



# Bulli High School Newsletter

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November, 2015

## Upcoming Events

**9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 8 VALID Science Testing

**9<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Workers of Wollongong Program

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Bulli Mine commemorative service  
Yr 10 Exam week commences

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 7 Gala Day

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Meet the Music Evening  
P & C Meeting @ 7.00pm  
Yr 11 Crossroads – Living Books Presentation

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

ISER Performing Ensemble

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Yr 11 Crossroads - Top Blokes/Girls Focus  
Final Cut – Film Night

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Yr 12 Formal @ Centro Wollongong

**26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Yr 11 Visual Arts – Excursion to Canberra

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Yr 11 Crossroads – Living Books Event

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Workers of Wollongong Program

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Twilight Zone – Performance Night

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Year 6 Orientation Day

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

Yr 9 & 10 Auto & Support - V8 Supercars

## Principal's report

We have received a great response to our new signage about the school which has been installed to help Year 6 transition to high school and to better identify the entrance to the school.



Proud member of the  
Seacliff Community of Schools



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### P & C dates for 2015

(2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month)

7pm in the Staff Common Room

Term 4: 11<sup>th</sup> November  
9<sup>th</sup> December

### Register for E-News

If you are already registered you will continue to receive our e-news bulletins.

To register for e-news follow these steps:

- Go to the school's website:  
[www.bulli-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.bulli-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)
- Click on tab 'Newsletters & notes'
- Hit subscribe
- Enter your name and email as requested and follow the prompts
- You also have the option to download the App facility to your device

### 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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The Year 5 Adventure Program has commenced this term and again is proving to be very successful with students from all our Seacliff Community of Schools participating in lessons from a range of Key Learning Areas. Students get the chance to experience a little of what it is like at Bulli High School.

Thanks to the generous support of the school's P & C Association, all students will receive their Semester 2 reports in a new report portfolio. The portfolio not only protect the reports but also provide a means for students to collect and store awards, photos and other items gathered throughout each semester. The portfolios also reinforce that a school report is important and is something to value.

The P & C have secured the Bunnings BBQ for 13<sup>th</sup> December and are looking for volunteers who can spare an hour. All help is greatly appreciated as all funds raised go back to support our students. See their request in this newsletter. The P & C meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm and all members of the Bulli High School community are welcome to attend.



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As the HSC exams draw to a close many of our teachers are commencing the demanding job of HSC marking. In total 17 Bulli High School teachers are markers and/or judge markers bringing an enormous amount of experience back into their classrooms for the benefit of students. We look forward to the HSC results which are released to students and schools in December. 2015 HSC students will be able to access their assessment rank order notices from 5.00pm on **Wednesday 4 November** via their secure personal account in Students Online > My Details > Assessment Rank. Those unable to login to Students Online should phone 1300 13 83 23 for assistance.

Bulli High School recently received notification of our Resource Allocation Model (RAM) for 2016. This Gonski funding is used to support student learning. In 2015, Bulli High School funding has enabled us to support student learning in a number of ways including: the purchase of school blazers for our students to wear when representing the school, seating in our Aboriginal garden which will be used as an outdoor classroom, extra teacher professional learning, time for teachers to provide extra support for individual students, specialist training of staff to run activities that are unique to our local environment, the purchase of an electronic timetable package and school signage. The school is now in the process of evaluating 2015 and planning for 2016. In 2016, Bulli High School will receive an additional \$63000 in Equity Funding to support student learning.

This newsletter includes a number of information items for parents from the Department of Education and the NSW government including changes to passports, whooping cough and student travel passes. Please take the time to read them.

Last week an e-news was sent out to Year 7 & 8 parents inviting parents to be part of a focus group hosted by the Communication and Engagement Team from the DoE. I encourage parents to consider coming along for an hour on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November. This is an opportunity to let us know what you think of Bulli High School.

At the end of each school year Bulli HS holds Commitment Day where student Clearance Forms are completed. This is our way of ensuring all text books and school resources are returned by students in preparation for use by the next cohort the following year. It is also when we ask parents to finalise any outstanding subject fees and school contributions (Learning Material Resources). An information sheet, Clearance Form and invoices will be sent home to all families approximately two weeks prior to Commitment Day. Payments can be made via *Payments on Line* on the school website, over the phone by credit card, or at the front office prior to Commitment Day. I thank all families in advance and reinforce the difference these contributions make to the resources and facilities it enables our school to provide for students.

