

Bulli High School Newsletter

December 2014

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Upcoming Events

Monday 8th December
Presentation Night @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 10th December
P & C Meeting @ 7.00pm

Thursday 11th December
Year 12 Visual Arts Excursion
Immunisations – Years 7 & 9

Friday 12th December
SRC BBQ – Mufti Day

Tuesday 16th December
Commitment Day & Awards Assembly
For Years 7, 8, 9 & 10

Wednesday 17th December
Last Day of Term 4

Wednesday 28th January
School Returns for Years 7, 11 & 12

Thursday 29th January
School Returns for Years 8, 9 & 10

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.

Principal's report

Congratulations to Ms Robyn Howson who has been successful, following merit selection, in being appointed to the position of Deputy Principal, Bulli High School. Robyn's appointment is subject to the standard appeal period as part of the merit selection process.

This week close to 150 Year 6 students attended our Orientation Day in preparation for Year 7, 2015. It was great to see their enthusiasm for coming to Bulli High School. Students participated in Peer Support activities and were able to familiarise themselves with the school layout. We look forward to seeing them all in the new year.

On Tuesday 18th November, I had the honour of representing Bulli High School at the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Awards 2014. The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute recognises Year 11 students who demonstrate high achievement in the sciences and encourages students to pursue their interest in science and offers the opportunity for recipients to attend the Institute for a day. This year the recipient from Bulli HS is Dylan Green. Professor Jamie Vandenberg, Deputy Director of the Institute, presented the occasional address. He encouraged recipients to pursue a career in the sciences, outlined the role scientists play and their contribution to society. He challenged recipients to use their interest and ability to make a difference in the world of science. Congratulations to Dylan.



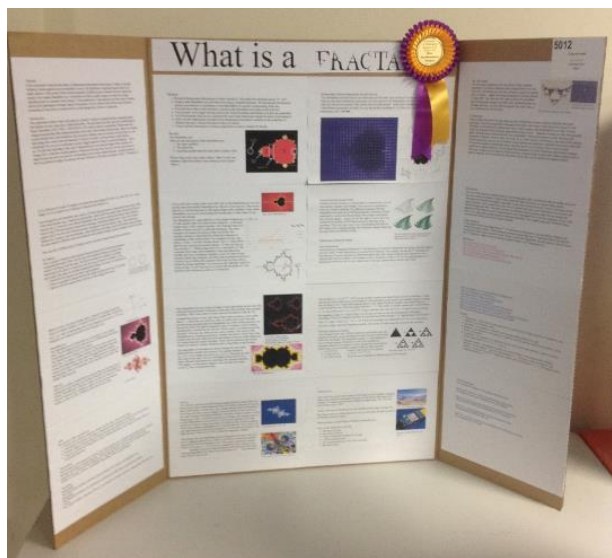
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www.bulli-h.schools.nsw.edu.au, click on News & Events, bulletin, receive bulletin and follow the prompts.

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Also in the field of Science & Mathematics, Craig Hennesy from Year 9 has taken out an award in the prestigious Illawarra Coal Science Fair run at the University of Wollongong for the second year in a row. Last year Craig received the award for the 'Best Physics Project' in the Science Fair and has followed it up this year with the 'Best Mathematical Project' for his work on fractals. The standard of work in the fair this year was very high, with over 500 projects submitted from students all over NSW. Craig was awarded a trophy and certificate, as well as a cash prize. Congratulations to Craig on such an amazing achievement!



The Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) faculty have been very busy highlighting the talents and enthusiasm of our students. On the 19th November we were entertained with a night of short films which was followed on 25th November with Twilight Zone. The talent on display was impressive and we thank the CAPA teachers and other school staff and the stage and sound crews for ensuring the nights were very successful and very entertaining. Each night saw the hall full with many family members and staff enjoying the performances. A special surprise for all was the staff band which was a great hit. If you haven't had a look yet, our Facebook page features a number of great photos.

Thank you to all families who have contributed to making Bulli High School the great school it is. Whether through supporting our school uniform policy, supporting your child to maintain a strong attendance record and approach to their school work, through payment of subject fees and voluntary contributions, or attending our student performance nights, it all enables us to provide a high quality education and environment for our students.

The CAPA faculty has a small number of video cameras (circa 2005) that they no longer need. If you are interested please contact Louise Manks (HT CAPA).

