

Bulli High School Newsletter

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October, 2015

Upcoming Events

12th October – 6th November HSC Exams

Wednesday 14th October P & C Meeting @ 7.00pm VET Construction Workshop

Thursday 15th October Workers of Wollongong Program

Thursday 22nd October Yr 10 PASS–Mini Olympics @ Beaton Park Workers of Wollongong Program

> Thursday 29th October Workers of Wollongong Program

4th – 6th November NSW F1 in Schools State Finals

Thursday 5th November Workers of Wollongong Program Meet the Music Yr 12 Sign Out

Principal's report

Welcome back to Term 4.

As you read this newsletter, Year 12 students are preparing for the start of their HSC exams this coming Monday when they complete the first English paper. The senior study space has been repaired and is once again available to students throughout their exam period. On behalf of all staff I wish all students the very best in their exams. The Year 12 Graduation Ceremony was held on the last day of term and was a fabulous celebration of thirteen years of school for students and their families. The student speakers and performers were outstanding and all present thoroughly enjoyed the two electronic presentations, in particular the comparison of each student's first day of school and their final school photo. Special thanks goes to Mrs Jo Canvin, Year Adviser, for the fabulous job she did in coordinating the assembly, Mr Macnab and the entertainment crew and Ms Martin for the cake.



Proud member of the Seacliff Community of Schools

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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.

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On the last Friday of the holidays I met with representatives from Wollongong Council, Assets Management (DoE) and a hydrologist contracted by the DoE. From modelling completed by the Council, it is very obvious that parts of Bulli, including Bulli HS, will continue to be seriously affected by future flooding in the area. The DoE is looking at what measures can be taken to alleviate any future flood damage to the school. The message was clear, that unfortunately, there is no easy fix and all steps to address problems are going to take time and money. At the same time, I was assured that the council recognises the genuine concerns of the school and our community. Thank you very much to the school's P & C and those community members who have sent, or who are planning to send, letters of concern to the Council and members of Parliament. It does make a difference and the community concerns are being listened to.

Over the holidays extensive tree pruning was completed following a recent arborist's report which highlighted a number of trees which were identified as cause for concern. The pruning has resulted in a stockpile of mulch. If you would like some mulch for your garden, simply ring the school to organise a collection time. You will need to fill your own bags, buckets or trailer. All we ask is a donation to be made to the school. The mulch is all from Australian native species and is of very good quality.

In response to feedback received from students, parents and community members Bulli High school has commenced improving school signage. Signage identifies learning areas as well as directions for locating the entrance to the school. It is envisaged that this will also help students as they transition from primary to high school.

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Orientation Day

Thursday 3rd December 9.15am - 11.15am

School Hall

For Year 7, 2016 students and their parents

We love to hear of the successes of our students, so please let us know. Congratulations to Tyara Smith of 7S who competed at the Australian Equestrian Interschool Championships during the school holidays. Tyara was one of 4 riders selected for the NSW Secondary Show Horse team as well as one of four for the Secondary Novice Dressage team. Tyara was Champion in the Secondary Novice Dressage and also placed 8th overall in the secondary show horse division.

Our Year 5 Adventure program commences next week and we look forward to meeting many students from our Seacliff Community of Schools who will be coming along to learn a little more about Bulli High School.

I've mentioned before, but I do encourage everyone to visit our school website. Messages and requested information is regularly posted on our Facebook page located at the bottom of the homepage. Remember, this is accessible to everyone to view and is frequently updated with points of interest.



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This year we have a number of families who will leave us as their child finishes Year 12. We are sure they will continue to be a part of our school community and thank them for their ongoing contribution to Bulli High School.

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BARDEN BROOKS FLYNN-DUNCOMBE GRUBER JOSEPH NIGHTINGALE LERCH MEADES-WOMBEY MULHOLLAND PEMBER RIORDAN SMITH TINELT WILLS

Have a great term.