Bulli High School recently installed our "Welcome to Wadi Wadi Land" sign in our Indigenous Garden. The wording of the sign was determined after consultation with our local Aboriginal Elders. All schools in our Seacliff Community of Schools now have their own sign thanks to the efforts of Mr Rob Moore, our TAS teacher, and the funds available through a successful Norman Catts grant. We will be working with our NIAECG to determine a suitable time to formally open our garden.



## Commitment Day

***Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015***

Students return any school resources,  
finalise outstanding School Contributions  
and Subject Fees and complete Clearance  
Forms

Thank you to all families for their ongoing  
support of Bulli High School

## Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day

***Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December***

***9.30am – 11.15am***

Year 6 students and their parents are invited to  
attend Orientation Day to obtain valuable  
information about starting high school.

We look forward to seeing you.

Have a great term.

***Chris Gregory***

Principal

### **Deputy Principal's News**

#### ***Year 11:***

Year 11 students should now have settled into the first term of their HSC program. It is important to quickly develop a productive study routine for the HSC year. Any students who feel they need help in developing a balanced study routine should let one of their Teachers, Year Adviser or Deputy know. We will be happy to spend time with you.

Students who are considering 'dropping' a subject should discuss this with their family and teacher prior to making a final decision and then obtain a blue subject change form from me.

Any student who has dropped a subject may apply for permission to arrive in time for their first timetabled lesson or the day and leave after their final timetabled lesson of the day, by bringing a signed note from their parents. Students who do this must ensure they arrive at school in time to sign-in at the office in time for their first lesson.

Students who have dropped a subject or are doing Extension and TVET courses might find they have empty slots in their timetables in periods 2, 3 or 4. These are 'Study Periods' that must be spent in the Senior Study, Library or other room nominated on their timetable. Students with Study periods are not permitted to leave the school grounds or to be in areas other than the nominated rooms without specific permission from a teacher.

Mr Neave  
Deputy Principal  
Years 7, 9 and 11

## **Deputy Principal's News**

### *Travelling to School Safely:*

In recent weeks a small number of students have been injured while travelling to and from school.

High School students are expected to demonstrate common sense and to make safe and sensible decisions regarding their own safety and the safety of those around them.

Students must travel by the safest route and means to and from school. This includes –

- Avoiding the creek and bush area behind the school, and
- Not riding a bike unless wearing a helmet.

Mr Neave  
Deputy Principal  
Years 7, 9 and 11

## **Deputy Principal's News**

It's Term 4 and the HSC is over! I can hear many households breathing a collective sigh of relief! Good luck to all those Year 12 students and their families who have made it through to the end of their secondary education and I urge you to remain lifelong learners. The learning journey never ends! I have returned from long service leave and would like to thank my colleague Mr Nousis for filling in as Deputy Principal in my absence.

This term we are recruiting Year 9 students to be involved in our Peer Support Program for 2016. Students who would like to be involved should get in contact with Ms Boxsell as soon as possible because training starts soon and their first duties will be to assist with the Year 6 Orientation Day on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Year 10 examinations start next week. We are making these as formal as possible to give students practice for their Preliminary and HSC exams. If students are absent from any of their exams they must provide independent evidence such as a doctor's certificate and complete the Special Consideration/Misadventure form available at the front office. Please refer to the Junior Assessment Procedures Booklet available on our school website.

Ms Robyn Lang  
Deputy Principal  
Years 8, 10 and 12



## Science News

Term 4 is flying by! We are into the examination period for junior year groups. However, this does not mean that we stop learning! Years 7 and 9 will commence the Ecology coursework after the exams and this will keep everyone busy right up until the end of term. Most Year 10 students will commence their Forensic Science unit, however some will be furthering their understanding of Chemistry concepts. Year 8 students will revisit some of the course content studied in Year 7 in order to prepare for the VALID test in week 6 of this term. After that, classes will learn about a variety of things including Machines and Lifestyle Science.

