

# Bulli High School Newsletter

**November 2014**

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## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
P & C meeting @ 7.00pm

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 12 Formal

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
Final Cut Film Night

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 9 Brainstorm

**25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
Twilight Zone

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 11 Leaders to Paramedows

## Principal's report

Hello and thank you to the Bulli community for the warm welcome I have received during my four weeks at Bulli HS. I have been impressed by the tone of the school, the behaviour and friendly nature of students and the dedication and commitment of staff. I look forward to meeting parents and community members at the many school events scheduled for the remaining weeks of Term 4 including Wednesday evening P & C meetings.



As Principal, it is very rewarding to receive positive feedback from members of the community regarding students, staff and the school in general and in my short time here I have been given every reason to be proud of our great school. Last week a number of our staff were recognised at the ACE Recognition Awards for the contributions they have made to the school community through education as part of World Teacher Day celebrations. Congratulations to the following valuable members of our school community:

Administrative and Support Team: Marianna Hunt, Sharryn Marshall, Jayne Baker, Sue Marshall, Louise Fulton, Tracy Gray, Michele Bateman, Kathy Hawkey, Di Gasseling, Denise Brown, Kaye Dent, Geoff Elphick, Colleen Moir, Cathy Cropper

Teachers: Laura Devlin, Brian Boon, Brett Pember, Peter Nouis, Gabriel Constable, Tamara Dal Molin, Brad Green, Chris Neave

Canteen staff: Lyn Falkner, Hazel Arthur

Congratulations also to Kaia Cox and Zac Keating who represented Bulli High School at a Global Dignity Day event at NSW Parliament House in Sydney. Kaia and Zac joined students from across the state to hear an address by Professor Ron McCallum AO. Professor McCallum is the first totally blind person to be appointed to a full professorship in any subject at an Australian university. Following this the students explored the concept of dignity and discussed their experiences of dignity in their communities. Speaking with Kaia and Zac it was obvious that they valued this unique opportunity.

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### P&C Meetings

- Held every second Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm.  
All parents welcome.

### Uniform Shop

- Open on: Tuesdays: 1.15pm-3.00pm  
Thursdays: 1.15pm-3.30pm

### School Office

- Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 8.30am - 3.30pm and Wednesday from 8.30am - 3.00pm

### Student Absences

- If your child is absent from school, please notify the office by calling 4284 8266 extension 4 and following the prompts.

**Email Newsletter:** If you would like to register your email address for this service, please go onto the website [www.bulli-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.bulli-h.schools.nsw.edu.au), click on News & Events, bulletin, receive bulletin and follow the prompts.

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Congratulations to Daniel Tibben of Year 12, School Captain 2014. Daniel has been honoured with a Minister's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement which he received at Parliament House in Sydney this week. This is a great achievement for Daniel who has been an outstanding student, school leader and representative.



I also received an email from a teacher at a nearby high school wanting me to know how impressed she was with a group of our students who were buddied up with and supported members of her Support Unit class at the Mini Olympics held at Beaton Park earlier this term. Congratulations to Year 10 PASS students who have been great ambassadors for Bulli High School.

The HSC examinations have drawn to a close for Year 12, 2014. Students can now relax and enjoy the first real break they have had for a long time. I encourage all of Year 12, as they await their results in December, to enjoy the break and to encourage safe and sensible behaviour amongst their peers at this most significant time of their young lives.

The Department of Education and Communities (DEC) is currently introducing a number of key reforms which impact significantly on schools. One of these reforms is the introduction of the new School Plan 2015 – 2017. Schools have always prepared a three year plan but now each school is able to identify their own strategic directions. Bulli High School has commenced the planning process and has completed the critical step of asking students, staff and parents for feedback through surveys which were completed in Term 3. Thank you to those community members who have contributed to the process and completed the on-line survey. All feedback will now be collated and used to identify our strategic directions for the next three years. The new plan is very different in design, format and approach and requires schools to define key improvements which combine for the school to achieve excellence and is future focused. I will be keeping the school community informed as we progress towards the completion of the plan.