Chris Gregory

Principal

Deputy Principal's News

It has been great to meet and get in touch with more of the Bulli community as I relieve Ms Lang while she is on leave visiting family. It is an exciting but certainly anxious time of year for our Year 12 students, as they prepare to embark on the Higher School Certificate examinations. I saw many students in the holidays when they came in to school to take part in study sessions with their teachers. Other students are benefiting from emails of support and provision of feedback on work and responses from their teachers. Congratulations to those hard working teachers and students. Year 12, we wish you all the very best in this last mountain you have to climb, but rest assured, you are well and truly rewarded for the effort that you put in throughout your lives, not just these final examinations.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 12:

Clearance Days:	Thursday 5 th November (return of texts, payment of outstanding school contributions) (collection of school references and formal tickets)
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Formal: Wednesday 18th November Centro CBD

Wearing my usual hat as Head Teacher of HSIE, I would like to thank those Year 11 and Year 10 students that have so far represented our school proudly in visits to the Sydney Jewish Museum. Students had the opportunity to tour the museum and listen to talks from Holocaust survivors. It was an experience that we will never forget, one of life-long learning that will shape our students. We pay tribute to these remarkable individuals who dedicate their lives to educating our youth, in particular, so that gross crimes against humanity become a thing of the past.

Finally, a word of encouragement to our Year 10 students. It is a very important term in which students have the last opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in the RoSA. Central to this will be formal examinations in the hall as well as classroom based learning and assessment. Students' final Yr 10 RoSA grades can be downloaded in Week 10 of this term from 'students online' from the Board of Studies website.

Best of luck to all our students and here is to a great term.

Peter Nousis Relieving Deputy Principal Years 8, 10 and 12

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Maths News

University of Sydney Meets BHS Maths Girls



On Thursday 17 September, 9 of BHS's fine female Mathematicians visited the University of Sydney at the invitation of Professors Nalini Joshi and Jacqui Ramagge. They were greeted by Andrew Mathas (Head of School) and spent the day with female Professors, Doctors, and graduate students. We also were fortunate to meet a BHS Alumni – Dr Sarah Neville (now Director of Pricing at the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority).

Professor Rammage in the Access Grid Room 1



Our students distinguished themselves with brave and clever questions and answers, and also through their mature and productive behaviour. We considered solutions in areas as diverse as cancer treatment and bee-keeping, and encountered the idea of calculus, the most powerful tool in Mathematics.

Professor Joshi discusses Maths careers in her office



Mr D Croft HT Mathematics Many female students who show an aptitude for Mathematics do not choose the highest possible level for Year 11. The purpose behind this excursion was to encourage female students to see the prize lying beyond the hard work. It certainly appears to have worked!

I hope that BHS will be invited to this excellent experience for future year groups.

Science News

We said goodbye to Mr Tuck last term. We were sad to see him go but wish him a very happy retirement! For the remainder of this year, his Year 10 class will be taught by Mr Ken Mackenzie and the Years 7-9 classes by Miss Alessia Contarin. Mr Tuck's replacement has been determined through merit selection and we are very happy to have Mr Zac McKenzie returning to the school in 2016. He will be the Marine Science specialist teacher and is very excited at the prospect of developing the Year 9/10 Elective course.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Miss Kara King and Craig Hennessy from Year 10 were invited to be judges at the Waniora PS Science Fair. They both enjoyed the morning and were very impressed with the high standard of the projects. Thank you to Ms Jenny Roberts, Stage 3 teacher at Waniora PS for including us in their big day and we hope this is the first of many such events.





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Science News - continued

The Year 8 VALID Science Test is coming up this term. This is a Department of Education initiative and is compulsory for Year 8 students. More details are provided in the separate information page and will also be available on the school website. The test is online and students require earphones. Students will complete the test between the dates of Monday 9th November – Tuesday 17th November. The students have already undertaken a Readiness Test to familiarise them with the procedure and the types of questions that will be included. More information will be provided closer to the test time.

Proforma of letter to parents about VALID Science 8 2015

Dear Parent or Carer

The Validation of Assessment 4 Learning & Individual Development (VALID) test for Year 8 students will be held between Monday 9 November and Tuesday 17 November 2015. The test takes approximately 80 minutes. The VALID Science 8 test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

VALID Science 8 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW *Science Years K–10 Syllabus*. Students will be tested on their:

- · knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values. Since students complete *VALID Science 8* on a computer, each student needs to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an iPod or portable player are suitable.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child's school to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2016. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how your child's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test.

The principal of your child's school is able to provide you with more details about the *VALID Science* program if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely

Gerry McCloughan Director, School Performance & Improvement Department of Education

Mrs J Swain HT Science

Head Teacher Administration

As many of you know, I have been at Bulli High School for many years as Head Teacher of Home Economics. This year I have taken on a new role at the school as Head Teacher Administration. This role has allowed me to remain in the classroom which I enjoy so much, but also to take on new challenges at the school.

