We, at Bourke High, believe that all students can succeed. Bourke High School is a caring school and we acknowledge that effective learning takes place when students and teachers feel secure and safe, where morale is high, where people are happy and where a high value is placed on working together.

**Reminders**

**HSC Exams**

**This week**

- **Yr.10 Crossroads**
- **16-20 Lake Burrendong Excursion**
- **23-27 Canberra Excursion**

**Rewards Night**

- **9th December**

**10 Dec**

- **Presentation Night**

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**Executive Principal:** Mr Robert Bourke  
**Deputy Principals:** Ms Gaye Hoskins and Mr Andrew Ryder

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**Principal’s Report**

**Minister’s Visit**

The Member for Murray and Minster for Education Adrian Piccoli MP will be visiting Bourke Public Schools on Tuesday 1st December. Minister Piccoli, who is also Deputy Leader of the Nationals NSW, has been a strong proponent for the Connected Communities strategy. Bourke Public and High Schools are two of the fifteen NSW Connected Communities Schools. The basis of the strategy is to drive improved education outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people. Key deliverables are a focus on the schools working to become community hubs in partnership with their communities in order to develop and implement planning and procedures which provide local solutions. Minister Piccoli is to also visit Brewarrina Central School on the day so at this stage there is only a proposed agenda for the visit available. Further information will be provided in next week’s school newsletter.

**Cyberbullying**

Unfortunately with the proliferation of mobile phones, tablets and computers all schools are finding that they are having to deal with complaints about Cyberbullying. From the 1st of July, 2015 the newly formed Office of the Children’s eSafety Commission are to administer the Enhancing Online Safety for Children Act 2015. The Act will enable children suffering from serious Cyberbullying to contact the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner to have content removed if social media companies do not remove the offending content after it has been reported to them. It is anticipated that for much of the time the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner will work with social media services to take down material without the need to contact the school. However, there will still be time when a complaint will best be resolved by the Office working with schools as the Act allows sharing of information for this purpose. Bullying of any kind should not be tolerated and where it is school related it should be reported to the school. Reports of bullying are addressed through the school welfare and discipline procedures. Staff at Bourke High School work very hard to ensure that students are supported and feel happy and safe at school.

More information can be found on the Offices Website: www.esafety.gov.au

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Remembrance Day

On Wednesday the 11th of November members of our Student Representative Council (SRC) conducted a formal assembly to mark Remembrance Day. This important service was held with appropriate solemnity and dignity and was a mark of the maturity of our elected student representatives. All audience members observed the occasion with due respect which was pleasing to note. Thank you and congratulations to all our speakers and Mr Webster for organising the service.

Bourke High School was also well-represented at the local Remembrance Day service last Tuesday. Captains Emma Cunningham and Matthew Knight were accompanied by the senior Leader Community Engagement Ms Joan Dickson and Deputy Principal Mrs Gaye Hoskins. Matthew was called upon to read the “ode” at the beginning of the service and then both students laid a wreath on behalf of the school community.

This week at Bourke High School

Year 7 & 8 students headed off early on Monday morning to their camp at Lake Burrendong where they will be involved in lots of team building and sporting activities. Thank you to Ms Ree Nicholson, Ms Kirsty Jedrzejak and Mr Health Philips-Johnson the organising and supervising teachers for their efforts on behalf of the students.

Thank you to Peter Robinson and team who came in on Sunday 15 November and removed the large eucalyptus tree near the front playground entrance, which dropped a very large limb damaging the school building in a recent storm.

The schools final cooking class (Italian) for parent/carers and community members will be held on Thursday night the 19th of November in the school hospitality trade training centre. The cooking classes: Indian, Korean and Italian have proved to be a very popular innovation which the school will look at continuing next year.

Finally best wishes to our Year 12 students who will be attending their final school function, the year 12 Formal at the Bourke Bowling Club on Saturday night commencing at 6:00pm. Students, families and staff are all looking forward to what should be a memorable occasion. Entry is by invitation only and as it is a school function alcoholic drinks are not permitted in the room where the formal is being held. Please contact the school 68722560 if you require information about any of the school’s programs or need assistance in relation to your student’s education.

Parent Line is a telephone counselling, information and referral service for parents of children ages 0 to 18 who live in New South Wales. Our service includes the Early Childhood Intervention Infoline since early 2011, providing information and support about concerns about child development, disabilities and developmental delays.

