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

Term 1, Week 7

Principal’s Report

Reminders

Questacon
10.3.2016
Selective High Schools selection tests
10.3.2016
World Greatest Shave
10.3.2016
Year 7 Peer Support Camp
Lake Keepit
14 to 18.3.2016
Good Friday
25.3.2016
Easter Monday
28.3.2016

Last week two important programs recommenced at Bourke High School for 2016.

Eternity Aid

Eternity Aid is a program designed to help students in Year 7 with their transition to high school. Year 7 students participate in a range of peer support and reflection activities around student well-being and resilience. Lee Bromley and her team commenced the program for 2016 last Friday March 4th. The school wishes to thank the Eternity Aid team and also Ms Sarah Douglas, who stepped up as acting Year Advisor and participated with Year 7 on Friday while Ms Ibbotson and Year 12 Hospitality were busy catering.

Digital Citizenship

Western Sydney TAFE teachers Melynda Austin and Michael Parker arrived at the school last week to begin the Digital Citizenship program for this year. Students in Years 10 to 12 are completing courses and recording competencies that will give them necessary computing skills for the workplace and a TAFE accreditation. The courses broaden students’ knowledge and skills in using in key software programs such as Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel. Students then move on to complete training in cybersecurity and computer networking. During this visit students in Year 12 rebuilt computers, installed software and networked computers using wireless technology. Our thanks go to Mick and Melynda who travel from Sydney to deliver these courses.

TVET Beauty Course

This week TAFE staff are once again working at Bourke High School to deliver the first phase of a course in Beauty. A group of girls from the senior years will complete the course via dedicated weeks of face to face tuition and follow-up VC lessons. Any enquiries about the course can be directed to Mrs Anna McCorkle, our Careers and TVET Co-ordinator.

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Writing in the Middle Years Project

During the second half of this term teaching staff at the school will complete the "working" phase of this project. "Before writing strategies" or note-taking activities have been completed during the first half of this term. Students in Years 7 to 10 will now complete a writing task in each of their subject areas. Each writing task will be accompanied by a rubric to give students specific feedback about the development of their literacy skills in addition to feedback about their learning in each subject area. These skills will include paragraph structure, sentence structure, punctuation and spelling.

The next phase of the project (or the "after writing") phase will involve teachers working together to collaboratively mark students' writing samples and design the feedback given to students.

The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey are being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 26 February. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Gaye Hoskins
National Day Against Bullying

Bourke High School aims to create a safe and supportive environment for everyone. As part of the schools initiatives to combat Bullying students and staff invite Parents, Carers and Community members to join us on 18 March 2016 to create hands of friendship on the schools oval.

VIVO

Vivo is Bourke High Schools Student Reward system that enables students to be rewarded for positive behaviours across the schools Positive Behaviour and Learning framework. Points can be accumulated and students can purchase items from the online store.

Students and parents can logon at home to check progress and view details of all the points accumulated.

Each week students in each year group with the highest number of Vivos for the week are acknowledge on the formal assembly.

The winners this week are

Year 7: Kyah Sullivan Knight
Year 8: Charli Ibbotson
Year 9: Molly Harris
Year 10: Anna Brown and Georgia Hardwick
Year 11: Layci Bermingham
Year 12: Emma Cunningham
**Bourke High School Swimming Carnival 2016**

A mild 32 degree day greeted us for the 2016 instalment of the BHS Swimming Carnival. Anticipation was high, house points were on the line and teachers and students alike were charged up for a big day.

Participation was excellent all day from our students and easily surpassed the numbers we have seen in the past few years. A huge congratulations go out to Bradley Parnaby, Raymond Simmons and Mathew Bowden who all broke long standing BHS records on the day. In the end Mitchell house was crowned the winner, and the following students were our age champions:

A big thankyou is extended to all teachers and parents who helped out on the day, and a special thankyou to Melissa Simmons who again ran the computer—without you our day could not run as smoothly as it does!

We'll see you in 2017 for another massive Swimming Carnival.

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Do you have your Learners Permit and want to get additional hours driving practice.

Maranguka Driver Licensing Initiative in collaboration with Bourke High School is offering additional driving sessions for our students.

If you are interested please speak with Joan Dickson at school or Peter Mackay on 0438900326 or 02 5837 7916.
BHS Cricket - Davidson Shield Round 1 v Cobar

The boys cricket team travelled down to Cobar for our Round 1 clash against Cobar. It was a big day for our Year 12 students who were possibly playing in their last ever game for the Bourke High School Eagles—a team entrenched with tradition and honour. Needless to say emotions were running high as we arrived at the ground!

We arrived to an absolute green top turf wicket which had the boys (and their coach) worried—we lost the toss and were sent in to bat by the Cobar team. As expected it was difficult going in the middle and we lost two wickets very early for not many runs. Matt Knight (captain) was seeing the ball well but ended up middling one straight to the cover fieldsman and was well caught—we were reeling at 5/37 at this point. Daniel McKenna (14) and Jack Mathews (9) provided some big hitting for a brief period, but it wasn't enough and we were eventually bundled out for 77.

