Assemblies

Assemblies are on every Thursday at 9am in the school hall. Each week birthday awards are presented, students present work and Student of the Week awards are presented. This year we are changing our “Student of the Week” awards to “Bourkey’s Best”. A wall outside the hall will display our Bourkey’s Best for the term. Below is our new logo.

Value of the Week

😊 Respect 😊

Scripture Classes

Most scripture classes will commence this week. These occur on Wednesdays from 9:30am -10am. Students are placed in scripture classes based on their enrolment form details or parent requests. Should you wish to change denomination or request they do not attend scripture classes, please inform the school in writing asap. Students who don’t attend scripture classes study “Values” education.

This year the following scripture classes are available:

- Anglican/Hillsong, Catholic,
- Greek Orthodox, Jewish and Muslim.

It is anticipated that Ethics classes will commence early Term 2.
**Attendance**

It is important for your child to arrive at school on time to limit disruptions to their learning.

*School begins: 9am & finishes: 3pm*

When children arrive late to school they will **need to be accompanied by an adult into the school office and signed in before going to class**. If a child goes to class without a late pass, their teacher will redirect them back to the office to get one.

Children **should not be arriving prior to 8:30am** because staff are not on duty.

**For this week**, only Kindergarten finishes at 2:30pm and will then return to our normal school hours.

**Mathletics & Reading Eggs Access**

The school has updated student’s accounts and passwords to **access these programs from home**. Should your child have difficulty accessing these educational programs, please let their class teacher know immediately so the problem can be rectified.

**Medical Conditions and Medicines**

Just a reminder to parents, that all medication including tablets and cough medicine needs to be **given to the school office** and/or staff so it can be placed in sick bay to ensure the safety of all children in the school. No medicine should reside in your child’s bag whilst they are at school. We appreciate your support on this safety issue.

If your child has a medical condition, allergies, etc. please ensure the school and your child’s teacher are aware of the correct procedures. The school should have an up-to-date medical action plan. If you haven’t advised the school or it has changed please notify the school immediately.

Please be aware within our school community there are children who have nut allergies and we ask you to assist us by limiting the risk.

**Book Club**

Scholastic Book Club is an easy way to get your child excited about reading! There is a Book Club brochure suitable for every grade. Book Club offers a convenient way to purchase good books at huge discounts.

By participating in Scholastic Book Club our School earns free teaching materials and resources. Every Book Club order you or your child places earns bonus coupons for the School.

Twice a term catalogues will be sent home for students. Students will have a week to place their orders online. The school runs a cashless system. How this operates is that parents go online and pay by credit card the total order amount directly to Ashton Scholastics.


Once this transaction has occurred, you will receive an 11-digit receipt number. The student order form is returned to the school quoting the receipt number. The school will then process the order and the students will receive the goods in due course.

The first issue of Book Club has been handed out to all students this week. **ONLY CREDIT PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** All completed orders must be returned to the office no later than **Wednesday, 12th February, 2014**.
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Swimming Carnival
Years 3-6 have been invited to attend a combined swimming carnival with Darlinghurst Public School.
Permission notes have been sent home and it is important for all the information to be completed and returned to the school ASAP.

From the Principal’s Desk......

😊 Welcome back everyone! 😊

A SPECIAL welcome to all new students, families and staff.
What a wonderful year 2014 is going to be at Bourke Street Public School. The families, students and staff continue to excel in their efforts to make Bourke Street Public School a vibrant, modern, friendly, motivating environment conducive to learning and achieving our Bourkey’s Best!
Bourkey’s Best is our new catch phrase to let everyone know that at Bourke St PS we always try to do our best. You will see our new logo popping-up everywhere around the school.

There have been many changes in the school thanks to a lot of busy tradesmen, mums, dads, boys, girls, teachers and friends.

Firstly, the transformation of our playground area is OUTSTANDING and everyone who helped make it all possible needs to be applauded for the amount of blood, sweat, tears and love that went into creating a FANTASTIC oasis for our students. Many people have come from near and far, to see it and admire the work that has gone into create such a great place to play. A BIG THANK YOU!

All 222 children we now have at BSPS have also given it a workout and their seal of approval too.

The refurbishments of 3 classrooms also happened during the holiday period and were ready in time for the students’ arrival last week, Special thanks to the DEC and the teachers for ensuring the classrooms were ready and operational for the beginning of the school year. Interactive whiteboards have been installed in these classrooms to enhance student learning. Now all classrooms have interactive whiteboards.

This year the school has 2 Assistant Principals: Ms. Davison who will be supervising Kindergarten and Year 1, while Mr. Goode will be supervising Years 2-6.

We would like to welcome our new classroom teachers for 2014: Miss Kirk, Ms Ghunaim, Ms O’Carolan, Ms Cherrie, Mr Stone and Miss McLaughlin.

Ms Gestier is the Reading Recovery and LaST teacher (Learning and Support)

Mrs Ingram is the EALD teacher (EALD replaces ESL as a new acronym - no longer English as a Second Language but now English as an Additional Language or Dialect).

Ms Vanessa and Mrs Johnston are the RFF teachers (Release from Face-to-Face). Both teachers will be teaching library and Musica Viva lessons to classes.

Mr Faber is our General Assistant (Handyman)

Also our wonderful office staff:
Ms Karen Beasley (School Administration Manager)
Ms Kylie Moore and Ms Lynette Chan (School Administration Officers)

Our NEW Kindergarten students have all settled in and this is our class structure for 2014.

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Our current total student enrolment is 222

Thank you to everyone for their patience, flexibility and understanding during the formation, structure and organization of classes and programs for the commencement of the 2014 school year.

Peter Johnston
Principal