During the last two weeks of term work will commence on the refurbishment of a classroom into a welcoming and fresh new teaching space for two classes of our newly established Autism Unit. This is an extensive renovation and will continue over the school holiday period with the aim to be completed in time for the new school year. We welcome Mrs Liz Brennan who has joined Bulli High School as Head Teacher. Mrs Brennan and Mrs Josh are currently working closely with families and our new students in preparation for their start at Bulli HS.

It's taken a little bit of time but we are about to launch our new school website. As the weeks go on you will see it get bigger and better and will provide our school community with up to date information, contacts and relevant links. We believe you will like it and find it easy to access information.

Earlier this week parents and family attended the SRC Induction Ceremony for the 2015 SRC. Mr Brett Pember, SRC co-ordinator, spoke about the leadership contribution students will make to Bulli HS, the opportunities they will have in representing the school and the team work and skills they will develop throughout their time as student representatives. I am very confident this group of students will be fine representatives for their year group and for the school. Congratulations to all students. Thank you to Mr Pember for his ongoing commitment and support. The SRC members for 2015 are:

Year 7:

Zachary Brett, Ellen Couch, Louis Donovan, Olivia Fraser,
Grace Myerscough, Duncan Robinson

Year 8:

Katie Allison, Zac Joseph-Wood, Ella Loomes, Toby Thompson

Year 9:

Maeve Couch, Grace Garcia, Zoey Lewis, Tyler Owen,
Brooke Punnett

Year 10:

Grace Favelle, Nitya Kaushik, Zac Keating, Claudia Robinson,
Lexi Veleski

Year 11:

Captains: Nicola Kennedy, Dylan Green
Vice Captains: Taylor Pember, Jack Thompson-Gardener
Senior Executives: Andrea Standen, Joshua Norris



Student reports will be issued in the last week of term with 17th December, the last day for students. It's been a busy yet highly productive term as we plan for 2015. It's hard to believe the year is nearly over. In anticipation of the holidays, and as this will be the last newsletter, I wish all the Bulli High School community a safe and happy holiday season.

Chris Gregory
Principal

Year 12 Formal

Many thanks to Mr Green for his organisation of a very enjoyable Year 12 formal. This year's event was a delightful Sydney harbour cruise. The students all looked stunning – even if some of the heels were death-defyingly high!

A wonderful way to complete their six years at Bulli High School. We wish each and every one of our HSC students all the very best.

Chris Neave
Deputy Principal

Road Safety

We have received a number of concerns with regard to some students and their road behaviour. These have been addressed at recent school assemblies. Parents please reinforce the need for safety and common sense.

Ursula Road, while quiet during the day, is extremely busy from 8:30am to 8:50am in the mornings and 3:10pm to 3:30pm in the afternoons. Please be aware of the following:

- Students are not to ride bikes to and from school unless they wear a helmet.
- Students are not, under any circumstance, to bring skateboards to school. The footpath, especially when being shared with elderly local residents, prams and the Primary students from Waniora, is too crowded to accommodate skateboards.
- Students walking along Ursula Road should only cross via the Waniora pedestrian crossing (obeying the 'Lollipop' officer) or at the end of Ursula Road at the Franklin Road intersection.
- Students who need to cross the road opposite the school must not step out from in front of, or behind, buses. It is too difficult for motorists to see. Wait until the bus has moved away.
- Drivers – students, parents and staff – should remember that the double lines indicate that U-turns are not legal. A number of cars have recently made U-turns directly in front of buses, causing them to break suddenly.

Students who drive to school must adhere to the same attendance and truancy rules as all other students. All students are expected to arrive at school in time for Roll Call, or their first lesson of the day if they have a study lesson in period 1. Students are not allowed to leave school during the day. This includes the lunch break.

Student drivers must only have other students as passengers if their own parents and their passenger's parents have given permission for this to occur.

If you have any concerns about student safety issues please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Chris Neave
Deputy Principal

Japanese Visit - 2015

Bulli High School will be hosting a group of 20 Japanese students in 2015. The visit dates are:

11th – 16th March 2015

If you think your family would be interested in hosting a student please let me know. At this early stage I am simply compiling a list of interested families and have no further information to give.



Robyn Howson
Relieving Deputy Principal

BHS Mathematics in 2015

The summer break is a great opportunity to prepare your child for success in their 2015 classes. For Mathematics subjects all students will require an exercise book (at least 200 pages), a calculator (Casio FX82 variants), and several spare pens. Much learning time is lost when students are not prepared for lessons, and unable to engage in the learning.