Parents, grandparents and carers anywhere in the state can call Parent Line on 1300 1300 52 for no more than the cost of a local call. We are available 9am to 9pm Monday to Friday, and 4pm to 9pm on weekends.

Calls are answered directly by our team of trained, professional counsellors. Our staff are paid professionals with training in parenting programs and qualifications in social work or psychology. Each of our counselling staff have many years of experience in helping families deal with ordinary parenting dilemmas and a range of more difficult problems.

“There’s no question too big or too small”

Parent Line always has something to offer.
What is Cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is bullying that is done through the use of technology, for example, using the Internet, a mobile phone or a camera to hurt or embarrass someone. It can be shared widely with a lot of people quickly, which is why it is so dangerous and hurtful.

Why is cyberbullying so bad?

A lot of people can view or take part in it.

It is often done in secret with the bully hiding who they are by creating false profiles or names, or sending anonymous messages.

It is difficult to remove as it is shared online so it can be recorded and saved in different places.

It is hard for the person being bullied to escape if they use technology often.

The content (photos, texts, videos) can be shared with a lot of people.

This content may also be easy to find by searching on a web browser like Google.

What does cyberbullying look like?

Being sent mean or hurtful text messages from someone you know or even someone you don’t know.

Getting nasty, threatening or hurtful messages through social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter, or through sites where people can ask/answer questions.

People sending photos and videos of you to others to try and embarrass or hurt you.

People spreading rumours about you via emails or social networking sites or text messages.

People trying to stop you from communicating with others.

People stealing your passwords or getting into your accounts and changing the information there.

People setting up fake profiles pretending to be you, or posting messages or status updates from your accounts.
Hospitality Long Table

Year 11 Hospitality cooked up a storm this semester!! Their skills are truly expanding with every lesson. The students had the pleasure of preparing and serving a banquet dinner for 45 lucky community members. Our guests dined on antipasto platters followed by wood fired pizza, pasta and fresh salads (utilising some of our own garden produce) and finished off with a trio of desserts including chocolate brulee, tiramisu and ice-cream. A special thankyou must be given to our captains, Emma Cunningham and Mathew Knight, Mathew Bowden and Bailey Simmons for their expert service, Mary Kate and Mr Heath Phillips for the FANTASTIC music and Jaala Newcombe for her fine Maître d’ performance.

IT TRULY COULD NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!
WELL DONE AND THANK YOU
Final Cooking School Class for 2015!
Get in while you still can! Thursday 19th November

Guest chef: Kristi Ibbotson
Cuisine: Italian
Time: 6.00 – 9.00pm
Cost: $50.00 / (all equipment / ingredients/recipes provided)

It is that time of year again—
Join us in The Bourke Community Annual Toy Drive.
All across town you will find boxes for donations of new or used toys in good condition that will go to the less fortunate families in our community.
You will find boxes at the Post Office,
High School, Day Care, Public School, and at Community Health.
If you require pick up please call Mary-Kate at the High School on 6872 2522.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Clontarf Foundation invites you as a special guest to the

2015

Bourke Clontarf Academy
End of Year Awards

Join the boys, staff and teachers to celebrate the achievements of the Bourke Clontarf Academy in 2015

at Bourke High School Multi-Purpose Centre
34 Tarcoona Street Bourke

Wednesday, 2 December - 4.30pm - 6.30pm
4.30pm arrival for a 5.00pm start
Light refreshments will be served after the awards ceremony

Please RSVP by Wednesday 18th November
michael.watton1@det.nsw.edu.au or 0408 916 956
BOURKE TO JAPAN
200 CLUB FUNDRAISER 2015

Students of Bourke High School have a once in a lifetime chance to travel to Japan. To make this possible the students have been doing some fundraising. We are now holding a 200 CLUB DRAW which will be drawn as soon as all tickets have been sold. Tickets are $100 each and prizes will be as follows:

1ST PRIZE: $7000.00
2ND PRIZE: $1500.00
3RD PRIZE: $750.00
4TH PRIZE: $500.00
5TH PRIZE: $250.00

Please show your support and grab a ticket!!!

Tickets can be purchased from Gail Robinson (0400439194 / 68747860)
And Kerri Brown (0417181159)
If you have moved or changed your phone number please call the office and let us know.

If your child has medical information that is important to his/her health please call us so we can update your file. This includes information on allergies and medication.

If your child will be absent due to illness or family circumstances please call the office and let us know.

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Any problems email the school bourke-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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