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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 Andrew Ryder

Deputy Principals Ms Angela Doggett & Mr Simon Hyder



# Term 3, Week 4

## Principal's Report



### Reminders

**Each Thursday  
afternoon Clontarf  
Homework Club**

**Mindful Makers**

**Each Monday**

**Ronny Gibbs Gala  
Day**

**22 August 2018**

**Emergency  
Services Expo**

**23 August 2018**

**Mid Term Break**

**24 to 27 August  
2018**

A huge congratulations to Lekeisha Orcher, Nikyra Suckling, Kayle McKellar and Braith Kelly for the way they conducted themselves onstage in Darwin where they accepted the National Indigenous Music Award for best community clip on behalf of the B-Town Warriors for their song 'Thundercloud.' I watched with great pride as the students confidently delivered their acceptance speech in front of a packed crowd. They definitely were fantastic ambassadors for Bourke during their four day trip to Darwin where they took in a lot of the local sights and sounds. Miss Poole and Toby Finlayson from DPM were also fantastic and definitely went above and beyond their normal duties in order to allow our students to have such a wonderful experience which they will remember forever.

Our Special Education classes have an excursion to Canberra this week. Mrs Riley-Henderson and Miss Poole have planned an exciting trip which ticks off a host of Canberra's major attractions including a Raiders game and tour of their facilities as well as accommodation and tour of the Australian Institute of Sport. Along with Reuben and Riana I'm sure they'll all have a great time.

We also have three teams heading to Walgett for the Rugby League 7s with Mr Doust and Miss Anderson. We are still the current holders of the trophy and I'm sure all players will give a decent account of themselves on and off the field.

I'd like to thank those parents who attended our 7-10 parent teacher interview night last week. From our perspective these interviews represent a valuable opportunity to build a collaborative relationship with families in the best interests of our students. This partnership between school and home is an important factor towards student success. If you couldn't attend on the night please don't hesitate to contact the school to arrange meetings with any or all of your child's teachers. We are always open to productive interviews with parents and carers which will improve educational outcomes for our students.

Our after school activities program is continuing to grow with teachers being able to work alongside students in productive pursuits where they can develop their skills in a range of different activities for a couple of hours after school. At present we have Mindful Makers running for girls interested in crafting on Mondays with Miss Smith and Mrs McCorkle, on Wednesday afternoons we are starting our student yoga classes with Mrs Ryder and on Thursdays we have homework club in the library with Mrs Lucas and music lessons with Mr Phillips and Jess. We also have a 'watch this space' announcement for Mr Rodwell's much anticipated STEM (Science, Technology, Electronics, Maths) club and his even more anticipated electronic games club which will both start in week 6. If students or parents have any other ideas for clubs or after school activities please let us know.

I would like to welcome Mrs Lisa Smith to Bourke High School. Lisa will be working 3 days a week with our Stage 6 students assisting them with completion of assessment tasks and other supports as required.

Andrew Ryder

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# It's a winner

Congratulations to Desert Pea Media and B Town Warriors





# Connecting Country Schools

MODERN CONNECTIVITY IN REGIONAL AND REMOTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Connecting Country Schools

We live in a digital age where our students need new knowledge and skills to succeed in their studies today and their lives ahead.

Modern teaching practices require reliable access to the internet and online learning materials. This means schools need strong and extensive wireless infrastructure to support future-focused learning.

Regional and remote schools offer quality teaching and learning experiences, which are enriched by online tools and digital resources.

Connecting Country Schools will upgrade wireless infrastructure in more than 13,000 learning spaces in more than 900 regional and remote schools.

## Connecting Country Schools and our Students

To hold digital-age jobs our students will need to:

- think critically
- solve problems creatively
- work in teams
- communicate clearly in a range of media
- continue to learn new and rapidly-evolving technologies.

Improved wireless infrastructure will assist students to learn and grow these skills. Connecting Country Schools wireless infrastructure upgrades will provide more chances to connect and collaborate via greater access to online knowledge databases, streaming media, educational institutions and experts.

## Connecting Country Schools and our Teachers

Immediate and reliable access to digital resources is at the heart of flexible, responsive, future-focused learning.

This digital access is essential to student-centered pedagogical approaches such as inquiry, project and problem based learning that are adopted in our classrooms today.

