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**

**Bourke High School P&C AGM**
Tuesday 31 March 2015
6pm
School Library

‘If you care about your child, you need to care about what is happening at the school”

Please come along and be involved in your child’s education.

**Thurs., April 2nd**

**Last Day of Term**

**And End of Term Assembly**

**Sat. April 4th**

**BHS Open to Public from 12.30pm ~ 2.30pm**

**Tues. April 21st**

**First day of Term 2 for students.**

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

**Term 1, Week 10**

**Principal’s Report**

**P & C Annual General Meeting Tuesday the 11th of March 6:00pm**

Hopefully we will have a good roll up for the AGM on Tuesday evening, particularly as Ms Kristi Ibbotson and some of our wonderful Hospitality students will be catering for the supper. Once the AGM concludes the P & C meeting will be held and there will be discussion regarding proposed changes to the student uniform. It would be nice to see some new faces involved and please remember that participating in the P & C is a great way to support your student’s school. Also, there are only eight P & C meetings in a school year so that the time involved is not too demanding.

**Back to Bourke Information**

The school will be opening on Saturday the 4th of April from 12.30pm to 2.30pm as part of the Back to Bourke Weekend festivities. It is an excellent opportunity for locals and visitors to come in and take a look at how the school has changed and improved over the past 50 years. Thankyou to Dot Brown who is opening the Canteen during this time so that our visitors can sample some of Dot’s authentic canteen cuisine. Also on offer are CD’s of nearly every edition of the school Magazine, The Jandra, since 1965 to 2014. The CD’s are being sold for $15.00 each. You can also purchase a copy of the Bourke High School Vocal Group’s recording of the original song “It’s Home”. We look forward to showcasing the school as part of the Back to Bourke Reunion weekend.

**End of Term Assembly**

Parents and carers are invited to our end of term Assembly to be held on Thursday the 2nd of April at 10:25 in the MPC. At this assembly we will be recognising students who are making a good effort with their studies and working to the best of their ability. Letters of invitation have been sent out and afterwards there will be a morning tea.

**Congratulatory Letters**

A large number of congratulatory letters were recently posted home by the school to recognise students who have worked consistently during this term by keeping up with in-class work, completed homework and assignments, and have shown that they are working to become independent learners. Students were also recognised by their teachers where they were displaying ‘ready to learn’ behaviours, making positive contributions to classroom learning, showing an improvement in learning or participating in whole school activities. Thank you to Mrs Lee Bourke and staff for their organisation of the recognition letters.

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Thank You
Mrs Shirley Booth contacted the school on behalf of the organising group for the Seniors Week Luncheon and thanked the Hospitality students and Ms Kristi Ibbotson for their organisation of the food on the day. Thank you also to Ms Amanda Smith who organised another end of term Yellowie Draw: Deal or No Deal for the school assembly on Thursday the 26th of March. This assembly is a lot of fun and involves all the students who have been working co-operatively in the school’s welfare recognition system and provides them with the opportunity to win various prizes.

End of Term
The last day of term is Thursday the 2nd of April. However, we will be open, albeit very briefly, on Saturday 4th of April from 12:30pm to 2:30pm for the Back to Bourke visitors. School resumes for Term 2 on Tuesday the 21st of April. On Monday the 20th April there will be a School Development Day which will involve staff in literacy training and development, healing foundation coaching, positive behaviour for learning programming, National Consistent Collection of Data for Students with Disability processes and child protection education. Parents or carers who are interested in attending should contact the school. Otherwise, best wishes to students and their families on a safe and happy Easter vacation from all of the dedicated staff at the Bourke High School.

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Mathematics Faculty News:

Mr McKay and Mr Ferrarin are pleased to welcome the enthusiastic approach Ms Doggett has brought to the faculty with her the delivery of the Preliminary General Mathematics course for her group of year 11 students. Ms Doggett is better known as Head Teacher English but her technical prowess is highly regarded by staff and administration alike. Her ICT skills provide an excellent foundation for the delivery of the foundation year of General Mathematics.

In addition to the services of Ms Doggett the Maths department is also very happy to include the esteemed Rob Bourke in its ranks this year with his adoption of the combined year 9/10 class. Students are benefiting from his many years’ experience to build a solid foundational experience and develop skills necessary for success in the coming years.

Students in the 7-11 classes are at various stages of completion of their projects for term 1.