We had a very successful afternoon in Week 3 of this term when Ms Contarin ran a Forensic Frenzy activity with Year 5 students from the local Primary schools. Everyone seemed to have a great time, including Ms Contarin!



As this newsletter goes to print, Ms King is at the University of Wollongong with students from Years 8 and 10 who are representing our school at the Illawarra Coal Science Fair. This annual event attracts a large number of students from the region and we wish them the best of luck in the competition.

Mrs Julie Swain  
HT Science

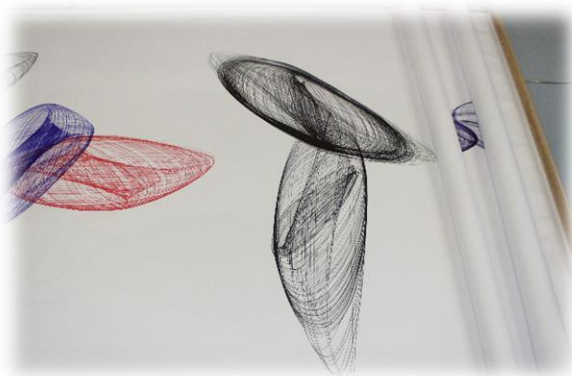
## Visual Arts News

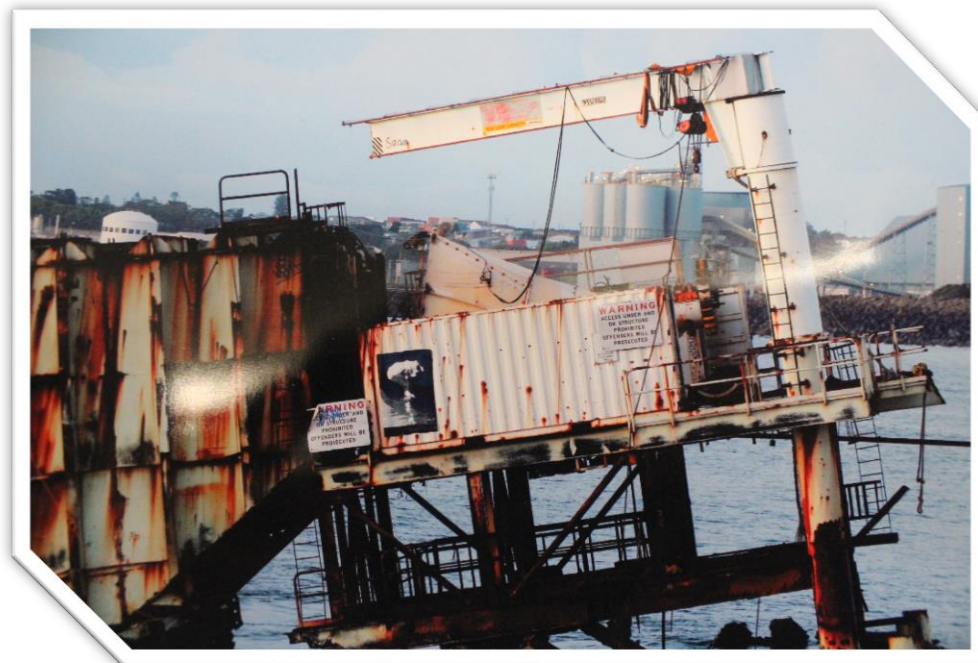
The Visual Arts Department is preparing for 'The Final Cut' the school's annual Film Night, in which films made by Visual Arts and Photography students are screened in the hall. This year there are multiple films made by Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 students exploring various genres such as Comedy, Drama, Thriller and some Experimental film. There are some stand out performances by students and we invite all parents, students and members of the community to join us for what will be a thoroughly entertaining night!

Year 9 photography have been well represented in the 2015 Pixel Prize, with many students being nominated by the panel as finalists, even more being exhibited at the Australian Catholic University, and Kaylah-Ashleigh Thompson winning best composition. Congratulations to all those who participated.

Congratulations to Year 9 and 10 Visual Arts, and Year 10 Photography for submitting some excellent Major Works, which are on display in the Visual Arts foyer and the Short Gallery. Year 8 Landscape paintings are also on display for the next week outside Art room 1.

