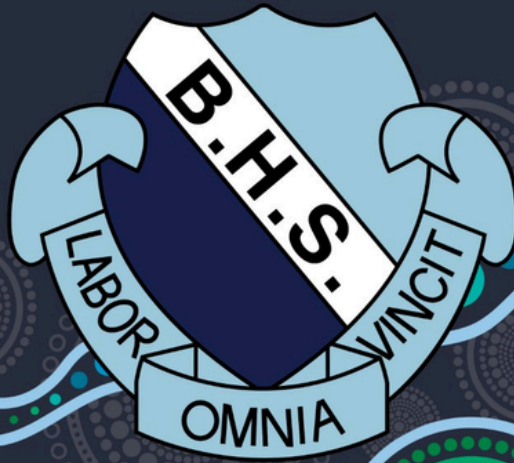


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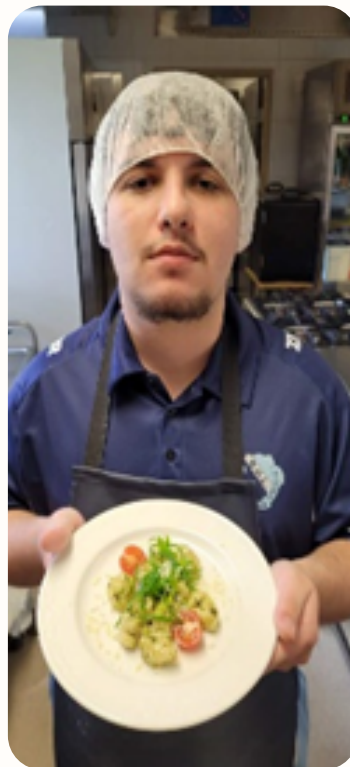
Term 2, Week 3 Newsletter

Welcome from the TAS Department

Here's a look at some of the amazing skills and projects your young people have been discovering and undertaking in technology over the year. Bourke High School offers opportunities in VET courses, Food and Industrial Wood/Metal Technologies, Careers, and Technology Mandatory subjects.

The amazing Hospitality team are cooking up a storm each week, and the students' skill levels are increasing. The pictures shown are from the Year 11 and 12 Hospitality continuing "sandwiches and cooking basics" dishes unit of work. They look delicious!

Mr Enright

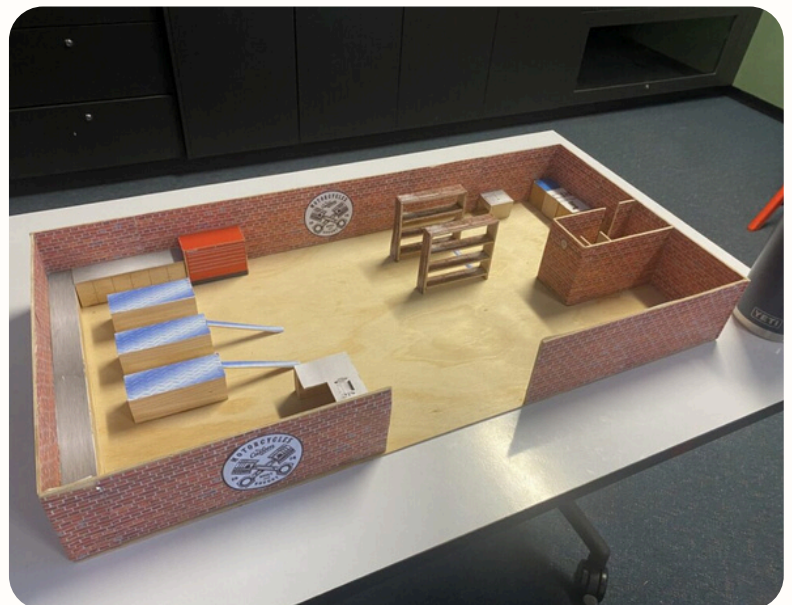
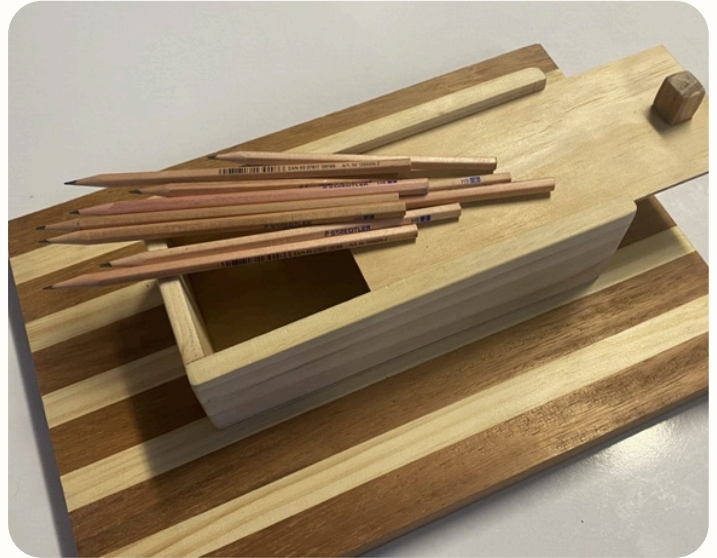


Woodwork Room

There has been lots happening from Years 7 - 11, with projects such as desk tidies, a pencil/instrument holder, salt/utensil boxes and bedside tables being constructed. Not forgetting ICT students learning to fly drones, applying CAD (computer aided drawings) program in the development of their assessment task and coding through Minecraft.