- **Year 7 students** have just finished work on their probability project leading to a further examination of fractions, decimals and percentages to close out term 1.
- **Year 8 classes** have been working on a measurement project which ties together perimeter area and volume concepts with some practical analysis of the school environment, along with an introduction to the famous Pythagorean formula $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$.
- **Year 9** have been studying financial mathematics with particular attention paid to wages and salaries. Students have been researching different types of employment and been using Excel to analyse salary, taxation budgeting allocations and housing options for different career paths.
- **Year 10** commences their trigonometry project this week and will develop an understanding of how this important field of mathematics is used in everyday life, applying the mathematical techniques to determine the lengths and height of various features around the school campus.
- **HSC Preliminary** are well into their communication focus study and have been studying the mathematics associated with mobile phone usage as well as digital downloading and file sizes.

Finally the **HSC General students** are approaching their mid-year exam and have been covering new material related to spherical geometry and the areas of composite shapes, including the annulus and sector areas. In addition students have begun reviewing past HSC trail papers earlier this term in order to better prepare for their HSC exam.

Quicksmart News

Bourke High School has received the report from the University of New England outlining the progress made by our students last year. We are astounded by the growth shown by our group of year 7 and 8 students, where the average development was on the order of 3 year improvement and accuracy and response time. Students showed substantial growth in multiplication and division skills along with an overall improvement in their numeracy skills as shown by their results on the standardized PATM test conducted at the beginning and end of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to again thank Ms Dee Bye, Ms Libby Bramble, Mr James Brien, Ms Tracy Hull, and Ms Lynne Ord for their commitment and fantastic efforts on behalf of our students.

Mr. McKay
YOU TOO CAN RELAX WITH A BOOK

The library has been especially busy this term with 342 groups coming in and using the facilities.

The above figures do not take into account lunch or recess activities, homework club, staff or special interest groups such as P&C meetings.

Next term it is expected to be even busier now that we are really into the swing of the school year.

The winner of our St Patrick’s Day poster competition was Dallas Wilson who received a $20 gift voucher from Toy World for her wonderful depiction of a shamrock.

The next competition will be a Mother’s Day poster for the Year Sevens. Later in the term it is expected that a Uno competition will be held and will be open to all students.

Di Lucas
Teacher/Librarian

Easter reading
Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Get a head start with Easter reading time. Booklists are here: What's your child reading right now?

Find out more: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/pro/booklist/home.html

Assignment starters A-Z
What projects or essays does your child have that are due by the end of term? One of them could be among the School A-Z website’s assignment starters – resources designed to point you in the right direction.

A huge congratulations to Cody Simmons, Matthew Bowden, Bailey Simmons and Raymond Simmonds who placed 3rd in the boys 200 metre free invitational relay at the CHS State Swimming Carnival in Homebush last week. Cody Simmons also placed 4th in the 17-19yrs 100m breaststroke. This was Raymond’s ninth year representing his school at state level! An extraordinary achievement for these boys from Bourke!
Bourke Soccer Club Presents 2015 Season Competition

This year we have plenty of things in store for you. Player Categories are:

- **Mini Minis**: 4yrs and under,
- **Minis**: 5yrs to 7yrs,
- **Inters**: 8yrs to 10yrs,
- **Seniors**: 11yrs to 15yrs
- **Adult Futsal**: 16yrs and over, yes that means you! Show yours kids what you can do.

Bourke High School will be hosting Coffee, Cappuccino, and Hot Chocolate each week to raise funds for 2015 year 12 Graduation. Let’s all show them our support.

There will be the Clubs Canteen, BBQ and also this year we will try a Camp Oven Stew.

**Registration Days as the club will kick off on the 9th of May**

- **Saturday 4th April** in the main street from 9:30am to 12pm
- **Saturday 11th April** in the main street from 9:30am to 12pm

During the Development Camp on the 13th and 14th of April at the Coolican Oval will be the last opportunity to register as teams will need to be decided upon.

Cost of Registration $60 per player and instalments are accepted but must be finalised by June 2015.

If anyone has Bourke Soccer Shirts at home please bring them to Melissa Prince at the Bourke High School.

If you would like to become involved, a committee member or just want to hear what is going on, the next Soccer meeting will be the 14th April at the Port of Bourke Hotel at 5:30pm so please come along.

Looking Forward to a great 2015 Season

Tina Brookman
Secretary
Bourke Soccer Club
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**April school holidays**

Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

Back to Bourke Easter Weekend

Bourke High School
Open 12.30 till 2.30pm
Saturday 4th April

Please come in for a visit and enjoy Dot's Delightful Canteen Cuisine

School Lunch

For Sale
CD of the "Jandra" (School Magazine)
Almost every copy from 1965 to 2014
Only $15.00

The Bourke High School Vocal Group CD -
It's Home!
All Proceeds towards BHS Arts Projects
Only $10.00
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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