We are so proud of Year 12 who have completed their H.S.C Visual Arts course. Under the guidance of their experienced teachers Ms Chazarreta and Mrs Manks, Year 12 have worked very hard to develop and communicate a deep understanding of critical and historical studies in their examination, and complete outstanding Bodies of Work. We extend our congratulations to the families of Year 12 for supporting them through the exam period.





Congratulations to Year 12 Drama students who completed their final Drama exam, on Tuesday 3rd of November. They have made such a fantastic effort this year and the CAPA faculty is very proud of their achievements.

The new Year 12 students for 2016, are already sinking their teeth into the H.S.C syllabus. There is an abundance of creative energy amongst the students and Mr Macnab is expecting an exciting year for performances. Numbers for 2016 Drama classes are strong with all elective streams full.

Nephra Sumi Forrest  
Visual Arts Faculty



## **Year 11 French Excursion**

### ***The Little Snail Restaurant***

On Monday the 12 October, the Year 11 French students and Madame Barnett travelled to Sydney for a typical French meal at the French restaurant *The Little Snail*.

The French students from the Stage 6 Continuers and Beginners courses were able to experience an authentic French dining experience tasting typical French cuisine such as *Escargots* (snails), *Coq au Vin* (Stewed chicken) and *Crème caramel*. These French students were unable to attend the same excursion held in Term 3 with the rest of the French students from Bulli High, therefore, a special lunch for them only was organised. They had the unique opportunity to practise their new knowledge of food and dining out in the French language between themselves as well as with the French-speaking staff.

The experience was enjoyed and appreciated by all and thank you for your respectful and cooperative conduct on public transport to and from Sydney as well as at the Little Snail Restaurant. You represented Bulli High School with pride.



## **New Caledonia – French Excursion**

***17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015***

On the 17<sup>th</sup> September a group of 19 French students from Years 9 and 10 and three teachers from the Language and Music faculties, flew out of Sydney on a 3-hour flight to New Caledonia for an authentic French experience.

The French students and teachers were based just outside of Noumea, the capital of New Caledonia, on the Bay of Anse Vata and for a week participated in daily excursions to cultural, touristic and educational sites.

The students learnt about New Caledonia's environment visiting the local Botanic Gardens, Amedée Lighthouse Island, the Lagoon Aquarium and the coral reefs situated inside the island's lagoon. They participated in French language lessons conducted by local French teachers, took a tourist train around the city and visited local produce markets in Nouméa. Students and teachers watched and performed in local dance demonstrations and were taken on a visit to the acclaimed Tjibaou Cultural Centre where they were informed of the island's history, the Indigenous people and the social and political situation of New Caledonia today.

Throughout the week, the students were constantly exercising their French language skills and knowledge learnt in the classroom back at Bulli High. Their ability and confidence, particularly when speaking French, soared during their stay and their understanding of French culture and French-speaking communities increased significantly.

The experience of visiting a foreign country for a language student is invaluable as well as instrumental in cultivating their understanding of different cultures and communities, and demonstrating the advantage they have in learning a foreign language in order to facilitate communication with other citizens of the world.

Thank you so much to all those students who took part in the New Caledonia excursion and for conducting yourselves in a responsible manner. Thank you also to Mr Trenaman, Madame Barnett and Madame Evans for accompanying the students, particularly Madame Evans for the hours of organisation in making the excursion possible.



**Amedée Lighthouse Island**

**New Caledonia – French Excursion** - continued

**17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015**



At Sydney Airport Departures



On the Choo Choo train seeing the capital



View from the hotel



Ouen-Toro lookout - Noumea



## **Bulli High School - Water Polo**

The talents of Bulli's Water Polo players were acknowledged recently with a trophy from C.H.S. Water Polo. The trophy was awarded because the school has been the Illawarra Regional Champions for three years running. That success has been the result of excellent performances by both the Boys and Girls teams at Open and U/15 level. Congratulations to all those who have competed.