Textbooks will be left in the classrooms, and students should bring a USB "thumb" drive to class to upload a soft copy. Please contact me if your child will not be able to use a computer to work at home.

David Croft
Head Teacher Mathematics

Maths Explorer Day @ UOW

Last Friday ten of us from Year 8 (7 students) and Year 9 (3 students) attended a Maths Explorers Day held at the University of Wollongong.

The day started with a Maths Relay where we were split into groups and solved maths problems together in a race to the end. We took a tour around the Uni campus and played another game where we were engaged in group challenges and more maths questions.

The day concluded with talks from students studying Maths at UOW explaining how it worked and what career opportunities were available.

The day was a great experience for anyone interested in Maths or interested in studying it at university.

by India Goss-Maher



Year 10 Work Experience 2015

Please be advised of the following dates for work experience 2015:

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

More information will follow in a package to be issued to students, however please be advised that students and parents are requested to source their own work experience placements. It is often wise to commence conversations with suitable employers and have them 'pencil' in the name of your son/daughter well in advance, as suitable and popular vacancies fill quickly in our local area.

Mr Harding
Careers Advisor

Twilight Zone

Congratulations to all staff and students who participated in this years' "Twilight Zone" concert. The performance demonstrated the enormous talent in our school and it was wonderful to see so many musicians and dancers on our stage in a very professional setting. Special recognition goes to our dance ensemble who choreographed their item and danced so beautifully. This year saw two surprise items on stage comprising of staff and judging but the audiences reaction they were both very popular. Without our dedicated Entertainment team this night would not have been so successful, so I thank all these students for their time and hard work. This includes the vision team, sound and lights and the stage crew. Thanks must also be extended to the many staff and parents who helped make this night so memorable including the P&C canteen helpers, SASS Office Staff, Teaching Staff and especially Mrs Sharp and Mr Tuck. Such a fantastic night would not have been possible without the efforts of all the performers on stage and their parents. Thank you very much and we look forward to our next show, "GREASE" in the new year. Merry Christmas.

Philip Trenaman
Music Department



BULLI HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS

The end of the year is quickly approaching and it is time to return ALL your library books!

The last book club brochure for the year is now available in the library.

Kylie Martin
Teacher Librarian

Applying for a Tax File Number

Dear Parents,

Recently we received the following email from the Australian Tax Office.

Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC27248'

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC22604'

The ATO will continue working with teachers to educate students about tax and superannuation. The curriculum resource Tax, Super & You is a free, easy to use, online educational resource aligned to the school curriculum of each state and territory. This resource can be accessed at taxsuperandyou.gov.au

In the coming weeks we will provide more information by email on how students can apply for a TFN and the educational services we can provide. In the meantime if you require any further information you can phone **1300 130 282** between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

Regards
Steve Vesperman
Deputy Commissioner of Taxation

PLEASE NOTE; Bulli High has conducted many presentations this year and in previous years and most students in Years 9-12 have already applied for a Tax File Number. However, if your son/daughter does not currently have a Tax File Number and wishes to apply through the school, then they must collect an application from my office and submit the completed application prior to Tuesday December 16.

Mr Harding
Careers Advisor

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS



UPDATE AND INFORMATION FOR 2015

Our students are wearing Bulli High School uniform with pride and many members of the community have commented on how wonderful the students are looking. We thank parents/carers for your support and look forward to the continuation of this in 2015. To help with the purchasing of new uniform items for next year we would like to highlight a few key points:

- All shirts, shorts, skirts, jackets, jumpers and pants are to be purchased from the Bulli High School uniform shop (Brand logos are not acceptable on any item).
- Plain white socks with NO logos or coloured trims.
- FULLY ENCLOSED shoes (leather or leather type shoes are recommended for safety reasons), no other coloured trims or laces.
- PE/SPORT uniform is to only be worn on Wednesday for sport, sport carnival days or during PE lessons.

For a full explanation of the school uniform policy please refer to the school diary, attend the uniform shop or call the school on 4284 8266.

The uniform shop opening hours are outlined below.