Morale was low in the team after that effort and a rousing change of innings speech from Coach Meikle had the boys charged up and ready to fire—and fire they did! Bourke decimated the Cobar batsmen in clinical fashion for what is possibly a record low score. The Cobar boys struggled to even lay bat to ball and only made 6 runs total—and only 2 of them came off the bat! Raymond Simmons was MOTM taking a devastating 5 wickets for 2 runs and was well supported by Clay Simmons (1/3), Jack Mathews (1/0) and Daniel McKenna (2/1). Fittingly the boys took the last 3 Cobar wickets in 3 successive balls for a team hat trick and a perfect way to end the game. Congrats boys, on to round 2!

Matthew Meikle, Cricket Coach
SRC Representatives from OXLEY
Congratulations to the following students

2016 School Captain
Matthew Knight Yr 12

2016 House Captains

Senior Girls Captain
Georgia Hardwick Yr 10

Senior Boys Captain
Rowan Gordon Yr 10

Junior Boys Captain
Ethan Smith Yr 7

Junior Girls Captain
Molly Harris Yr 9

2016 School Captain
Matthew Knight Yr 12

OXLEY’S TOP 10 STUDENTS
(According to Vivo)

Matthew Knight
Ethan Smith
Sari Wills
Ethan Kiley
Janaya Knight
Robyn Gillon
Shakayla Dennis
Rowan Gordon
Molly Harris
Myah-Rose Driscoll

(Oxley’s top ten students for the year to 4/3/16)

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Sightings of Pac men and Yellow Ghosts

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2/3/16 - “Warm Wednesday” as it is known. Thirteen of Bourke’s finest swimmers set out after school, braving the desolate Nyngan road. The goal was not a destination, but an opportunity, to compete with some of the finest swimmers in the region. Our thirteen students played to their strengths, supporting each other throughout the day and spreading that infectious spirit and comradely that our community is known for. With great humility we competed, we conquered and we are going to the next level. Going backwards is an unfamiliar concept for our swimmers (unless doing backstroke), and nearly all of our swimmers are going on to represent at state level.

There will be no floating about for our tireless warriors. We will be putting Bourke back on the state map at the state carnival, which I’m sure will leave some Sydney schools in a state of shock. We will be VICTORIOUS!!

Once again well done to all participants who strived to achieve their personal best, representing Bourke High commendably.

Also thank you to our very supportive bus driver, Mr Heath Phillips. Mr Phillips recently took out a very assuring 1st place position in the annual school bus manoeuvring competition run by the State School Bus Drivers Association of NSW.

Photos
Top - Matthew “The Eagle” Bowden.
Below Top - The group after warm up.
Above - Happy students!
Below - Some of our ecstatic award winners.

Mr Matt Meikle
Results from the Regional Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the students who travelled to the Regional Swimming carnival in Dubbo. Students representing Bourke High School were:

Raymond Simmonds: 8 events, 1 PB (1 sec), Bailey Simmonds: 9 events, 5 PBs (1 to 4 sec), Mathew Bowden: 8 events, 4 PBs (1 to 6 sec), Bradley Parnaby: 9 events, 5 PBs (1 to 15 sec), Andrew Lowe: 3 events (1 to 9 sec), Andi Ibbotson: 4 events, 4 PBs (6 to 15 sec), Tara Brookman: 3 events, 3 PBs (2 to 10 sec), Georgia Hardwick: 4 events, 3 PBs (2 to 10 sec), Charlie Hollman: 2 events, 1 PB (1 sec), Hayleigh Hollman: 3 events, 2 PBs (5 sec), Samantha O’Shanessy: 2 events, 2 PBs (2 to 8 sec), Kyah Sullivan-Knight: 4 events, 2 PBs (1 to 12 sec), Tori Williams: 4 events, 3 PBs (2 to 13 sec).

All students recorded increases in their times thanks to the efforts of Mel Simmonds and the coaching team from the Bourke Swimming Club.

The following students will be representing Western Region and Bourke High School at the State High School Swimming Carnival at Homebush Olympic Park in Sydney during the week beginning 4 April 2016:

**Mathew Bowden:** 100 Butterfly, 400 Freestyle / **Bradley Parnaby:** 100 Butterfly, 100 Freestyle, 50 Freestyle, 100 Breaststroke, 200 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke / **Raymond Simmonds:** 100 Butterfly, 100 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, 200 IM / **Andrew Lowe:** 400 Freestyle / **Andi Ibbotson:** 200 Freestyle.

**12-19 IM Relay:** Raymond Simmonds, Bailey Simmonds, Mathew Bowden, Bradley Parnaby / **15 years Freestyle Relay:** Bailey Simmonds, Mathew Bowden, Bradley Parnaby, Charlie Hollman / **17–19 years Freestyle Relay:** Raymond Simmonds, Bailey Simmonds, Mathew Bowden, Andrew Lowe / **15 years Freestyle Relay:** Hayleigh Hollman, Tori Williams, Georgia Hardwick, Kyah Sullivan-Knight.

Good Luck to all students.
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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