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.

Principal’s Report

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

Half-Yearly Examinations
This week the 2015 Half-Yearly Examinations will be completed as Years 7 to 10 sit for their tests. Year 11 exams were completed last week and their teachers are now busy with reports.

Seven Steps to Writing Success
On Thursday May 22nd Bourke High School hosted this course for teachers from this school and nearby schools. Teachers from the English department and the school support staff completed a one day training course in the “Seven Steps”. This program is designed to break down the components of successful writing in narrative and persuasive texts. It also allows students to practise these skills regularly. The English Department will be implementing the program in lessons next term.

Digital Citizenship Courses
Also this week Melynda Austin and Michael Parker from the Western Sydney Institute of TAFE are once again visiting Bourke High School to deliver the next stage of courses started in Term 1. Students from Years 9 to 11 are completing TAFE accredited courses in basic computing studies. Mick also has organised some hands-on activities involving networking computers. These classes have been scheduled into the examination timetable and there will be no disruption to Year 9 and 10 tests.

National Sorry Day
This year National Sorry Day is being commemorated today, May 26th. The school held a special assembly this morning for National Sorry Day and to mark the start of Reconciliation Week in 2015. Our Aboriginal Education Officer, Mr Bruce Turnbull, addressed the assembly in a speech informing staff and students about the experiences of people from the Stolen Generations and the importance of education in the reconciliation process. The theme of Reconciliation Week this year is “It’s time to change it up!”

School Attendance
Following this week’s half-yearly examinations teachers will be finalising assessment results and reports for Semester 1. The importance of regular school attendance is particularly highlighted at this time in the school year. Attending school every day makes learning much easier for students. Missing school leaves gaps in students’ learning. Regular attendance also helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine and helps prepare them for life after school. A Big Thankyou.

This is my first newsletter item since returning from long service leave. I was lucky enough to be at ANZAC Cove in Turkey for this year’s hundredth anniversary of the Gallipoli landings on ANZAC Day. It was a sobering experience for me and certainly brought home the realities of the history we have all learnt about the hardships faced by the troops who fought there. Travelling in Turkey prior to the day made me realise the importance of the events at Gallipoli to the Turkish people.

I would like to acknowledge Ms Angela Doggett who relieved as Deputy Principal while I was away and Ms Kylie Dunn who relieved as Head Teacher in her place, and thank them both for all their hard work while I was on leave.

Mrs Hoskins

Reminders

P&C Meeting
26 May

3 June
Athletics Carnival

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The SRC Rocks Parliament

The students had the opportunity to see how Parliament runs and meet Mr Mark Coulton, our local Australian federal politician last Tuesday. The students took on the role as Prime Minister, speaker and Representatives of the house and were amazed at how the system works.
**SRC Biggest Morning Tea**

**Thursday 28th May**

**RECESS**

Tasting plates on sale during recess ($2.00)

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**COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

**BOURKE**

**Memory Van visit to Bourke**

**MEMORY VAN LOCATION**

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No BOOKINGs required

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**FRRR**

Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal

**UNDERSTAND ALZHEIMER'S**

**EDUCATE AUSTRALIA**

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**Breaking the ICE and DV in Brewarrina**

Brewarrina Community Health in conjunction with Mission Australia and Dhirraway Dhaarun Bawu (Integrated Child and Family Centre) wish to work with the community to break the ICE and domestic violence.

We need your help and advice. Lunch will be provided.

**Date:** 4 June 2015

**Time:** 10am—12pm

**Venue:** Dhirraway Dhaarun Bawu Cnr Young/Wilson St

For further information please contact Kaye Crawford on 68305 000

Guest speakers will be Dr Andy Campbell and Marcia Barker
To our year 11 & 12 students that completed their RSA course on Monday, 25th at the Bourke TAFE.

Many Thanks to Bourke TAFE and Medicare Local for making this possible for our students.

Mal Edwards
Cody Simmons
Sam Simmons
Bailey Smith
Doug Anderson
Taydum Edwards
Jamie Edwards
Dana Schleinzer
Kaitlyn Mathews
Kirsten Bates
Thursday 3rd September
Bourke High School MPC
Matinée show, 11am – 1pm,
Evening show, 6-8pm

TICKET PRICES
Matinee Dress Rehearsal Performance – Gold Coin Donation
Night Time ticket Price –
Adults - $6.00, Children - $3.00
Family (2 adults and 2 children) $15.00 –
Additional children $2 each
TICKETS SOLD AT SCHOOL & AT THE DOOR

Confidence through creativity

Shoot for the Moon
even if you miss, you’ll land
among the stars
Year 10 subject selection
In Year 10 students are asked to select subjects for Years 11 and 12. Here are some tips to help your teen choose well.

Choosing a mobile phone
What should you consider when choosing a mobile phone for your child? Here are some ideas to help you through the process:

Food Allergy Week 17-23 May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.
Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Deb Ball practice is on Thursday evenings at 5.30pm at Diggers.
If you are interested in participating please see Mary-Kate.
28TH MAY 2015
AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA
BOURKE
CWA ROOMS

$5.00 per mixed plate
10am - 2am

All funds go towards cancer research to find a cure

Orders are important part of our day:
RSVP by 22/5/15 Lee Sharpe 0488722807,
Joyce O'Shannessy 68722803 or
Maree Weldon maree@touchforbeauty.com.au

The day will consist of volunteers making morning teas, A raffle for a $500 open voucher to be spent in a local shop - tickets $2 each. A great morning out to support this very worth while cause!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH COOKING AND DELIVERIES
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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