Connecting Country Schools will aid network reliant technologies such as virtual reality, robotics and artificial intelligence K-12 curriculum.

Together with increasing use of cloud based software and storage solutions, these new tools and new ways of teaching require new standards of wireless connectivity, which will be achieved with Connecting Country Schools.

## Connecting Country Schools and our Schools

Improved wireless infrastructure achieved through Connecting Country Schools will ensure schools can better consume digital resources. For example the new web-based school library system and Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) across all learning spaces.

It will allow better support for secondary students enrolled in vocational courses at TAFE through improved access to online course materials.

Schools will also have access to new tools to monitor and manage their ICT, and analytics about the use of technology across their sites.

An innovation fund is also supporting further investment in new and collaborative use of connectivity in learning, and the sharing of excellence between schools across the state.

## Connecting Country Schools and our Communities

Connecting Country Schools will also deliver a range of benefits beyond the school gate.

The Department of Education is engaging suppliers to deliver and support the program, creating jobs across the state.

Schools will be encouraged to use this core infrastructure to build a smart and connected school, as a centre for both learning excellence and community engagement.

## Implementation

Pilots were run across the state to test the new equipment, delivery and support model for Connecting Country Schools.

The full rollout commenced in Term 1, 2018 and the project is scheduled to conclude in 2019.

We are continually liaising with schools during the project's implementation to best suit their needs and the busy state-wide education calendar.

Regular updates, support and resources are being delivered to assist schools with the transition to their new upgraded wireless infrastructure that Connecting Country Schools is delivering across the state.



**Venue:** Maranguka Office, 41B Mitchell Street, Bourke

**Dates & Time:** Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 at 10.00am

Department of Education, Aboriginal Education and Engagement Officer in partnership with Western Family Referral Service, are bringing the SistaSpeak and BroSpeak training to Bourke.

SistaSpeak & BroSpeak are mentoring programs that are designed to help Aboriginal young people be strong in their identity and smart in their approach to achieving their long life goals. The program consists of;

- Mentor Program handbook
- Team building activities
- Guest Speakers/role models

**The mentoring program is designed to:**

- enhance self-esteem as a result of gaining new skills and knowledge.
- provide access to resources for personal development including networks, activities, contacts, mentors and role models;
- provide the opportunity to hear from adult role models;
- provide the opportunity to engage with adult mentors
- gain some insight into life skills necessary to have a successful career;
- communicate the standards of behaviour, ethics and achievement necessary to be successful in adult life

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For catering purpose please indicate if you are available to attend via email to [ctowney@uniting.org](mailto:ctowney@uniting.org)

This has been and IS happening. It's fantastic!

Photos to come... currently planning projects!



**MINDFUL**  
**MAKERS**

*Who* Interested female students from Bourke High School

*What* A group for "makers" to make

*When* Monday afternoons 3:15-5pm

*Where* BHS Visual Arts room

*Why* To make Mondays something to look forward to, to make! and to practice mindfulness with other like minded people

*How much* A gold coin donation

*Well...* Are you interested? Then come along! Talk to Miss Smith or Mrs McGorkle for more information

Makers are going to make



# Cancer Council Daffodil Day

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

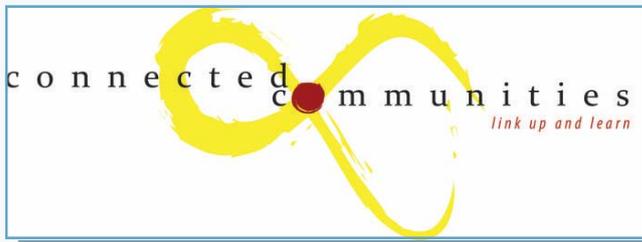
The Bourke & District Garden Club will be fundraising on behalf of the Cancer Council. Please join us in the Bourke Main Street or at the front of SPAR Supermarket from 10am for daffodils, merchandise, cake stall and a raffle. All money raised will go to the Cancer Council.

Help us to support the  
fight against cancer!

Pre-Order daffodils by contacting Liz  
0428725768, Jackie 0427723230 or  
Kellie 0419235225



RAFFLE 1<sup>st</sup>: \$50 voucher to Keg's Butchery donated by Shirley Booth, 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$25 voucher to Nursery on Mertin donated by Jackie and Lonnie Davis, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Pair bath sheets, face washer and hand towel set donated by Frank's Outback Security



## 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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