Research shows that a good education leads to better opportunities after school. The best way for students to optimise their education is to be in class. This is the philosophy that has driven two of my initiatives this year.

One of my many roles as Head Teacher Administration is to oversee attendance of students. In Term 2 and Term 3, I have been working to improve 'Time in Class' for every student. Some of this has involved looking at and tightening up procedures around roll marking both at Roll Call and period by period. Students with attendance concerns are referred to the relevant Deputy Principal for further follow up where required.

I have also been working on lateness to school. Many parents leave for work before students leave for school and are unaware of their children being late to school and for some, regularly.

LATE ARRIVAL PROCEDURE

If a student arrives after 8.50am they are recorded as late to school. Students reporting to the office receive a note which registers their time of arrival. This note is shown to their teacher in their first class to let them know that they have registered on arrival at school. This note also has a space that allows parents to write a reason for the late arrival of their child. If the student arrives with a note from parents with a suitable explanation, returning of this note is not required. This is the procedure that has been in place for a long time. Often the note is not returned with explanation and students are being registered in the roll as late – unexplained.

HOW IT WILL CHANGE IN TERM 4

Students arriving late without a note with a suitable explanation from parents will be issued with a 'time of arrival' slip as well as a 'Report to Head teacher' slip for the following day. (This is making consideration for parents who have already left for work before their child leaves for school.) If the 'time of arrival slip' is returned with a suitable explanation on it the following day, the report to Head Teacher slip is automatically cancelled. On the second occurrence of unexplained late, student will be issued with a lunch detention which will be indicative of the lateness of the student, up to half of lunch which is 25 minutes. Students failing to attend these detentions will be considered as **not following school procedure** and as such will receive an Executive Detention which is held every lunch between 1:30 and 2pm. I will be contacting parents of students with attendance and lateness concerns to work together to bring about positive change.

Lateness to school is disruptive to classes and interrupts quality teaching and learning time. Being punctual is an important life skill. I look forward to your support in this matter and am more than happy to discuss issues with you. I can be contacted by phone 4284 8266 or by email: <u>Suzanne.brooker@det.nsw.edu.au</u>.

Ms Suzy Brooker HT Administration



BULLI HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS

7N Book reviews



"Pig the Pug" by Aaron Blabey

Review by Jasmine Brown

Aaron Blabey's early childhood picture book, Pig The Pug is an extremely clever and hilarious book that reminds us all just how important it is to share and be kind.

Aaron Blabey has used the sizing of the two dogs to show Pigs power and dominance over Trevor whose small body appears timid and afraid next to that of Pig's. In the finishing pages of this jovial book the roles are somewhat reversed when pig's body is mangled and Trevor is free to play with the toys of his choice.

Blabey has used a variety of techniques to let the responder know just how mean and

ruthless Pig really is. These techniques include colour. The colour of the pictures in this book strongly imply what is happening in each scene. For instance, in the scenes with Pig and his toys, Blabey has used bright, outstanding colours to show the fun that he is having without Trevor. And in the scene where Pig is falling from the window, darker shades of ominous brown create a feeling of worry and curiosity as Pig falls to what could possibly be his death.



"Fire" by Jackie French

Review by Rhys Ballard

Fire, by Jackie French, is about the events during and after a bushfire; how it starts; how (if) it gets put out etc. French has shown through her book the effects of Australian bushfires on the Aussie flora and fauna.

There are not many big patches of colour, and where there is it blends nicely with the environment. The book starts out with nice, light colours then the fire starts. The sky turns a smoky, grey colour and trees turn brown and are covered in orangeyellow fire, the sky starts to turn yellow and orange until it is completely consumed. Anything alive becomes ash and houses become burning buildings. .Another feature of the book is its unique texture. The book's unique texture makes it

different from other books. There are small black/red and blue/green dots every 1 or 2 millimetres that sometimes get bigger when you look in a different direction.

Book Club

The new book club brochure is now available in the library.

Kylie Martin Teacher Librarian

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

FITTING TIMES FOR UNIFORMS FOR 2016 YEAR 7 STUDENTS



The timetable below has been provided by the uniform shop. Each school has been allocated a specific fitting time to reduce waiting for parents and students.

MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2015: 3.00PM – 5.30PM Coledale and Stanwell Park Primary Schools

TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2015: 3.00PM - 5.30PM Thirroul and Helensburgh Primary Schools

WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2015: 3.00PM - 5.30PM Austinmer, Scarborough and Otford Primary Schools

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2015: 3.00PM - 5.30PM Waniora Primary School **PLEASE NOTE:**

Bulli Public School's amended date

Friday 16th October 3.00pm - 5.30pm

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2015: 3.00PM - 5.30PM Bulli Public School and all remaining schools that could not make their allocated days

For exceptional cases if you cannot make your allocated day, please phone the uniform shop on 4284 8266 (ext 140) to make an alternative time BEFORE TUESDAY 20th October. All late orders after October will not be guaranteed delivery.

Please note: All uniforms for Year 7 students for 2016 have to be ORDERED, as we do not have sufficient stock available in the school uniform shop.

All orders require a \$50.00 deposit if possible.

Uniforms will be available for **PICKUP** only on:

Thursday 21 st January 2016	-	10.00am - 2.00pm
Friday 22 nd January 2016	-	10.00am - 2.00pm

For those who can't make these times: Wednesday 27th January 2016 -

EXCHANGES AND NEW ENROLMENTS can ONLY be done on Wednesday 27th January 2016.

THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL CLOSE ON THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER

9.00am - 3.00pm

YEAR 10 STUDENTS

A reminder to all Year 10 students. You can collect your Year 11 uniforms up until Thursday 10th December while stocks last. Alternatively, they can be picked up on **Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd January**, from 10.00am – 2.00pm.

Uniforms bought in 2016 will incur price rises on most items.

CASH AND CHEQUE ONLY - NO EFTPOS!

Thanks

Maree & Kerry



31st Anniversary 14-17 JANUARY 2016 Bulli Showground Wollongong, NSW

1300 887 034

Hello Folks !

Planning for the Illawarra Folk Festival 2016 is well underway, and students, parents ,teachers and staff at Bulli High School can be involved. The Festival will be held over four days during January at the Bulli Showground.

Bulli High School is an **Illawarra Folk Festival Community Partner**, and you are able to support the school and the Festival in the following ways -

Ticket Purchase. For season passes purchased on line, the Illawarra Folk Festival will donate \$40 to the school. The Festival will also donate \$20 for weekend passes purchased on line. When purchasing, all you need do is to put in the code **BHS2016**

Billet program. Performers will need bed & breaky during the Festival and in return you will receive 2 full season passes covering the four days and nights of the Festival from Thursday 14th January – Sunday 17th January (worth over \$360). You will also receive 30 Black Diamond Dollars that you can spend on Festival merchandise or at the Festival Bar and a free invite to the Festival concert following the Folk Festival.

Providing accommodation for our performers is vital in keeping this Festival successful, so please follow the billet link , <u>http://www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au/billet-accommodation</u> –

or send me an email, <u>billets@illawarafolkfestival.com.au</u> for more information, or give me a call 0411 515 780

Voluteering. The Illawarra Folk Festival runs on the work of Volunteers. 12 hrs of volunteering during the Festival incl set up and pack down will get you a season pass, free tucker at the volunteers kitchen and a couple of drinks at the bar. See the Festival website for volunteer info and application.

Suzi Wakefield Artist Accommodation Illawarra Folk Festival 2016 <u>billets@illawarrafolkfestival.com.au</u> <u>www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au</u> 0411 515 780

KEIRAVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Saturday 17th October 2015 10am – 3pm

Awesome rides, Dunk the Teacher, entertainment, Haunted House, lucky dips and showbags.

Yummy cakes, slushies, icecream, fairy floss and the Outback Steakhouse BBQ!

Plus i98fm Fleet Street, Matilda's Farmyard, Walkabout Reptiles and Skills & Drills Soccer School.

Don't forget our white elephant, books, clothing seconds... and more!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR MANY SPONSORS, SUPPORTERS & VOLUNTEERS OUTBACK

A great day for the whole

family!

