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.

Welcome back to a busy term 3 which will culminate with the school’s Mardi Gras Fete on Friday evening the 11th September. The name goes back to previous Bourke High School Fetes in years gone by and we are hoping that the fete will be a fitting homage to the many previous events in this the school’s 50th Anniversary in its current location. Some dates for calendars include:

13 July Monday School Development Day
14 July Tuesday Students Return
   Parent/Teacher Night Library 5.30-7.00pm
Week One (13-17 August) Invited students to the University of Western Sydney
22 July Wednesday Classical Music Workshop
24 July Friday Movie Night
Week Three (27-31 August) Saltbush return visit to Sydney
   Education Week
10-13 August Digital Skills Course continues
18-21 August Trial HSC
26 August Wednesday Ronnie Gibbs Sports Event
3 September MADD Thursday (Music, Art, Dance and Drama) Night
7-11 September Year 11 Final Exams
11 September Friday Connected Communities Field Day at Coonamble High School
   Bourke High School Mardi Gras Fete
17 September Thursday Year 12 Farewell Assembly
Parent/Teacher Night Tuesday 14 July 5.30-7.00pm
Student reports were sent home in the last week of term two with a letter inviting parents and carers to attend the parent teacher night to be held in the library commencing at 5.30.pm. Bookings are not necessary as all of the teaching staff will be available on the night for interviews. It is recommended that students attend with their parent/s or carer/s so that they can also be involved in discussions with teachers.

NAIDOC Week

Thank you to the community members who joined with us during the last week of term two for the various NAIDOC activities held at the school. Monday’s luncheon with Elders and community members was well attended and the setting at ‘Our Place’ was quite beautiful on the day. ‘Our Place’ is a yarning area on the school’s eastern side. Unfortunately, the fishing day on the Wednesday was cancelled due to the wet weather, however, our main celebration day on the Friday went ahead in lovely fine conditions. The NAIDOC Assembly in the morning was the start to a very successful day of cultural and sporting activities. Thank you to students Rozaria Suckling, Julie Knight and Reuben Barker who spoke on the assembly about the meaning and importance of NAIDOC Week, this year’s theme: ‘We All Stand On Sacred Ground’, the importance of saving and respecting sacred places and the reminder that all Australians need to join together to recognise the outstanding achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the valuable contributions they continue to make to this country. Thank you also to Mr Bruce Turnbull AEO for his overall organisation of the week and to the many other staff and community members who assisted him.
Principal’s Report cont.

Attendance

The school will again this term target good attendance by students as a whole school focus. Students with high levels of attendance are recognised through the school’s merit system. At the merit assembly at the end of the last term there were 28 students or 20% of the school’s population who had maintained over a 95% attendance rate since the beginning of the school year. Research shows that students with high levels of attendance do better at school, and ultimately in terms of occupational choices and careers, than students who are poor attendees. Students with low attendance rates have gaps in their learning and unfortunately continue to fall further and further behind unless their attendance improves. The school uses a range of processes to target students with poor attendance to try and improve matters. This includes: individualised attendance programs, working with parents and carers, mentoring processes with students and their families, involvement of counsellors, Home School Liaison Officers and Police. Unfortunately over the last twelve months there have been twelve families followed up through the local court on the basis that students have not followed compulsory attendance orders. Where families are seeking help to work with students who are having attendance issues, every support is provided by the school. For more information please contact the school phone 68722560.

Governor’s Letter

It was pleasing to see that General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret’d), Governor of New South Wales sent a letter to the school’s Hospitality teacher, Ms Kristi Ibbotson, thanking her and students for the sumptuous dinner that they provided for the visitors and Vice Regal Party when they were in Bourke last term. The letter indicated that ‘the quality of the dinner you prepared would grace any dinner at Government House!’ This is, of course, a wonderful testament to the ability of our teacher and the quality of learning taking place at the school. General Hurley also wrote a separate letter of thanks to the school thanking the many students and staff who looked after them on their visit to the high school.

Thursday, 18 June 2015

Ms Kristie Ibbotson
Bourke High School
34 Tarcoola Street
BOURKE NSW 2840

Dear Ms Ibbotson,

I write to thank you and your students for the excellent dinner you provided during our visit to Bourke. I can say that the quality of the dinner you prepared would grace any dinner at Government House. You should be very pleased and proud of your efforts.

My best wishes to you and the students for the remainder of the year.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret’d)
Governor of New South Wales
Photos of clay on Oaks Chifley (soldier) and Sally on APH Larrikin (pogo), both young horses, competing at Tamworth show jumping winter classics. Kayla Simmonds also won young rider championship on Wheel of Fire. They also competed at Gunnedah doing very well, coming home with 2 wins for Sally and 2 seconds and a third for Clay. Also pictured are the riders doing a show jumping clinic with an Olympian coach Gavin Chester in Dubbo under trying weather conditions.
Mathematics HSC Preparation Sessions

Beginning Saturday, June 20th Mr McKay will be conducting HSC preparation sessions for the General 2 Mathematics course at the BHS library. The sessions will run from 10:00 am to 11:30 am every other Saturday throughout term 3.

A variety of approaches will be used to help better prepare students for the examination including review of year 11 content (worth @ 25% of the HSC grade), year 12 content, online HSC multiple choice practice and examination strategy.

A schedule of content to be reviewed will be provided at the first session and will be published in the next newsletter. Students are encouraged to attend any or all of the sessions.
Last term Yr.’s 7 through 10 participated in a Hepatitis C awareness workshop. Students have been asked to come up with a design and/or slogan covering the topics of Hep C and/or the community sharps disposal program.

The winning design will be featured on a hat which will be distributed to all students. The winner will also receive an iPad mini 64GB.

The top designs will then be worked into a community mural that will be designed by Mr. David Pickard and Mr. Patrick Edwards. Details of this project will be available in Term 3.

With prizes like this available it is time for you to get designing!!! Entries must be in by the end of week 2, Term 3.

Good Luck!

As part of the BAHS 30 Day Challenge Bourke High School will be holding a movie night at the high school MPC on Friday the 24th July and it is FREE! There will be a big screen movie theatre and Hot Dogs and popcorn for sale! The evening is open to all Bourke High School students and families. Bring a bean bag or a pillow and enjoy!!

In order to attend you must NOT be on a green sheet!
EUREKA Duo

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A diverse performance of new and old music presented by graduates of the Australian National Academy of Music.

When: Wednesday 22nd of July, 6:00pm
Where: Bourke High School, MPC
Tickets: $20. Complimentary beverage included. Refreshments and nibbles available.

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eureka.ensemble@gmail.com

All proceeds go towards the end of year trip to Japan
“Celebrate Spring with Outback Colour!”

Come and join us for a 5km fun run through Bourke on Saturday 5th September 2015. The event will involve running through colour gauntlet’s in which you will be covered with a colourful powder. Registration forms are available from Bourke PCYC.

All forms and money need to be handed back in by 5:00pm Friday 31st July 2015.

Any registrations taken after this date are NOT guaranteed a shirt. The registration cost will include registration for the run, your Outback Colour Shirt & More!

Like us on Facebook for more updates!

Adults
$50 (PACK INCLUDED)

17 Years & Under
FREE

$30 FOR A PACK

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED BY THE CUT OFF DATE!

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE MEMBERS OF BOURKE PCYC. MEMBERSHIP IS $5 FOR A JUNIOR (UNDER 18 YEARS) & $10 FOR A SENIOR (18+ YEARS).

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT BELINDA STEPHENS AT PCYC ON (02) 6870 1670
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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