Picture: 2015 Open Boys Champions

Liam Jenkins, Liam Chilton, Jayden Keys, Luke Essenstam, Jack Thompson-Gardener and Ryan Archer

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## **Bulli High School - Comp Surfing**

I had the very great pleasure of accompanying seven of our talented students to a recent surfing competition. The "Undercard Event" was held in tricky conditions at Thirroul Beach on Friday 23rd October. Our students represented Bulli HS superbly and overall it was a very successful day. We claimed two first places and two second places across four divisions.

Thanks and congratulations to Joel Wood, Luke Wrice, Billie Melinz, Jasper Jordan, Liam Davison, Karne Blackwell and Darci Air for participating. It was an awesome day.

### Final Results;

Junior Boys - Karne Blackwell - 2nd

Senior Girls - Billie Melinz - 1st

Senior Boys - Joel Wood -1st, Luke Wrice - 2nd

Mr P Cranney



## **Sport**

Term 4 provides students with the opportunity to reselect sports and choose from a wide range of Wednesday afternoon activities. Many of the sporting options are unique and exclusive to Bulli High School students thanks to community support, experienced staff and of course the geographical location of the School.

### ***SPORTS ON OFFER***

Sports that are on offer for Term 4 and 1 2015/16 include: Fernwood, Badminton, Woonona Bulli Gym, Hang Dog, Learn to Surf, Surfing, Archery, Bulli Tennis, Water polo, Golf, Bulli Beach Sports, Skateboarding, School sport, Yoga, Girls Bike Riding, Year 10 sport.

### ***WHAT'S NEW?***

We are also proud to be working in partnership with Parra Meadows School in Wollongong, where each week our students work with students who live with a variety of disabilities enabling them to engage in quality experiences of learning and physical activity. A special mention to Mr Brad Green, Ms Debbie Smith and Ms Nephra Forrest for establishing and developing an incredible program and life changing experience for both students at Bulli High School and Parra Meadows School.

### ***REMINDER!***

Participation in Wednesday afternoon sport is a mandatory requirement of the Department of Education. Where possible please schedule appointments outside of school hours. If your child needs to leave early on a Wednesday they must follow school procedure by first seeing a Deputy Principal and checking in at the front office before 8.50am.

On Wednesday's, students must wear either their full school uniform to school and change into their sports uniform before travelling to the sports venue, or wear the full school sports uniform to school.



This term, several Bulli High School students have taken the opportunity to participate in yoga classes as part of the summer sport programme. Rachel Nokes is a local yoga teacher who runs the Ray of Light studio in Bulli and comes to us every Wednesday for an hour and a half to share her knowledge and expertise. Most students had not practised yoga prior to Rachel's classes but are now enjoying the benefits of this type of exercise.

As well as taking us through sometimes physically demanding postures and challenging flow sequences, Rachel consistently reminds us to return to 'the breath' and breathing and how this focus can aid one's physical and mental health. Typically, a class finishes with several minutes of relaxation which serves to refresh and restore the body and mind. In this often busy and hectic world we live in, it is lovely to be able to take some time on a Wednesday afternoon and enjoy what yoga can offer. The positive reaction from the students endorses the inclusion of yoga into our sports programme.



## Year 11 Crossroads Program

As Term 4 progresses, Year 11 are involved in several *Crossroads* activities. *Crossroads* is mandatory for students in Years 11 and/or 12 in NSW government schools. It is designed to help senior students address issues of health, safety and well-being at a time when they face significant changes and challenges in their lives. *Crossroads* aims to prepare and support these students as they encounter situations related to identity, independence and their changing responsibilities. *Crossroads* aims to build students' sense of empowerment and respect for themselves and others.

At Bulli High School a *Crossroads* programme has been designed to address many of the issues faced by our senior students as they near the end of their schooling. We have established links with the wider community and several organisations have committed to delivering their message to our students.

The following is an overview of what the students have done/will be doing over the next few weeks. To date, the reaction from students has been positive as they have indicated that the presentations have been worthwhile, meaningful and relevant to them both individually and collectively.