The uniform shop will close on:
Thursday 11th December 2014

The uniform shop reopens on:
Tuesday 27th January 2015 - 9.00am – 3.00pm

We will be open for extended hours in the first week of school:
Wednesday 28th January 2015 – 9.00am – 12.30pm
Thursday 29th January 2015 - 9.00am – 3.30pm

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

Thursday 22 nd January	10.00am – 2.00pm
Friday 23 rd January	10.00am – 2.00pm

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

TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY 9.00AM – 3.00PM

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

Maree & Kerry

THE FINAL CUT - FILM NIGHT 2014

Congratulations to all students who had their films screened on film night. Well done to Lexi Veleski, Amber Barber, Jacob Wills, Eden Pogonoski, Zac English, Max De Demizio, Louis Donovan, Daniel Tibben, Daniel Smith, Anna Robinson, Marcus Rusbourne, Felix Needham, Ellis Baker and Grace Ewart.

Special congratulations to our winners of the following categories.

Best Actor - Marlon

Best Junior Film - Grace Ewart

Best Senior Film - Marcus Rusbourne

Best Junior Film - People's Choice - Louis Donovan

Best Senior Film - People's Choice - Zac English

Best Film - Open Category - Felix Needham

The CAPA faculty would like to thank all family, friends and students who came along on the night and supported the excellent work produced by the students at Bulli High School.

Special thanks to the technical crew:

Joshua Norris, Ryan Scofield and Hayden Enthaler





THE POINT ART PRIZE

40b Point Street, Bulli
4267 2850

The next series of works on display at The Point Café are a selection of photographic works produced by this years Year 10 Photography and Digital Media classes.

These works are a culmination of two years work in the Years 9 and 10 Photography and Digital Media Course.

Over the two year course students are provided with the opportunity to explore a range of photographic equipment and techniques. Amongst a variety of practices students gain experience with darkroom photography, digital photography, film-making, photomontage, Photoshop editing, and underwater photography.

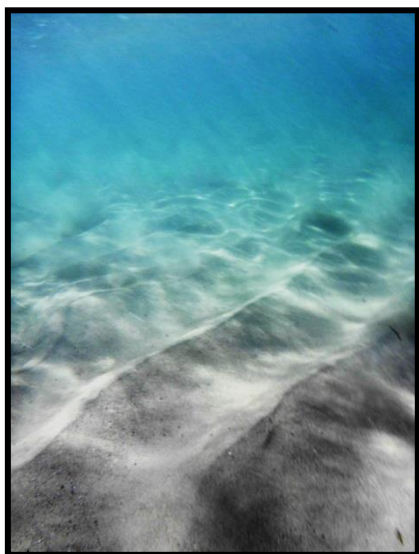
They also get to explore a range of photographic themes including portraiture, landscape, still-life, abstract, photojournalism and fantasy.

To finish off the course students are required to produce a Major Photographic Series. They are permitted to use any photographic media they chose and explore any theme they like. Students are encouraged to developed their own photographic style and explore themes that are personal. Amongst the work of the five Year 10 students on display, techniques applied included the use of neutral density filters to allow daylight long exposures, close ups, underwater photography and the use of Photoshop.

Congratulations to Max Dedemizio, Shanae Streeter, Anna Robinson, Kara Tuck and Katie Allan for their excellent work and for being chosen amongst 50 students to have their work on display.

Special mention to Samantha Monk and Grace Ewart who also produced excellent work but could not have it displayed due to difficulties in displaying the work as it involved film and sculpture.

** the CAPA faculty would like to express their appreciation to The Point Café in their support of the Visual Arts students at Bulli High School. The exhibiting of student work is a valuable experience as part of their art making practice.*



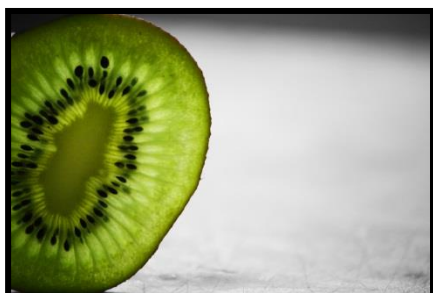
Kara Tuck



Katie Allan



Max Dedemizio



Anna Robinson



Shanae Streeter

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 5: Tips for Parents



Going to school is important. It makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

- Keep your child home only when they are sick.
- Advise the school of any absence.
- See doctors and dentists after school times.

Friends are important.

- Show an interest in your child's friends
- Invite friends to come and play
- Encourage your child to play with other children.

Helping your child have a happy day at school is important for you and your child.

If you are having difficulties in getting your child to school you should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the problem and ask for help.

The principal may ask a Home School Liaison Officer to contact you for further assistance and advice.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education

City of Wollongong Giving Tree 2014

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO A YOUNG CHILD'S CHRISTMAS!

