

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 2, Week 2

Principal's Report



Reminders

School Cross Country

4 May 2016

Nibble & Natter

6 May 2016

NAPLAN

10 to 13 May 2016

Desert Pea Media Visit

16 to 20 May 2016

TVET Beauty Course

Face to Face

16 to 20 May 2016

Saltbush Visit from Forest High School

17 to 20 May 2016



NEWSLETTER ITEM WEEK 2 TERM 2 2016

Term 2 has started extremely well at Bourke High School with students settling straight back into their studies and participating in school events.

NAPLAN

This year's NAPLAN tests take place next week. The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy tests evaluate these basic skills in Years 7 and 9. The tests begin on Tuesday 10th May and are completed on Thursday 12th May. The tests include: Reading, Language Conventions (Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation), Writing and Numeracy (Calculator and Non-Calculator). These tests provide the school with valuable and detailed information about each student and are an important part of school planning. It is essential that all students complete the test to the best of their ability so that the information provided to parents and the school about each child's Literacy and Numeracy skills is accurate and up-to-date.

The school will be providing breakfast for students in Years 7 and 9 each morning. Parents and carers wishing to help their child prepare for the tests are encouraged to contact the Learning and Support Teacher, Mrs Kelly Ryder, at the school for ideas and support materials. Reading with your child and discussing what you have read is also an effective way to prepare your child for the tests.

LITERACY INITIATIVES THIS TERM

Writing in the Middle Years

In the first half of this term all teachers of classes in Years 7 to 10 will complete a writing task using the strategies to assist student writing in all stages of the writing project. Students will be provided with specific feedback on their literacy skills at the completion of each task. As part of the project teaching staff will work together to mark student work and develop appropriate feedback for students.

DE.A.R.

The school will continue with their focus on punctuation skills in our morning Literacy and Numeracy sessions. This week we will be focused on the rules for punctuating direct speech. Over the following two weeks students will be working on using commas correctly.

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Our punctuation focus will be completed in Weeks 5 and 6 when students will be practising skills in using apostrophes correctly.

THIS WEEK

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

This week the school welcomes back Melynda Austin and Mick Parker from Western Sydney TAFE to deliver the next modules in the Digital Citizenship Certificates to students in Years 10 to 12. The modules are part of TAFE accreditation courses in workplace computing skills. More information about the current modules will be published in next week's newsletter.

BELL SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOPS

The school will be visited this week by Bell Shakespeare who will deliver free workshops on one of the Bard's most famous plays *Romeo and Juliet*. The workshops are interactive and designed to connect students to the universal ideas and themes that still resonate five hundred years after the death of the world's greatest ever playwright. Bell Shakespeare will deliver the workshops in the MPC on Tuesday morning.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUN

This year's Cross-Country event will take place on Wednesday afternoon in place of Sport. The whole school will participate in the run which follows the traditional course along the levee bank. Normal Term 2 sport commences on Wednesday 11th May.

TACKLING VIOLENCE

This year Nathan Merritt, formerly of the Sharks and the Rabbitohs, will join staff from NSW Health and visit the school to deliver this year's Tackling Violence program to students in Years 10 to 12. Tackling Violence is a NSW Government community education, early intervention program that uses regional rugby league to help change attitudes to domestic violence. The workshops also inform students about the impact of domestic violence on families and the community. The team from Tackling Violence will be at the school on Thursday afternoon.

NIBBLE and NATTER

The 11th annual "Nibble and Natter" event will take place in the MPC on Friday afternoon. This is one of the most important women's events on the Bourke calendar. It is an opportunity for the school's young women to be mentored by and spend time with older women in the community. All female relatives of students at the school and members of the Bourke High School community are welcome. The school would like to thank Ms Amanda Smith for her superb organisation of an afternoon of chat, laughter and fun. Further information has been included in this newsletter.

Mrs Gaye Hoskins, Deputy Principal



HSIE Report

Students have been hard at work in HSIE, completing their first assessment tasks for the year and developing their understanding of how our world has changed and influenced our society today.

Year 7 students have completed a speech about a significant preserved body. The student efforts were exemplary, and I was privileged to be invited into the room to listen to these.

Year 7 and 8 students in the stage class have completed a detailed rewrite of a report, and they have shown a developing understanding of report writing.

Year 8 students have completed a detailed profile task about a Viking god, including a mock 'interview' where they showed a great understanding of many significant events in the Viking sagas.

