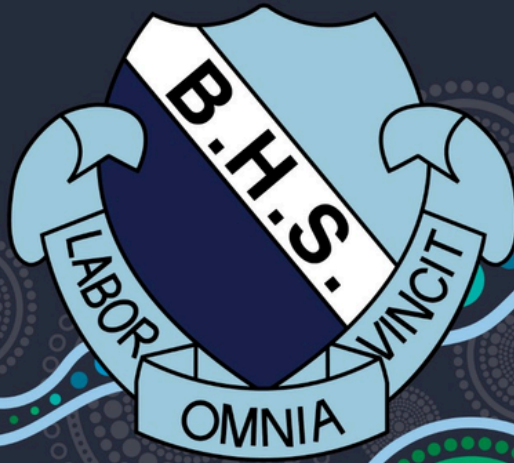


BOURKE HIGH SCHOOL



Term 2, Week 9 Newsletter

Parent Information Session

On Tuesday, June 24th, BHS held an information evening for parents of Year 6 students who will be transitioning to Year 7 in 2026.

We were delighted to welcome 7 Year 6 students along with their families to the event. Attendees had the opportunity to tour the school facilities including classrooms, Ag Farm, MPC, Woodwork/Art/Music/Kitchen and MPC, meet and interact with our dedicated staff, and experience the delicious offerings from BHS's renowned pizza oven.

This event aimed to provide valuable insights into the upcoming transition, fostering a sense of community and excitement for the new academic journey ahead.

Kirsten Marshman
Community Liaison Officer





Parent Information Session



Connect with Culture in Aboriginal Art Workshop

On Tuesday, June 24, 2023, Stage 4 LOTE and Support Unit students at Bourke High School took part in a special Aboriginal art workshop led by Uncle Frank Wright, a renowned Aboriginal artist and storyteller. As part of a class art project, the workshop focused on traditional painting techniques and storytelling. Uncle Frank began the session by sharing stories from his Gamilaraay Country, explaining the cultural meaning behind the lines, shapes, and symbols used in Aboriginal art.

Students then had the chance to create their own artworks using traditional painting techniques and natural themes. The class responded with enthusiasm and focus, with many participants saying it was one of the most enjoyable lessons they've had this term. They were fully engaged throughout the workshop, not only with the painting but also with the cultural knowledge shared.

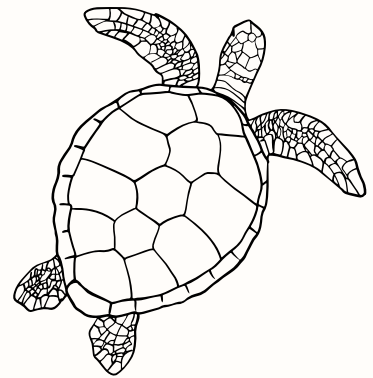
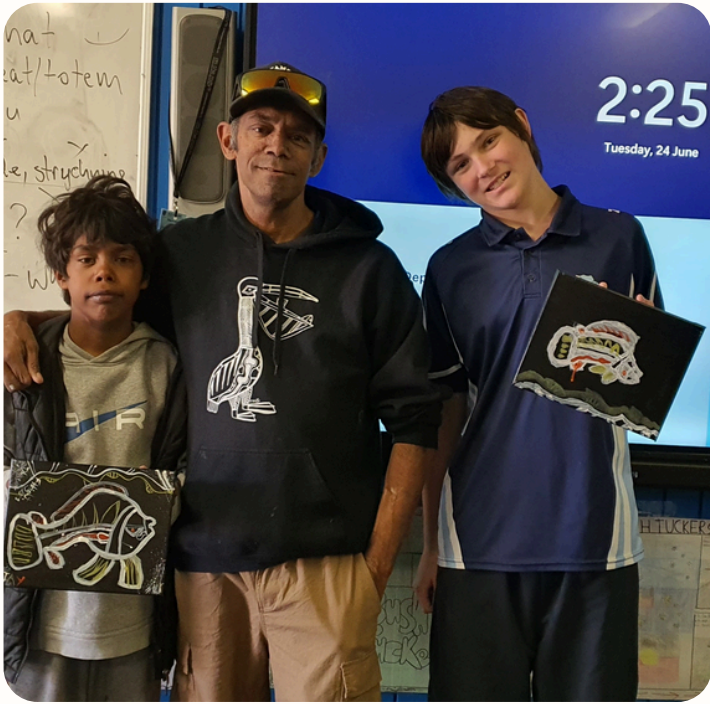
The workshop left a lasting impression, with many asking when they could do it again.

A great time was had by all.

Ms Matthews
LOTE Teacher









Warren Show 2025



On the Saturday of Week 7, five students travelled to Warren Show with our Murray Grey heifers Madonna and Hollyann.

Violet, Maddi, Taylah and Matilda competed in Paraders and Junior Judging, taking home a few ribbons and some great comments from the judge, while Nico and SLSO Scott formed a fabulous support team.

These students are to be commended on their work ethic and enthusiasm, having recently put in some very big days in order to be a part of the Agricultural Show Team.