Superb skill levels being reached!!

Mr Means



Metal Manufacturing

Students have been designing and producing many projects, such as trailer locks, sliding bevels, name tags, figurines, welding projects, toolboxes, and garden trowels. Construction students have started a competency called "Work it Out," where they use mathematical equations to solve real-life problems in the construction industry. There's a lot going on!

Mr. Dunbar



Careers

Our last 11 weeks of school have seen students and staff have actively participated in a range of career activities, expanding their understanding of the world of work.

Workplace Learning remains a key focus, supported generously by local employers.

A highlight has been the launch of our Industry Immersion Program with Thomas Foods International. Students met the team online, toured the plant, and several are now preparing for Work Experience, with a potential pathway into School-Based Apprenticeships in Meat Processing or Primary Industries.

The tour, supported by Clontarf, Educational Pathways Program and TFI staff, provided valuable firsthand experience. Our Vocational Education & Training trainers also benefited through industry exposure for both Hospitality and Primary Industries.

For more pictures and projects check out the Bourke High School display at the Bourke Show!

Mrs McCorkle

The logo for Thomas Foods International is displayed on a dark blue background. The text "THOMAS" is in white, "FOODS" is in green, and "INTERNATIONAL" is in white. To the right of the text is a stylized graphic of a green and white striped awning or roof structure.

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Principal's Report

Hello everyone.

Well, it has been a while since I have last communicated to the Bourke High School Community. In that time, so many wonderful things have happened both in and around the school.

I have been super excited about what is going on in the school and the dedication from the staff continues to make me very proud to be leading Bourke High School. For the most part, students are engaging well in learning activities, connecting positively with their peers and teachers and they continue to make me personally feel very welcome.

I'd like to recognise the staff and students who have been putting in the 'hard yards' getting BHS represented at the show. The school has been a hive of activity as displays are being created and students have been in creation mode to complete submissions in a variety of areas. I for one, am excited to see the works on display on Saturday.

We held our annual cross-country carnival on Wednesday, and it was great to see the level of participation as students vied for representation at the upcoming regional carnival in. A big shout out to Mr Doust for your efforts organising the event and to all staff for ensuring student safety and wellbeing as they made their way around the cross-country course and congratulations to all category winners.

I'd like to take the opportunity to share some focus areas to help continue BHS moving forward. Attendance is always a focus for the Department of Education and this is also the case at Bourke High School. We are currently tracking very positively in attendance compared to previous years and I would like to thank parents, carers and the community in supporting your children's attendance. Having said that, there is always room for improvement and getting your child to school just one more day a fortnight results in a 10% increase in individual overall attendance.

On a work health and safety note, it is a requirement that students wear enclosed shoes. Crocs and slides are not to be worn to school and will lead to students missing classes where there is a risk of chemical spills, burns or in spaces with sharp or heavy objects. If your child needs help getting some shoes, please reach out to the school for assistance. Between the school and Clontarf, we are only too happy to help.

Principal's Report

Despite all the amazing opportunities which exist for students at Bourke High School, the primary focus of the school is always teaching and learning. It is an expectation that students are in classes, participating in learning activities, interacting positively with staff and students and following reasonable instructions. Staff in the school are working very hard to ensure students are in class at all times and will continue to do so to provide every student at the school with the best possible opportunity for success. The staff are all focusing on Explicit Teaching strategies and we are very fortunate that there are some very experienced and motivated staff at the school who are developing and leading teacher professional learning in this area. I am genuinely excited about this focus area and how it leads to improved teacher practice and improved student outcomes.

The school has been looking at ways to improve communication with parents and carers. This is the first instalment of the BHS Newsletter for over 2 years and these will be coming out on Fridays in Weeks 3, 6 and 9 of each term. The newsletter will be emailed to parent/carer email addresses we have on file, as well as on the school's Facebook page. We have also transitioned to an electronic platform for organising school events and student permissions for excursions. Please check your emails regularly and anything which turns up in your inbox from Bourke High School or School Bytes is likely to be a permission note. We will continue to have paper permission notes which can be signed but this is a way to provide permission without having to navigate your child remembering about the note or losing it between school and home.

It also helps out the environment by reducing paper use in the school, which can only be a good thing.

Finally, I'd like to say a big thank you to the entire Bourke High School community. I have continued to enjoy getting to know more and more parents and carers and look forward to working with you as we drive Education forwards in this great town.

Trent Graham
Executive Principal

Girl's Health Checks

5th - 8th May

BHS was very fortunate to have Clinic Nurse Amanda from BACHS & Dr Paba to perform health checks, immunisations & health education to our female students. 27 girls were successfully seen and scored a free shirt!