Year 9 students will be presenting a persuasive speech this week about a significant idea which has shaped the modern world.

Year 10 students have been investigating the Vietnam War and its impact on Australian culture and politics.

The Stage 6 Modern History class have been critically examining the lead up to the Russian Revolution, and the impact the USSR had on the world. This small class has diligently been working through the topics, and should be congratulated on their efforts.

The HSIE faculty would also like to commend the students who ran the school ANZAC service in the last week of school. Alister Hull, Katie Brookson, Bradley Parnaby, Hayleigh Hollman, Mathew Bowden, Sophie Mathews and Lekeisha Orcher all contributed to run a respectful and thoughtful ANZAC commemoration. Our thanks also to Victor Bartley for presenting the address – it was thought provoking and reinforced the significance of his, and many others, contributions to the Vietnam War.



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.

Bourke High School would like to invite ladies to

"Nibble and Natter"



What: 'Nibble and Natter' is a free afternoon of chat, food, fun and games. There are also heaps and heaps of great prizes.



Who: Female High School Students/ Staff, Mothers/Aunties/ Older Sisters/ Grandmas and Female Community Members.



When: 6th May 2016 1:15-3:15pm (Friday before Mother's Day)



Where: Bourke High School Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC)



Why: To celebrate sisterhood! For female students and staff to meet and mingle with mothers, aunties, grandmas, older sisters, carers and female members of the local community in an informal setting.

All female students and staff from BHS are attending could everyone else please

Year 12 Fundraiser



\$2 per ticket

**Tickets can be purchased through the front office and Year 12 students.
Drawn end of Term 2 (1st July 2016).**

***All proceeds go towards the 2016 Year 12 Formal**

Year 9 Science Students planting native scrubs as part of their science activities.





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Expression of Interest School Excursion Years 7-11 Jindabyne Snow Excursion: Skiing or Snowboarding

Dear parent or Carer,

You are asked to nominate your interest in your child/ren attending a four day Ski Program commencing the week 28th August.

Students and teachers will travel by school bus on Sunday 28th August and stay for five nights at the Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Camp. From Monday (29th August) to Thursday (1st September) the party will travel by bus to the Ski Tube Terminal and then travel on the train to a Perisher ski field.

The program includes:

- o 5 nights dormitory style accommodation
- o Supervision by experienced program staff
- o 4 day lift and lesson pass with Perisher
- o Professional graded lessons with Perisher Snow Sports
- o Private meeting and storage areas on snow
- o Ski equipment hire
- o Transport to and from ski tube terminal including Kosciuszko National Park entry and ski tube ticket.
- o Evening recreation activities
- o Meals; 5 dinners, 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches
- o Neck Warmer and Drink Bottle for each student

Students and staff will travel back to Bourke on Friday 2nd September.

The cost for each student is \$806 plus hire of jacket and pants \$33 plus hire of gloves and goggles \$22 i.e. Total = \$861.

The school will subsidise this educational excursion as part of our rewards program for positive behaviour.

Consequently the actual cost to parents/carers will be \$461. While this might seem expensive, for a skiing or snowboarding excursion, the cost is very reasonable. The majority of Bourke High School students have not had the opportunity to experience an excursion of this nature before.

Incidental costs for parents/carers will be spending money for meals on the journey down and back, plus 'snacks' when students are on the snow.

Students will have to choose either skiing or snowboarding. Once an individual student has chosen it cannot be changed due to hire arrangements. Choices will not be made until Term 2.

If you would like your child/ren to attend the expression of interest form needs to be completed and a fifty dollar deposit for each child paid to the school. Reminder payment letters will be sent at regular intervals to interested families.

While this excursion will be part of our welfare rewards program, if there are too many students wanting to attend, in the first instance, priority will be given based on seniority. Thereafter, students will be selected on their Vivo points. A list of reserves will be kept.

Please call the school on 68 722 522 if you need clarification about any of these matters.

Yours sincerely

Robert Bourke Executive Principal

11th March, 2016

Expression of Interest:

Bourke High School Four Day Ski Program Excursion 28th August to 3rd September 2016

I would like to nominate my child/ren Year _____

to attend the Four Day Ski Program, staying at Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Camp. I understand the costs and conditions associated with the excursion. I am aware that where my student/s cannot be accommodated due to limited places, my payments will be refunded in full. I am also aware that if I withdraw my student/s and a reserve cannot be found, where the school is charged for the cost of my child/ren no refund will be given.

Enclosed is the amount of for a deposit.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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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