WEEK	DATE	WHAT	ORGANISATION
Term 3	August	Road Safety	Bstreetsmart Program at Allphones Arena
1	Thu 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Nicole Fitzsimmons talk	Nicole Fitzsimmons Foundation
5	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Michelle Newland	Beyondblue
6	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Living Books selection	Living Books
7	Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Top Blokes (boys)  Yoga-Mindfulness workshops (girls)  Fitness/Body Image (girls)	Top Blokes  Zen Yoga  CrossfitRebound
8	Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Living Books/Headspace	Wollongong City Council Headspace
10	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Resilience Training	Contact through Wollongong Women in Business

If you have any questions about this programme, please feel free to contact the school.

Katie Pidhirny  
Crossroads Co-ordinator

## Aboriginal Education

### **AIME**

AIME is an educational program that supports Indigenous students throughout their high school years. AIME gives Indigenous students the skills, opportunities and self-confidence to succeed. Students attend the University of Wollongong for a total of five days over the school year and are placed with a mentor.

Bulli High School has participated in this successful program for a number of years. Two weeks ago six students from Year 7 and Year 8 had the opportunity to try the program for a day. The day consisted of workshops that focused on Mathematics and Science.

During 2015, fourteen of our students attended AIME and found it to be a positive and rewarding experience. These students are looking forward to participating again in 2016.





## **Aboriginal Education - continued**

### ***Botanical Gardens Excursion***

The Green Team, the Black Diamond Centre and the Aboriginal students of Bulli High School enjoyed an excursion to Wollongong Botanical Gardens at the end of Term 3. The day was divided into two sessions; Recycling (more on this with the Green team) and Aboriginal Bush Tucker Walk with swag stories.

The Bush tucker walk included a role play story about the stringy bark tree, the use of bush foods for medicinal purposes and bush traditions. The day was a great success with all students having an active role in the workshops that enhanced their school learning.

The students had a picnic lunch in the gardens. All students and teachers that attended had a fantastic time and enjoyed themselves immensely. Thank you to Ms Fraser for the wonderful treasure hunt!



Mrs Leanne Hicks  
Aboriginal Tutor, Mentor and Teacher



## Maths Adventure Day

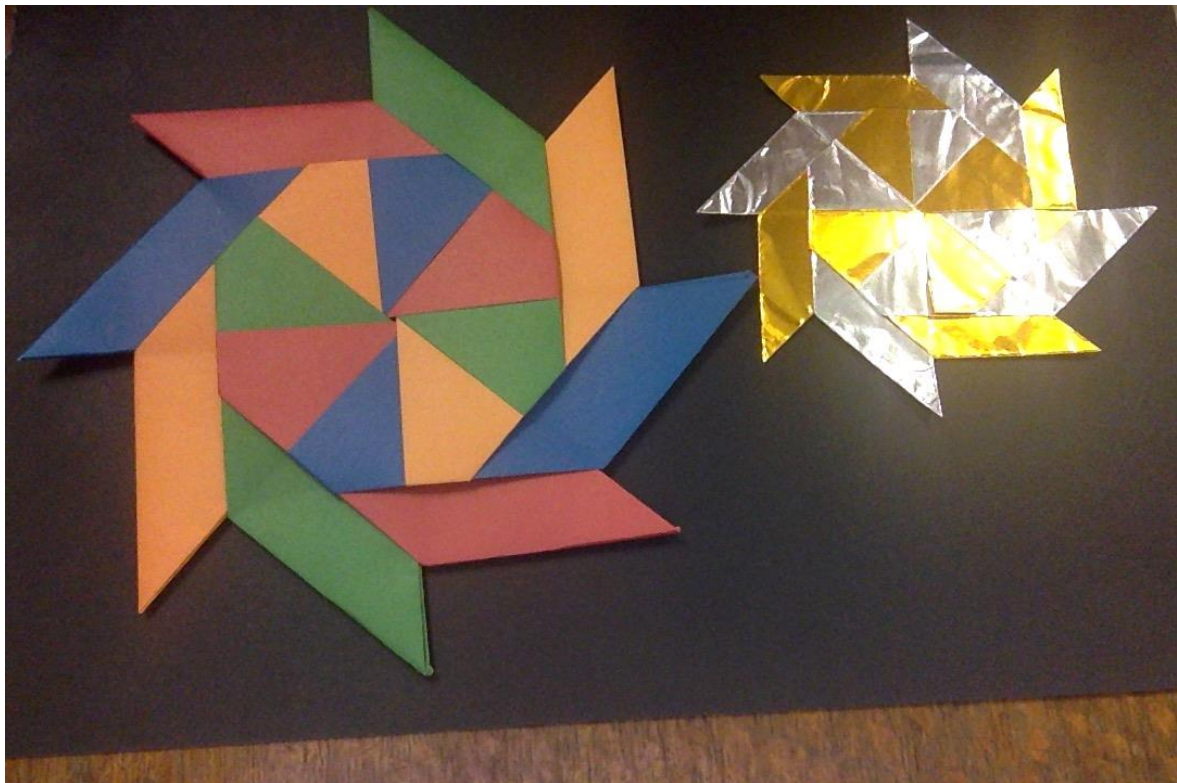
Today we had the privilege of hosting Year 5 students from Waiora, Helensburgh, Stanwell Park, Bulli and Thirroul public schools for some fun and interesting maths activities.