City of Wollongong Giving Tree supports two Wollongong agencies, St Vincent de Paul Society and Anglicare.

The Giving Tree Appeal plays an essential part in helping the agencies to make Christmas a special day for all children.

Unwrapped gifts or **gift cards** for children 0-16 years can be received until 19 December at:

- Council's Customer Service area
- Council libraries

Until 16 December at:

- Wests Illawarra
- Novotel Northbeach
- Wollongong Central Customer Service Centre
- iHub Visitors Information Centre
- ic Management Office, City of Innovation
- UniShop@UOW
- WAVE FM Warrawong
- Customer Service desks at both Westfield Figtree and Westfield Warrawong
- ATO (Australian Tax Office) Kembla St

Alternatively, cash donations can be made through Wollongong City Council.

THANK YOU

*City of Wollongong
Giving Tree Appeal 2014*

Merry Christmas!



For further information phone 4227 7111 or email events@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/christmas



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VOLUNTEER TO GET EXPERIENCE WORKING IN EVENTS!

The City of Wollongong Australia Day celebration is one of the biggest celebrations in New South Wales showcasing Wollongong Harbour and provides a full day of family entertainment and activities – something for everyone!

To ensure a safe, enjoyable and trouble-free celebration, a number of volunteers are required. We would like to welcome Brandworx as our Volunteer Sponsor and ask that if you have a spare three hours or more on Australia Day, we invite you to join a team of committed volunteers to be part of this special day.

There is a wide variety of duties available. Refreshments are provided and each volunteer will undergo orientation. Plus you receive a shirt, cap, backpack and a certificate of participation.

Attendance at a compulsory orientation and information session is required for all of our volunteers. Times can be selected when submitting the form below, and both sessions will be held in the Level 9 Function Room, Wollongong City Council's Administration Building, 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong.

Volunteer applications will close on Monday 5 January 2015

Volunteer Information

Your full name*

Address*

Mobile*

Email*

Please indicate the times you are available to volunteer. You can choose multiple times.

- ☐ 9am – 12pm
☐ 12 – 3pm
☐ 3 – 6pm
☐ 6 – 9pm

Please advise which of the following tasks you are capable of and willing to undertake:

Distributing event information. This could involve in a static position and/or roaming the event site.

- ☐ Assisting with bump-in / event set up from 9am – 12pm.
☐ Working as a runner. This could include tasks such as checking and replenishing supplies at various locations through the event.
☐ Marshalling assistance for event activities, such as sand modelling or thong throwing.
☐ Assisting at the Citizenship Ceremony from 9am – 12pm
☐ Assisting with bump-out / event pack up from 6-9pm.

All volunteers are required to attend an orientation and information session. Please select your preferred session time below:

- ☐ Wednesday 14 January 2015 at 12.30pm
☐ Thursday 15 January 2015 at 5.30pm.

Volunteers will be provided with a shirt for the event. Please indicate your shirt size below:

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| <input type="radio"/> Men's | <input type="radio"/> Small |
| <input type="radio"/> Women's | <input type="radio"/> Medium |
| <input type="radio"/> Large | |
| <input type="radio"/> Extra Large | |
| <input type="radio"/> XXL | |

For more information, call (02) 4227 7111 or email events@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

Bulli Junior Soccer Club

Season 2015

Please check our website & facebook page for information regarding registration dates, fees etc.

<http://www.bullijuniorsoccer.com/>

facebook : Bulli junior soccer club

Online registration is expected to be available in January 2015.

Registration days will be late January / early February 2015. Dates will be on the website & facebook page once they have been confirmed.

For any further information, you can contact us via email.

bjscsecretary@gmail.com.au



1st Austinmer Scout Troop

Have amazing fun with friends:

Canoeing – Abseiling – Camping – Hiking – Learning new skills

Join in the fun and come along to the oldest and best Scout group in the Illawarra!

Cubs (boys and girls 7 ½ - 10 ½ years): 6.30 – 8.00pm **Wednesday evenings**

Scouts (boys and girls 10 ½ - 14 ½ years): 7.00 – 9.00pm **Monday evenings**

Bring a parent, bring a friend or make some new ones – come along to

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

What have you got to lose?

Or for more info, contact Steve on 0409 695 575 or 4283 6437

Look forward to seeing you there!!!

Planning a kid's birthday party?

1st Austinmer Scout Hall (20 Moore St, Austinmer) is available for hire]

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