Engaging with our school community is vital for a successful school like Bulli High School. Our school website is often the first place parents, students and community members go to when seeking information. To improve access to information, the school's Technology Team is currently looking at improving the site and we are hoping to have a new look website to start the new school year. Meanwhile, the existing website will be operating as usual.

I look forward to working with and getting to know our families. Please feel free to contact me to discuss any concerns you may have or to let me know of any great news or achievements of our students and the school community.

Chris Gregory  
Principal

### Year 11 Students

During their HSC year, students have been allowed to arrive late and leave school early if they have a Study Period in period 1 or period 5 (period 4 on Wednesdays).

This is a privilege.

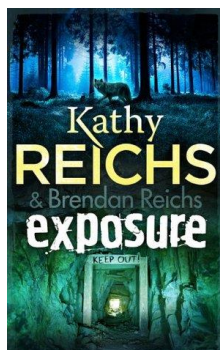
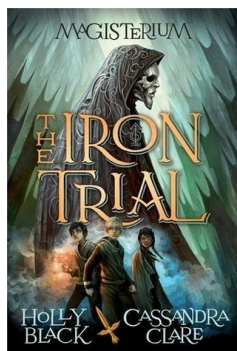
Students must arrive before their next scheduled class. That is; they must sign in before 10.00AM on all days except Wednesday. On Wednesday second period starts at 9:40AM and they must arrive before this time. Students must organise their travel arrangements to ensure they arrive in time. If students arrive after the second period class has started they will be recorded as arriving late and will need a letter of explanation. Students who are late on repeat occasions will have the privilege of a flexible start/leave time withdrawn.

Robyn Howson  
Relieving Deputy Principal



## **BULLI HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS**

*Just arrived:*



### *Borrowing and Overdue books*

Borrowing will end for all students on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November. If you have an overdue book, please return it ASAP.

### *Book Club*

The last Book Club brochure of the year is now available from the library.

Kylie Martin  
Teacher Librarian

## **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**



**THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL CLOSE ON:  
THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2014**

**THE SHOP REOPENS ON:  
TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015  
FROM 9.00AM – 3.00PM**

**IT WILL BE OPEN FOR EXTENDED HOURS IN THE  
FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL ON:**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
9.00am – 12.30pm

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
9.00am – 3.30pm

**The pickup dates in 2015 for Year 7 and Year 11 pre-ordered uniforms are:**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 10.00am – 2.00pm  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 10.00am – 2.00pm

**All new enrolments and anyone wanting to exchange  
or purchase new uniforms can do so on:**

**TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 9.00AM – 3.00PM**

Year 10 students have until Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December to pick up their Year 11 uniforms otherwise they can be collected in January on the dates above.

### **PLEASE NOTE: PRICE CHANGES**

Junior skirts are now \$42.00.

In 2015 the following items will have price increases:

Senior Skirts	\$45.00
Girls Blouses	\$32.00
Girls Long Pants	\$42.00
Sloppy Joes	\$30.00
Woollen Jumpers	\$67.00
Size 8 – 16	
Woollen Jumpers	\$73.00
Size 18 – 22	
Woollen Jumpers	\$79.00
Size 24-28	

Thank you.

Maree & Kerry

# THE FINAL CUT

## BULLI HIGH SCHOOL

### FILM NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> Nov SCREENING STARTS AT 6.30pm IN THE HALL

Prizes awarded to Best Student Film in Junior and Senior Category- Best Actor- People's Choice and Open Category

\$5 ENTRY

Parental guidance recommended



# Meet the Principal

The next P & C meeting will be held on  
November 12 in the Common Room at 7 pm.

Come and meet the new Principal  
Christine Gregory.

Join us for Tea and Coffee



School's over: Bulli High visual arts students Daniel Tibben and Emma Miles.

Picture: SYLVIA LIBER

## Visual arts students look to the future

BRIANNA PARKINS

HSC students will begin to breathe a collective sigh of relief this week, with exams wrapping up Wednesday.

Bulli High School student Daniel Tibben left his last exam for visual arts with big plans for his post-HSC life.

