

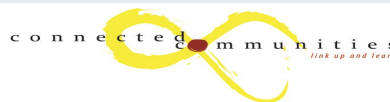
We, at Bourke High, believe that all students can succeed.

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.



# Term 1, Week 2

## Principal's Report



## Reminders

**Bangarra Dance**

**Workshop**

**11/2/2016**

**Dubbo**

**BHS Swimming  
Carnival**

**17/02/2016**

**P&C Meeting**

**23/02/2016**

**5.30 pm**

**BHS Library**

### Principal's Report

Welcome back to the 2016 school year. Years 7, 11, and 12 students returned to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February, with Years 8, 9 and 10 returning on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

The school swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February and we have received late notice of an invite for a small group of students to go to Dubbo on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February to participate in a Bangarra Dance workshop. Ms Jedrezejak, PDHPE teacher, will be making the arrangements and will be in contact with the families of selected students.

New staff commencing in term one are Mr James Warne, Head Teacher Support, Ms Sarah Douglas, English teacher, and two Mathematics teachers: Mr Gabor Holmik and Mr Richard Singer. Mr Warne has previously taught at Bourke High School, while more recently he has been the AP at Bourke Walgett School of Distance Education. Ms Douglas was previously at Bourke Public school, while Mr Holmik is from Albury and Mr Singer the Central Coast. Two other vacancies include a member of the administrative staff and the student support officer position. Currently replacements for these positions are dependent on authorisation from School Administrative and Support Staffing Services.

The first P & C Meeting for the term will be on the evening of Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 5.30pm in the school library. This meeting will be the AGM for 2016 and new parents and carers of new students are particularly welcome. Light refreshments will be available.

*Principal's Report Cont.*

Thank you to Ms Joan Dickson, Senior Leader Community Engagement Officer, who has updated the schools website during the school vacation. The address is:

[www.bourke-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.bourke-h.schools.nsw.edu.au).

Parents and carers are asked to contact the school telephone 68722522 in the first instance if they believe that their child is having any issues at school or if they have any concerns. In most cases where there are problems this will assist in matters being dealt with expeditiously.

We apologise that we do not have a full complement of school uniforms available for the start of the school year which we understand will be disappointing for our families.

Maintaining an appropriate standard of school uniform is important for the majority of families and the school community. Bourke High School is a small school and while it has taken responsibility to purchase uniforms from school funds on behalf of our community, we do not keep a large stock of uniforms due to the costs involved. Many schools manage their uniform needs through external sales by clothing shops, which need to make a profit on their investment or through a P & C run clothing shop, sometimes attached to school canteens. The Bourke High School model involves the school selling uniforms at or below cost to encourage its wearing by students. After meetings were held last year to consult with the community regarding changing our uniform, an order was placed with the supplier in October to have the new uniform manufactured. We were informed that there would be a 10-12 week waiting period. During December the supplier contacted the school to indicate that they could not meet the original supply date that we had been provided. Currently we have the existing school shirt uniform stock in all sizes except for sizes 12 and 14. In stock we are holding sizes 8, 10, medium, large, XL, XXL, 3XL and 4XL. We also stock all sizes in sports uniform. Please note that a difficulty faced by schools purchasing and selling uniform on behalf of their community is selling 'old' stock when there are agreed uniform changes. As soon as the new uniform arrives parents and carers will be notified. Parents with uniform concerns are invited to contact the Principal telephone 68722522.

Rob Bourke

**Four tips to help get your child Ready to Learn**

Help your child get into a routine.

Ensure they have all their books ready for the next day.

Early to bed, early to rise. Ensure that your child is in bed early.

Ensure that your child goes to school each day.

