**Calendar**

**TERM 1**

**February**
- 2nd Tues: Got Games – Tennis -- begins
- 10th Wed: School Swimming Carnival at Prince Alfred Park Pool
- 17th Wed: 2015 Scripture Classes starts
- 18th Thurs: Meet the Teacher
- 24th Wed: P&C Welcome New Families afternoon Tea
- 26th Fri: Kindy Teddy Bears Picnic

**March**
- 3rd Tues: Zone Swimming Carnival
- 4th Fri: Clean-Up Australia Day for schools National Ride2School Day
- 10th Thurs: Selective High School Placement Test
- 14th – 18th: Parent/teacher Interview Week
- 15th Tues: Regional Swimming Carnival
- 18th Fri: Harmony Day
- 21st Mon: School Photos
- 24th Thurs: Hat Parade
- 25th Fri: Good Friday – Public Holidays
- 28th Mon: Easter Monday – Public Holidays
- 30th Wed: Cross Country Carnival

**April**
- 8th Fri: Last Day of Term 1

School Holidays --- Mon 11th April – Mon 25th April
Students Return --- Tues 26th April

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From the Principal’s Desk...

Bourke Street Public School has gained an additional 2 classes this year. The school consists of 15 classes and a school population exceeding 350 students. The staff and class structures for 2016 are as follows:

**Assistant Principals:**
- **Mr. Jason Goode**: Supervising Early Stage 1 (K)
- **Miss Natasha Saville**: Supervising Stage 1 (Yrs1 & 2)
- **Miss Laura McLaughlin**: Supervising Stage 2 & 3 (Yrs 3-6)

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Ms Ros Gestier & Miss Natalia Bos are the Reading Recovery teachers.

Ms Ros Gestier, Miss Vanessa Freiinger and Mrs Amber Johnston are LaST teachers (Learning and Support)
Mr Goode will be RFF teacher (Release from Face-to-Face) Music.

Mrs Robyn Ingram is the EAL/D teacher (Additional Language or Dialect).

Miss Annette, Miss Lita, Mr Joe Besgrove & Mrs Irene are School Learning Support Offices (SLOs). The SLOs support students and teachers in classrooms.

Mr Faber is our General Assistant (Handyman)

Also our wonderful office staff: Mrs Karen Beasley (School Administration Manager) SAM.

Mrs Lynette Chan, Mrs Brigid Healy and Ms Jodie Scott (School Administration Officers) SAO

70 Kindergarten students are expected to arrive on Friday and will be placed in their Kindergarten classes towards the end of next week.

This year will prove to be a very different year to previous years at Bourke Street Public School as we undergo MAJOR changes to our routines due to the construction and upgrade of our school facilities.

To assist with communication regarding the construction, a separate newsletter will be produced informing parents of the various stages of demolition and construction.

Please be assured that the safety of everyone on the school site is paramount and that Work Health and Safety procedures are being monitored and adhered too.

As a result the school has updated and amended the student welfare and emergency procedures to reflect the changes to the school site.

Year 2-6 students will be leaving the school site daily for lunch in Moore Park weather permitting.

Whilst initially, Kindergarten and Year 1 children will remain on the school site during break periods.

**Internal Changes to Operational Times**

**Morning Duty**

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**Lunch:**

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The School Bell has been replaced with MUSIC. 5 minutes prior to each to break time, music will play to signal to children and staff to move to line-up in their class designated area.

Please find attached the Canteen Menu for 2016 and accompanying Newsletter. Please be aware that during 2016 all lunch orders must be placed one day in advance at the Canteen. Orders can be placed on the first day of school (Thursday) for lunches which will be delivered to students starting Friday 29th January.

Peter Johnston
Principal
Changes to School Access after Hours

The only entry point into the school after 3:15pm will be via the school’s black gates located on Parkham Street.

Helping Hands OOSH Service has been relocated into the classroom with the double doors off the courtyard.

All other gates and access points will be locked at 3:15pm.

Community Users have also been relocated to the Kindergarten classroom with the orange door adjacent to the Parkham St Gates entrance.

These procedures will become effective as of Thursday 27th January 2016 and will remain the same throughout the year.

All bikes and scooters are to be parked at the rear of the two storey building in the allocated spaces adjacent to the fencing around the perimeter of the construction site.

Boys & Girls Brigade children will assemble at the front of the school in the designated area in preparation to walk up to the centre with their staff.

The P&C has organized the laying of artificial grass out the front of the school to beautify the playground space. As a result after 9:15am only the front gates onto the school site will be left unlocked for access in and out of the school during school hours.

The school appreciates your understanding and patience in adhering to these changes to ensure the safety of everyone.

Emergency Contact Details

If you have changed your phone number or address, please advise the school immediately so we can update our records.

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Before & After School Care

The Helping Hands Network is our OOSH provider. Information has previously been posted on the school app. and school website about organizing bookings on-line.

This is the link to their website:

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE IS AVAILABLE NOW!!!

If you haven’t already please subscribe to the school app. as you will received immediate up-to-date information on what’s happening at the school.

Subscribing to the School Enews app.

1. Visit our website at www.bourkest-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
2. Click the “Newsletters and Notes” heading (located on top tab on the right hand side)
3. Click on “Subscribe” to receive newsletters and notes.”
4. Go to the app store and download the app “School Enews” it’s FREE!!!
5. Then search for Bourke Street Public School
6. Copies of newsletters and notes are posted on it and you receive notifications to your iphone, android or ipad immediately.
Swimming Carnival
Permission notes will be sent home, by the end of the week, for our school’s Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 10th February. It is important that all information is completed and returned to the school ASAP.
If you are able to volunteer on the day as a timekeeper, etc. Please let Miss McLaughlin know ASAP.

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 collect one.

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

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 several children who have nut, egg and seafood allergies and ask you to assist us by limiting risks by avoiding food items that contain or have traces of these food products.

School Assemblies
Please Note: Due to the increase in the school’s population, assemblies will be held on FRIDAYS as follows:

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Whole school assemblies will occur outdoors weather permitting.

Each week birthday awards are presented, students show work samples and “Bourkey’s Best” awards are presented. All recipients of the awards throughout the term are displayed on the wall in the school foyer outside the 1S classroom.

The P&C Meeting
Wednesday 24th February
at 6pm
in the Music/OOOSH room.

Pre-Loved Second Hand Uniforms
Second hand uniforms are available in the school canteen. There are items there to buy for $2, $5, and $10.

We encourage families to bring surplus, laundered items to the canteen where there is a collection box.