"I'm recording with my band – we've been trying to release an EP for two years but we've been studying," he said.

The 18-year-old has replaced the traditional Gold Coast

schoolies week with plans to go camping with friends and a volunteer stint at the Tasmanian Falls Festival over New Year.

Fellow visual arts student Emma Miles said the subject was a shake-up compared to other subjects.

"Art needs a different way of thinking," she said.

Daniel defected to visual art from business studies after he saw the potential to support his love of making videos.

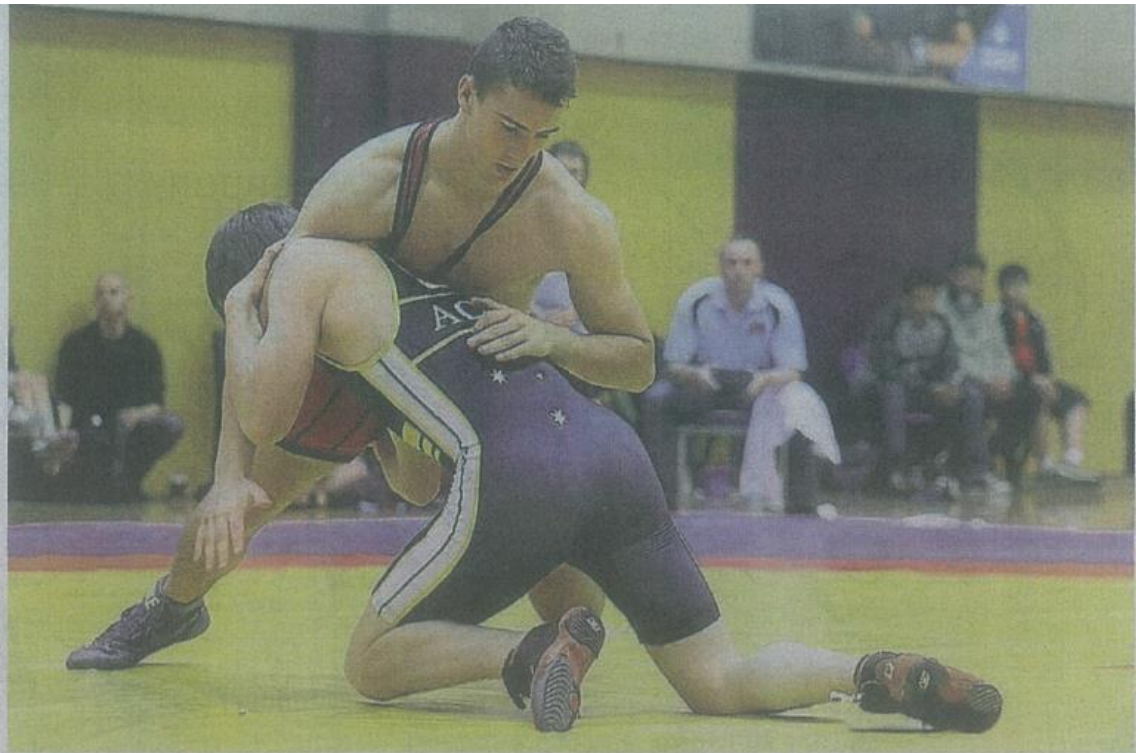
"People seem to like my video and design work so I changed

over last year," he said.

He plans to combine his aptitude for science and art by enrolling in a degree in architecture or nanoscience engineering at RMIT.

