & Latayah Towney

Messages

- 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.
- 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.
- Fruitlo – is still occurring daily at approximately 10am.
- 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.
- Monday morning assembly – starts at 9.00am and all parents/carers and community members are welcome to attend.
- 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.

KG
Primary News

**Miss Duiz**
This week I have PLP meetings today and tomorrow from 8:15am – 4:30pm. If you haven't already booked a time in to see me, please do so. This Thursday and Friday I will not be on class and another teacher will be taking 2D. They will continue to teach English and Maths and in the afternoons, Science and Art. Next week on Tuesday and Wednesday we have school photos so please ensure your student is wearing the correct school uniform and are at school by 9am. Have a lovely week 😊

**Mr Dewberry**
Welcome to week 7! Congratulations to the swimmers who went and competed at Regionals in Dubbo last week. In English this week, we will be revisiting the text ‘Fire.’ In our writing, we will be using descriptive language about fires. In Mathematics, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction, as well as data. In Science, we will be looking at Energy Explorers for our ‘Heating Up’ unit. Have a great week!

**Stage 2 AP – Miss Gordon-Poole**
Congratulations to all of the students who received ‘The Student of the Week’ award at the Primary Assembly. It was lovely to see so many students are being Proud, Safe and Respectful learners in our classrooms. Please remember that all students should be wearing hats. It has been very hot recently and our school rule is No Hat No Play. Don’t forget to fix your bikes up this week ready to ride them on Friday. Have a good week of learning.

**Miss Buckley**
Welcome to week 7. This week 2B will be having PLP meetings on Wednesday and Thursday from 8:15am – 4:30pm. If you would like to make an appointment, please call the office and make a time. In English, we will be learning about similes and how these help us to make our writing more descriptive. 2B will also be finishing off our amazing sea turtle artworks. Have a lovely week.

**Miss Heaney**
Congratulations to all students who swam brilliantly at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Dubbo! This Friday is ‘Ride to School Day’, remember if you are riding to school you need to be wearing your helmet and watching out for cars.

Have a wonderful week! 😊

**Stage 3 AP – Miss Milgate**
Our 2016 Captains and Vice Captains had a fantastic visit to Sydney for the National Young Leaders Conference last week. A BIG thank you to Roseville PS for their hospitality and ensuring our students had a most memorable time. Kobie, Claire, Jaimyn & Grace had an awesome time and are enjoying sharing lots of stories of their time.

Have a great week!

**PBL – Week 7**

**Proud**
Working as a class

**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!

Our school uniform is still available at the canteen, this also includes school hats. Kelly is more than happy to show you our range of clothing and sizing.

**Our Primary classes participating in some organised games by the Sport & Recreation team!**
This week the EYTC are learning to identify and sort words that begin with the ‘s’ sound. We are also practising writing the first letter of our names. Just a reminder to send your child to school with a water bottle each day to ensure that they are drinking enough water. We are beginning to collect resources to make Easter hats for our Easter hat parades. If you have anything that you would like to donate to assist in our decorating or would like to help make hats in class, please let me know. Have a great week.

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3 BPS students off to State Swimming at the end of the term
Congratulations to Harrison Tancred, Hunter Flick & Emma Simmons for making it to State Swimming after qualifying at the Regional Swimming carnival in Dubbo last week.
Harrison – 50m 8yr old Freestyle
Hunter – 50m Jnr Breaststroke
Emma – 50m Jnr Butterfly
I’m sure all 3 students will continue to train hard leading up to State.