This Friday students will be doing our bit for the Clean-up Australia campaign. After Lunch students will be collecting any rubbish in and around our school. It is encouraged they bring tongs or gloves to school to assist them with the rubbish collection. Teachers will reinforce that, should children find any dangerous items they shouldn’t pick them up but let a teacher know. Thanks to Ms Campbell for organising the event.

**Value of the Week**

😊 Acceptance 😊
Drop-Zone

Just a reminder to parents, to please ensure you use the drop zones on Parkham St and Mort St when dropping off and/or collecting your child from school. These are the designated areas. Some vehicles have been sighted stopping on the pedestrian crossing in Mort St, and at the crossing in front of the school on Bourke St dropping off and collecting their students. These are VERY unsafe practices. Please assist us to reinforce with your children about road safety.

From the Principal’s Desk......

Glad to see so many parents were able to attend the “Meet the Teacher” information session last week. Thanks to the staff for presenting a dynamic information session for their parents.

Thanks also to the P&C for organizing the Welcome Afternoon Tea for the school community last week after the “Meet the Teacher” sessions. Despite the torrential rain it was a huge success and made it more of an intimate social event.

This week approx. 20 students will be attending the Zone District swimming carnival. We would like to wish them every success in their efforts in representing our school for the first time at this event.

Information has been sent home regarding the upcoming Cybersmart Outreach-Internet Safety Awareness Presentations. This is a free worthwhile information session for parents. I urge you to make the time to attend this important presentation on Monday 10th March 2014 at 6pm regarding internet safety for your children.

More information can be found at:


Peter Johnston
Principal
Bourke Street Beats (Ukes of Today) - Friday 28 February 2014 at 2:30pm

A reminder that Ukes of Today are playing this Friday as our first Bourke Street Beats performance for 2014. Come along to see this fantastic 4 piece ukulele folk band. Parents welcome.

Alexandria Park Community High School Open Day - report from Ross McKinnon

It was great to see some of our school community attend the Alexandria Park Community High School Open Day on Thursday 20 February. We were taken on a tour of both the senior campus and the junior campus by some very impressive student leaders and staff which was followed by a talk and student video presentation in the school hall. It was an excellent opportunity to see the school and classes in action. I would encourage everyone to take a look when the next opportunity arises.

Alex Park evidently has an inspirational principal and deputy principals, committed staff and an very active and supportive P&C. Best of all, the students all looked really engaged and happy and rightly very proud of their school - it was particularly good to see some of our Alumni beaming with pride. There was also that lovely intangible sense of community, which is familiar to us here at Bourkey. Whilst Alex Park’s middle schooling model (years 5-7) is likely to be different to what many of us personally experienced, I think the more you hear about it the more it makes a lot of sense and it seems to be a real advantage of going to Alex Park.

P&C Meetings

First P&C Meeting for 2014 - Thank you to those who braved the weather to attend our first meeting for 2014. Particular thanks to those who have signed up as class reps or to assist with various committees (more information on these will follow in due course).

Next P&C Meeting - Our next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 26 March 2014 at 6pm.

Welcome afternoon tea

Thank you to Nina and the year 1 parents and carers for organising the welcome afternoon tea for new families.
The school took a conscious decision to adopt this model when it was established 11 years ago based on best practice and research from overseas. Students starting out in year 7 are initially located on the junior campus but receive all the benefits and subjects of any other high school. The defining feature is that through a home room teacher (supplemented by specialist teachers) there is a more managed approach to transitioning from the primary school experience into the high school environment.

This allows students to settle and build relationships more quickly at a time when the young adolescents are inevitably going through a lot of change in their lives. Certainly the senior students and staff consider it a real stand out feature and competitive advantage of the school.

I left the open day smiling and genuinely happy and pleased that Alex Park is our local high school.

Cockatoo Island Camping
A reminder the Bourkey Camping Adventure to Cockatoo Island is on Sat 15 – Sun 16 March. Please see flyers previously distributed and around the school. For more information please email Sam Wong on mcwong1@bigpond.com.au or book online at www.cockatooisland.gov.au and let Sam know you’ve booked.

P&C Executive
For anyone who is not aware, the current P&C executive members are:

Ross McKinnon – President
Vanessa Trowell – Vice President
Julia Kosky – Vice President
Rebecca Johnstone – Secretary
Holly Coleman – Treasurer

Please speak to any of us if you have any P&C related queries or alternatively you can send us an email at bourkestreet.pandc@gmail.com.

Pre-Loved School Uniforms
If you have pre-loved school uniforms that you would like to donate back to the school, you can drop clean/washed pre-loved uniforms into the school canteen.

The P&C sorts through what is donated and then these items available for purchase, for a VERY discounted price.

P&C Meeting
Wednesday 26th March
at 6pm
in the school Library.

Come along and get involved
🙂ALL WELCOME🙂

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