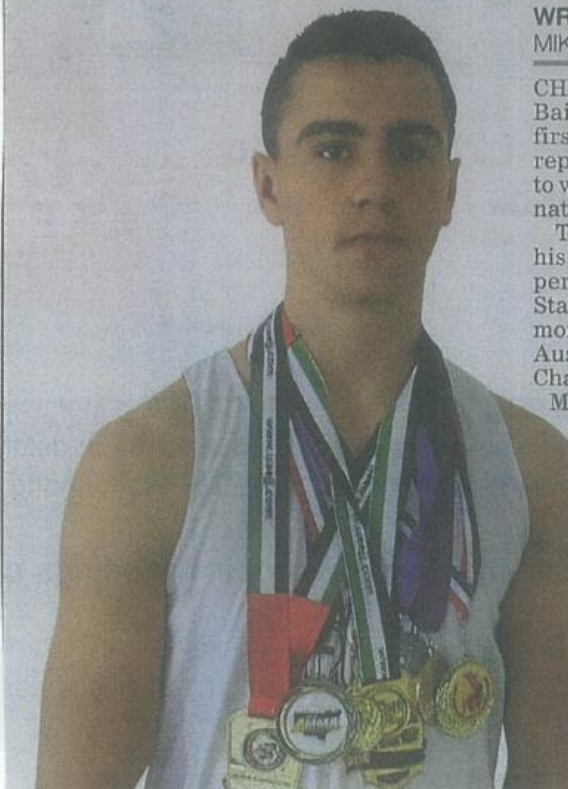
Emma was attracted to the subject because it allowed her to spend a year on a major work.

"I'm really interested in photography and for my major work I recreated Jackson Pollock's style of work by photographing individual paint splashes and Photoshopping them into one art work," she said.



Talent: Bailey Mathieson (red) won the 76-kilograms wrestling division at the national titles in Melbourne.

# National champion all-around fighter



## WRESTLING MIKE DRISCOLL

CHAMPION teenager Bailey Mathieson is the first Bulli PCYC representative in 40 years to win an Australian national title in wrestling.

The 15-year-old followed his gold medal performance at the NSW State Wrestling titles last month by claiming the Australia National Youth Championship in Melbourne in his 76-kilograms weight division.

Bailey has been training in mixed martial arts at the Bulli PCYC under Terry Williams and Joshua McLarnen since age 13 and is an outstanding talent.

The Bulli High School student achieved first place in Australia at the Abu Dhabi World Professional Jiu-

Jitsu Championship Australian Trials in 2013 and 2014, both held in Sydney. Bailey then represented Australia last April at the Abu Dhabi World Professional Jiu-Jitsu competition in United Arab Emirates, placing fourth in the world out of 14 in his 74kg weight division.

This year was the first time juniors were able to compete alongside seniors at the World Professional Jiu-Jitsu titles, with Bailey among five Australian representatives.

The youngster also competes in judo and won his age division and two adult divisions in the 2014 South Coast Judo Grappling titles, plus last year won the NSW Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Pankration competition.

Bailey hopes to continue taking on the world's best wrestlers by representing Australia in the senior ranks.



# Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 4: Good Attendance



There are a number of sound reasons for you to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

Firstly, attending school every day makes learning easier. For younger students, missing the basic skills often leads to learning problems later on and for older student's absenteeism often interferes with academic progress. Friendships with other students are also easier if your child attends school regularly.

The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and 15 years are required to attend school. Sickness or injury, attendance at a special religious ceremony or a serious family situation are satisfactory reasons for non-attendance. Please let the school know why your child is not at school and provide an explanation on your child's return to school.

Birthdays, haircuts, pension days, Mondays etc are not satisfactory reasons for absence from school. Also try whenever possible to arrange your holidays in school vacation times.

Please contact your school principal if you need any help or have any questions.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education

# Top 10 misunderstood road rules

In January 2013 the NSW RMS published the top 10 misunderstood road rules.

## 8 Safe following distances

Drivers must keep sufficient distance behind a vehicle travelling in front of them to safely avoid a collision.

Safe following distances may vary depending on the conditions, the type of vehicle and the speed at which the vehicle is travelling. As a general rule, when following a vehicle, the driver should travel three seconds behind the vehicle in front to provide sufficient time to avoid a crash.

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High School Students

\$50 first lesson(1hour).





AUSTINMER PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PRESENTS

# AN AFTERNOON ON THE GREEN

SUN 9TH NOV 2014 2 - 6PM



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Our hall at **20 Moore St, Austinmer**

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**Look forward to seeing you there!!!**

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### Planning a kid's birthday party?

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Cost: \$60.00 per half day – contact Ron on 0409 399 752

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