BACHS will be back in the coming weeks for those who missed out.

Kirsten Marshman
CLO



Table Tennis

On Tuesday, May 13th, 4 boys with Mr. Doust and Coach Raymond Simmons headed down to Warren Central School for the Table Tennis Western CHS knockout semi-finals.

Jayreke Smith, Valentine Orcher, James Hatch, and Nicholas Bates put their hard work in training, in the Clontarf room, to action and played some incredible table tennis. All 4 boys won their singles matches, and Bourke High School was victorious in all 3 doubles matches to win the tie 7-0.

The boys now move on to play Narromine High School for the opportunity to be crowned champions of Western CHS. Good luck to the boys, and congratulations on your dominant win!



Mr Doust
Sports Coordinator

Cross Country

On Wednesday 14th May during sport, Bourke High School held its annual cross country. The weather was fantastic and the students and staff did not disappoint in making the afternoon a great success.

Students ran, jogged and walked 4km in a brand new course for 2025. Eric Dixon was the male champion on the day holding out a fast finishing Valentine Orcher and Mr Trent Graham in his debut race. Our female champion was Tiona Gibbs who battled through brutal blisters on her heels to take out the crown. Next in line for the girls was Sahara-Lea Dennis and Pheobe Beaven who put in outstanding efforts.

Vibes were high throughout the afternoon with Mr Duncan-Watt providing the music and all students supporting and encouraging one another to do their best!

Thankyou to all the staff and students for making such a memorable event and good luck to those students who qualify for the Regional Carnival held later this term in Orange on Wednesday, June 11.

Mr Doust
Sport Coodinator.





Wellbeing and Health In-reach Nurse Coordinator

Meet our new WHIN Coordinator.

We are delighted to welcome our new Wellbeing and Health In-reach Nurse Coordinator (WHIN Coordinator), Bella.

Bella is a Registered Nurse who will be working across our school, with our learning and support team, to help connect students and families with health and community services. She is here to help support students and families in addressing health needs, coordinate appropriate assessments and assist with referrals to any needed medical or social services.

Bella will be based in Dubbo and will be doing outreach to Bourke and Brewarrina. Bella will be attending BHS a couple of times a school term and her schedule for dates at the school is available upon request. If you would like to speak to Bella, you can contact her directly or speak with any other member of our learning and support / wellbeing team, and a referral to the WHIN Service will be made.

This isn't a First Aid position. Bella is employed by the Local Health District and is one of around 100 similar roles which are being introduced in schools across NSW in a partnership between NSW Health and the Department of Education [Wellbeing and Health In-reach Nurse \(WHIN\) Coordinator program - Youth health and wellbeing.\(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/health-and-wellbeing)



Your Wellbeing Nurse

You can talk to your wellbeing nurse about:

- health and wellbeing concerns
- healthcare options
- finding health and community services.

Any student enrolled at a school with a wellbeing nurse and their family members can get support from a wellbeing nurse.

Parents

- Contact the school to ask to see or speak to the wellbeing nurse
- Let a teacher or the school learning and support team know you would like to see the wellbeing nurse.

Students 14 years and older

- Let a teacher or the school learning and support team know you would like to see the wellbeing nurse
- Approach the wellbeing nurse directly to speak with them privately.

Your wellbeing nurse is at the school on

Contact your wellbeing nurse

Bella - 0477 987 763

Your wellbeing nurse is a highly skilled registered nurse from NSW Health.

Your wellbeing nurse helps students and their family get health and wellbeing support.



Visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/whinprogram or scan the QR code for further information about wellbeing nurses.



Wellbeing and Health In-reach
Nurse Coordinator program

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Upcoming Events

- **21st May** – Candle Making Workshop (Girls)
- **21st May** – AECG Meeting @ BHS
3:30pm
- **21st - 23rd May** – 11 & 12
Employment Forum (Clontarf)
- **26th May** – National Sorry Day
- **27th May - 3rd June**
Reconciliation Week
- **30th May & 2nd June** – Mid Term Break
- **18th June** – Athletics Carnival
- **18th June** – AEGC Meeting @ BPS
3:30pm
- **18th - 20th June** – Clontarf
Cultural Experience Camp
- **23rd - 27th June** – Riverview
College Visit
- **30th Jun - 4th Jul** – NAIDOC Week
Celebrations



After School Homework Club

Wednesday, Thursdays & Fridays in library
until 4:30pm

Bourke High School NAIDOC Week Celebrations

30th June - 4th July

Monday 30th June

Toorale Cultural Excursion

Tuesday 1st July

Sydney Youth Orchestra Performance - MPC

Yarra Arts & Crafts

Touch Football - Clontarf/BHS vs Local Police

Wednesday 2nd July

Indigenous Games

Yarra Arts & Crafts

Thursday 3rd July

Central Flames League Tag

Tournament Brewarrina

Friday 4th July

Semester 1 Assembly - MPC 9:30am

NAIDOC Bushtucker Lunch