*Bourke High School in conjunction with the Bourke Tribal Council raising awareness in the community*

# LIBRARY MATTERS



## YOU TOO CAN RELAX WITH A BOOK

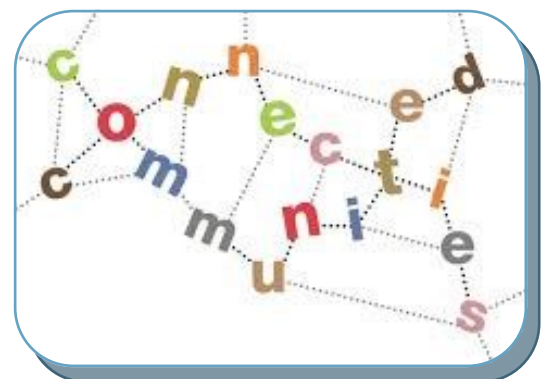
The start of any school year is a busy one and this year has proved to be no different.

No matter what year you are in there is always a period of adjustment and especially for the year 7s. So to inform the newcomers and remind the returning students here is some information regarding the library.

All students are permitted to borrow books. This may be done during lunch or recess. The library is opened during lunch and recess Monday – Friday unless advised otherwise. Activities available include computer games, UNO, chess or you might like to just come into the library for some quiet time.

Year 7 will also have the chance to participate in poster competitions throughout the year.

More information will be available in the next issue.





# BOURKE HIGH SCHOOL IN JAPAN

Dec 22 saw the intrepid return of our brave travellers from 3 weeks in Japan. Students from Bourke High School arrived back safe and sound. In our three weeks the students saw, ate, did and learnt so many life skills and were lucky enough to live in a Japanese family for 8 days. Highlights of the trip included the food, the vending machines were a great amusement – especially the fact that you can get hot and cold drinks out of the one machine.

We arrived in Osaka to a pleasant 4 degrees and made our way to our Kyoto accommodation. Day one saw us visiting temples and luckily stumbled across a food fair and life was very good. In Kyoto we also went Geisha spotting, cuddled a couple of meerkats, devoured an all you can eat beef dinner called sukiyaki and shabu shabu and had a great visit to Nara and saw the largest Buddha statue in Japan. Nara Park is renowned for the deer in the Park at Daibutsu and a couple of us got more up close than we were happy with, ouch.

From there we went to Hiroshima and spent a very humbling afternoon at Heiwa Koen (Hiroshima Peace Park). Whilst in Hiroshima we visited The Mazda factory and all had a wish for a new car from Santa.....It was fascinating to watch the precision and swift manner the cars are assembled.

Long trip on the bullet train saw us arrive in Tokyo. We went from Bourke – population 2000ish to Tokyo - population 30million.....culture shock. We handled that with some Karaoke – discovering some surprising vocal talents. Whilst in Tokyo we enjoyed the highlights on Tokyo tour. We went to Harajuku, Asakusa, Akihabara and of course Disneyland.

We said goodbye to Leeton High School group in Tokyo and then Bourke High flew to Sapporo to meet our host families and go to school. Whilst at our sister school we got to enjoy many Japanese school lessons, helped in a lot of English lessons and shared space with our buddies including some food sharing experiences which brought lots of laughter and surprise. We are left baffled as to why Japanese people don't seem to like vegemite very much

Whilst at the Sister School we were very privileged to enjoy time with Mr Ian Brazier, Consular of Australia based in Sapporo. It was fascinating to talk to him, to learn that he had once been a pig farmer and had changed path to be in the position that he currently holds.

All students had amazing host family experiences, learning to live in another country, in another family who speak another language lends itself to learning about ourselves very quickly. Students learned new skills and resilience at a great pace and these are life long skills that these young people have gained through this trip.

The success of the trip was clearly evident in the number of students that came to the station to say goodbye to our group and the number of tears that flowed. Many families have made connections on social media and it is a wonderful thing.

Bourke High School thanks, sincerely, all the people that supported our students and encouraged this process.

It is something they will never forget and I am sure, will be reflected in their lives to come.







## Have your details changed?

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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<http://ios.schoolenews.com.au>

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