Miss Burgess
Agriculture Teacher



Athletics Carnival Results

12yr Girl Champion - Sahara Dennis

13yr Girl Champion - Chloe Robb

14yr Girl Champion - Pheobe Beaven

15yr Girl Champion - Ruby Bates

16yr Girl Champion - Lily Enright

17yr Boy Champion - Nicholas Bates

18yr Girl Champion - Tiona Gibbs

Junior Girl Champion - Pheobe Beaven

Senior Girl Champion - Tiona Gibbs

12yr Boy Champion - Shydan Wright

13yr Boy Champion - Valentine Orcher

14yr Boy Champion - Bruce Delany

15yr Boy Champion - James Hatch

16yr Boy Champion - Shannon Bates

18yr Boy Champion - Jarryn Moore

Junior Boy Champion - Bruce Delany

Senior Boy Champion - Jarryn Moore



Darling - 1st



Sturt - 2nd



Oxley - 3rd



Mitchell - 4th



Principal's Report

Hello BHS Community,

As we draw towards the end of Term 2, I am reminded of what a big term it has been. Term 2 is always very busy for staff and students, with major assessment tasks being completed across all year groups and reports being completed for Years 7-11. We are looking forward to sharing your child's progress when reports are mailed out on Wednesday 2 July.

Next week we are really excited to be participating in the school's weeklong NAIDOC Week celebrations. This kicks off on Monday with a cultural excursion to Toorale National Park and a finale with the School's Semester 1 Academic/NAIDOC Assembly and Community Lunch. Please see the NAIDOC organisation attached to this newsletter for more details. We are looking forward to seeing as many community members as possible on Tuesday afternoon at the Police vs BHS league tag match and the assembly and community lunch on Friday.

We had a very successful Open Night for next year's Year 7 students this week. Students and their families enjoyed a tour of the school and grounds. It was a very positive evening with some great questions being asked in relation to what is on offer at Bourke High School. There has also been some great conversations in the school since the evening and we are looking forward to future transition opportunities with Bourke Public School and St. Ignatius Parish School.

Principal's Report

Next week, the school's English department is undergoing a review as a snapshot to see how the school is delivering learning programs for all Year 7-10 classes. This has been a very positive process to be part of, and we are looking forward to hearing what we are doing well, and also where we are able to make improvements to better support every student's learning journey at Bourke High School. A big thanks to Mr Phillips and Ms Hayward for their efforts getting all the required evidence together.

The half yearly Clontarf Top Attenders rewards excursions has enjoyed a trip to the Gold Coast this week. Feedback has been great with students having a number of work site visits and exposure to employment opportunities. A huge shout out to Ray, Patto and Mr Dunbar (and their families) for their dedication to ensuring students are recognised for their ongoing exemplary attendance and being fantastic ambassadors for Bourke High School.

As always, Bourke High School has a strong focus on attendance and ensuring students are in classes and learning as much as possible. Beginning next term, all students who attend 100% for the term will go into a draw to win an iPad. This will be drawn on the last Thursday of the Term at our regular rewards assembly. In order for students to be in the running for this amazing prize, they will need to be at school by 8.45am each morning (the school day will be starting 5 minutes earlier at 8.45am beginning Term 3), remain at school all day, and attend all classes. We do understand that there are times when things crop up such as illness and family emergencies etc, so in order for your child to still be eligible for the termly iPad draw, please make contact with the school to explain any absence.

Feeding time at the farm



Jace & Jaxon using all their strength to feed the patient Holly & Madonna



NAIDOC Week 2025 - Celebrating 50 years of Indigenous voices, culture and resilience

Outside of the Aboriginal Education Officer's Room is a display of some past NAIDOC posters from previous years to the present day. Each year, the NAIDOC Committee has a theme that recognises particular issues that have impacted our mobs over the years. This year, NAIDOC Week will be held from July 6 to July 13, and it's a special celebration as this year marks 50 years of NAIDOC. This year's theme is: The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy.

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday) to celebrate and recognise the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC stands for the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal civil rights groups in the 1920s and 1930s, particularly the Australian Aborigines Progressive Association (AAPA) in 1924 and the Australian Aborigines League (AAL) in 1932, which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

It is one of our most important annual celebrations and provides an opportunity for all Australians to learn about our cultures and histories and participate in local activities that celebrate the milestones and achievements of the oldest continuous living cultures on Earth.

Bruco Turnbull
Aboriginal Education Officer



Bourke High School



NAIDOC Week Program

30th June - 4th July 2025

Monday 30th June

- Toorale Cultural Excursion

Tuesday 1st July

- Sydney Youth Orchestra Performance
- Touch Football (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 Academic &
NAIDOC Assembly
- NAIDOC Bush Tucker Lunch

**"The Next Generation: Strength, Vision &
Legacy"**



SACRED SPORTS

SATURDAY 5TH - WEDNESDAY 9TH

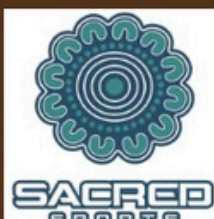
WHERE: BOURKE MPC

SAT 5TH - 9AM - 3PM
 SUN 6TH - 9AM - 3PM
 MON 7TH - 9AM - 3PM
 TUE 8TH - 9AM - 3PM
 WED 9TH - 9AM - 3PM

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THE NEXT GENERATION:
 STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY

NAIDOC WEEK



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Term 2, Week 6

Upcoming Events

- **30th Jun - 4th Jul** - NAIDOC Week Celebrations
- **4th July** - Semester 1 Assembly/
NAIDOC Lunch
- **4th July** - Last day of Term 2
- **22nd July** - Term 3 begins



After School Homework Club

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