PLEASE LIKE AND SHARE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE - KPS FAMILY FUN DAY AND FETE

AN EVENING OF *UNEXPECTED* MAGIC SATURDAY IO OCTOBER 2015

GATES OPEN 5PM, SHOW STARTS 6.30PM AT COLEDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL DESPECTED MAGIC - WHERE ANYTHING CAR - AND DOES HAPPEN



BREATH-TAKING *TANGO*

LIVE CIRCUS BAND

JAW-DROPPING * TRAPEZE* * MULTI-MEDIA*

A WHOLE SCHOOL * FLASHMOB*

...AED A TOTALLY UNEXPECTED * WEDDING*

*TICKETS \$15 FOR ADULTS * KIDS 0-18 YEARS FREE* LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM COLEDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFICE OR ONLINE AT UNEXPECTEDMAGIC2015.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU

PURCHASE & DELICIOUS DINNER FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL FOOD STALLS BRING A PICNIC RUG TO SIT ON FOR THE PERFORMANCES.

> BACKUP INCLEMENT WEATHER BATE ~ SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER ~ SAME TIME! STAGE PROVINED BY THOMAS GREATIVE = INSURFCENTINE

October/November 2015 Youth

Activities

Every Wednesday & Friday

3.00pm - 6.00pm

Ages: 11 - 18

Thirroul Neighbourhood Centre

&

Northern Illawarra Youth Project







352-358 Lawrence Hargrave Drive THIRROUL NSW 2515 Ph: 4267 2500

Located inside the Thirroul District Community Centre and Library

0447 805 142

OCTOBER 2015 - Youth Activities @ Thirroul Neighbourhood Centre

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Wednesday 14thArt Day 3-6pmDrawing! Painting! It's time to get your creative brain into gear. Best art gets put on the wallFriday 16thDress-ups 3-6pmWho will you be today? It's your chance	Friday 23 rd Team Challenges 3-6pm TEAM UP & BEAT THE OTHERS. We' 11 have some fun team challenges for everyone with prizes for the winner Wednesday 28 th Movie Arvo 3-6pm Sit back and chill out with a choice of			
to dress-up, go crazy and be someone else for the afternoon.	movies and popcorn. Who will cry? Who will laugh the loudest?			
Wednesday 21 st Cooking 3-6pm What's cooking, good looking? 2 course meal for the youth group. Who's the best chef?	Friday 30 th Halloween activity 3-6pm Happy Halloween. Get your scare on with Halloween decoration, fun Halloween themed food and face painting. Best scary face gets early Halloween candy!			
NOVEMBER 2015 - Youth Activities @ Thirroul Neighbourhood Centre				
Wednesday 4th Black & White Party 3-6pm Fancy a bit of fanciness? Get your Sunday best on (in black or white, or both) and let's get sophisticated.	Wednesday 18 th Noodle Night 3-6pm Are you a noodle-head? ☺ Learn all about the different noodles from across the world today!			
Friday 6 th Girls Afternoon 3-6pm It's a Girls Afternoon In! Get pampered and chat all things girly. Guys, you can come too. It takes a real man to understand that girls just wanna have fun!	Friday 20 th Dad's and Granddad's Arvo 3-6pm Come along to this free event and celebrations. Bring your Dad! Face painting / Photo booth / Family fun time / Display photos.			
Wednesday 11 th Get to know the Youth Team3-6pm You've got those burning questions, and we have the answers. Ask us anything and get ahead of the game.	Wednesday 25 th Cooking 3-6pm We're cooking up a storm in the kitchen. Whose kitchen rules? Ours does!			
Friday 13 th Food Fight 3-6pm You know what to do - throw the pie, dodge the sauce. Get on down and bring clothes that can withstand the wrath of sauces!	Friday 27 th Lolly Shop @ Youthie 3-6pm It's candy galore today, and oh, the choices you' have! You' 11 be a kid in a candy shop. ©			

1ST **AUSTINMER CUBS AND SCOUTS** WE CURRENTLY HAVE VACANCIES TO ACCEPT NEW CUBS AND SCOUTS!!!!!!

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

Have amazing fun with friends! Learn new skills! Activities include: Canoeing; abseiling; camping; hiking

Cubs (7 ½ – 10 ½ years) 6:30-8:00pm Wednesday Evenings
Scouts (10 ½ - 14 ½ years) 7:00-9:00pm Monday Evenings
Bring a parent, bring a friend, join and make new friends!
Come along to our Hall at 20 Moore Street Austinmer.
What have you got to lose?

For more info contact Steve on 4268.2004 or 0409 695 575 Look forward to seeing you there!

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