



Education

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.

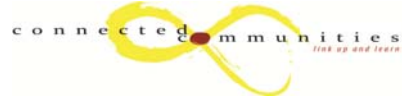
Executive Principal: Mr Robert Bourke

Deputy Principals: Ms Gaye Hoskins and Mr Andrew Ryder



Term 1, Week 6

Principal's Report



Reminders

Questacon

Workshop

10/3/2016

**Year 7 Support
Camp**

Lake Keepit

14 to 18.3.2016

**National Day
against**

Bullying

18.3.16

Good Friday

25.3.2016

Easter

Monday

28.3.2016

Principal's Report

Compulsory School Attendance

Education for children is extremely important and regular attendance at school is essential for them to achieve their learning best and increase their career and life options. Students below the age of 17 years are required to attend school each day it is open for students. Consequently parents and carers are responsible to ensure that their children arrive at school on time every day. Bourke High School classes begin at 8.45am of a morning, with breakfast available from the school canteen at 8.15am without cost. The school's breakfast program is a successful way to have students ready and on time for school. Having students arriving at school and class on time ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled in the morning, helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine, enables them to greet their friends before class and reduces classroom disruption. Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents and carers.

On occasions where a child needs to be away from school justified reasons for student absences may include: being sick or having an infectious disease, having an unavoidable medical appointment, or exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral. Following an absence from school parents/carers are to ensure that within seven days the school is provided with an explanation for the absence. The school may decline to accept an explanation that has been provided if the principal believes that it is not in the best interest of the child. In these circumstances the child's absence is recorded as unjustified.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. It is important to understand the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school. Please consider that if a student misses 8 days in a school term, by the end of Year 10 they will have missed more than 6 months of school.

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Briefly:

Congratulations to our girls' soccer team who beat Cobar High School girls 7 to 0 last week in Cobar. Also to our boys' cricket team who were also playing away in Cobar and scored 77 runs and then had Cobar all out for 6 runs. Apparently the grass wicket proved to be exceedingly fast. Well done to all our players and coaches.

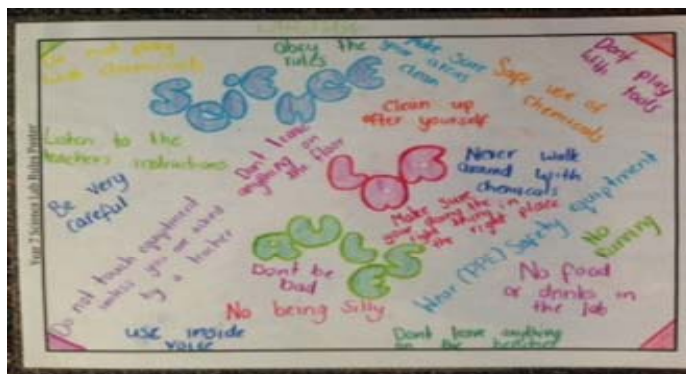
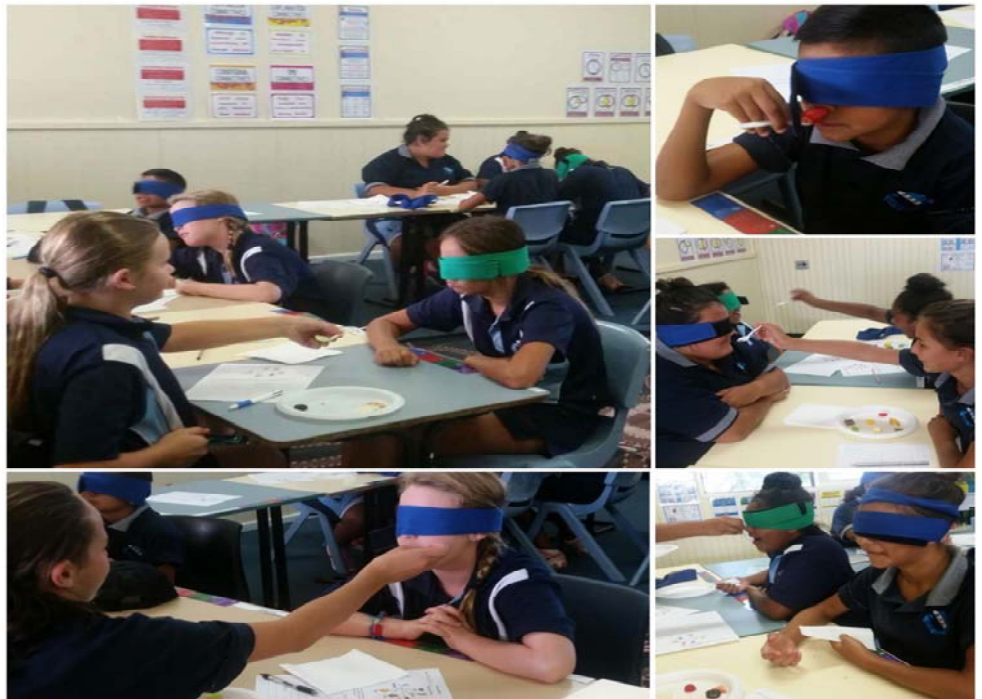
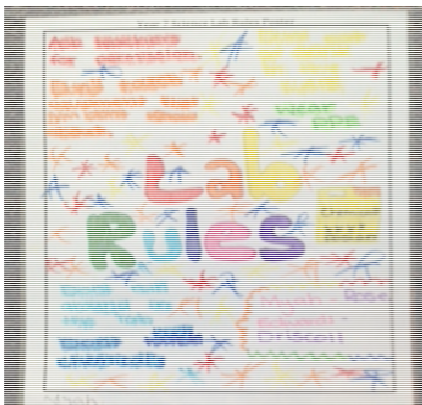
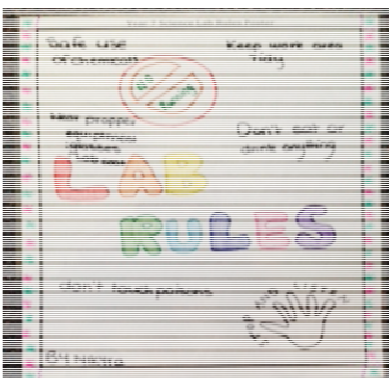
Best wishes to our small but very capable swimming team who will be competing in the district championships in Dubbo this coming Thursday. We have a very competitive team and are looking forward to some pleasing results.

Students and staff are looking forward to the return of our two wonderful Information and Technology teachers: Melynda Austin and Michael Parker from Rooty Hill TAFE who will be re-joining us this week to continue the delivery of the Digital Citizen course. They are in their second year of making the long trek to Bourke High School once a term, after finding most of the funding themselves and doing most of the travelling in their own time. Their dedication to our students is to be commended.

Rob Bourke

Year 7 Science

Year 7 students have been learning about 'Becoming a Scientist' in class this term. The topic has been an exciting introduction to science in High School and the students have been very eager to learn. Their first practical investigation involves using the senses to make observations and all of the students were very active in participating, as you can see in the photos! The students have also been learning about safety in the lab and have created some eye-catching posters, which are displayed in the lab as their own reminders. Their first lab practical involved using a Bunsen burner safely and collecting data by measuring water temperature at intervals until it reached boiling point. The students successfully attained their Bunsen burner licenses during this practical lesson.





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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