The session started with a group scale drawing puzzle. Individuals were each given a small part of a jigsaw puzzle that they had to enlarge onto a piece of paper then attach to a large grid on the whiteboard and produce a meaningful image.

The second activity involved a paper construction where the students each used their origami skills to produce a magic star. These will be lovely additions to any Christmas tree in the near future!!

The final task was a co-operative problem solving quiz consisting of 10 questions. Before students were allowed to move onto the next question they were required to answer the previous one or pass which resulted in penalty points. The result was secondary to the mental and social stimulation on offer.

These taster days provide prospective students with the opportunity to experience the Bulli High School environment in a non-threatening and interesting way. They meet students from other contributing schools, participate in some mind-stretching activities and hopefully have some fun.



Ms K Pidhirny  
Yr 5 Adventure Program - Maths

## **Green Team**

*November 2015*

Plenty of activities keeping us busy this Spring.....

### **Wollongong Botanical Gardens Field Trip**

We ended the term with a well deserved picnic at the Botanic Gardens. During the day we had 2 workshops helping us understand the impact of Recycling and Indigenous use of native species for nutritional and medicinal purposes.

The Indigenous workshop, helped us understand the significance of our native species to those of our Indigenous Society. We were privy to a local Dreamtime story explaining the origins of the wide variety of eucalyptus trees we have in the Illawarra. We learnt how to create a cast for a broken limb, create natural band aids, relieve nausea and constipation, freshen our breath and help those of us with arthritis. Along the way we also found out how to convert native species into weapons, woven baskets and whistles. Michael our guide was outstanding, very entertaining and a pleasure to work with on the day. He was very impressed by the calibre of our students and commented upon their impressive behaviour and engagement on the day.

Our Recycling Workshop saw our group needing to design packaging to safely transport eggs – without using the conventional methods of an egg carton. We had eggs floating in balloons, packages so full of foam our planet would stop rotating, enough sticky tape to choke our planet further. However the end result was very pleasing and had the students really thinking about the packaging of our goods. Remondis had also provided a quick information DVD outlining the procedures of what happens to our recyclable materials in the Illawarra, once we leave them in our yellow bin for collection.

The rest of the day was left for exploring, we were shown the gardens compost systems and worm farms, which is great for our future projects. The students especially enjoyed the Green House, Japanese section and of course the treasure hunt of 'Frucas' at the end of the day.

Many thanks to Mrs Leanne Hicks who was responsible for all the organisation of the Field Trip, and of course our Indigenous students and those from the Black Diamond Centre who accompanied us on the day.

### **Harvesting:**

Our spinach has been harvested this term and donated to the staff raffle and sold at our staff meetings 'produce market', along with our beetroot. Our lettuce and mint is readily available outside the canteen and is used often by the staff for lunches which is very pleasing.

### **Flower Pots:**

We have purchased fourteen forty gallon drums which we have cut in ½ with the help of the staff in Industrial Arts, to convert into large planter boxes. We have put them around the school and are looking forward to planting them out with flowers over the coming weeks. Hopefully they will bring some colour to our playground, improving our already impressive playground.

### **Indigenous Garden:**

This project has become very exciting as the plants from the Botanical Gardens donated through National Tree Day are really enjoying the Spring heat and are growing well. We also have had a few trees and branches taken down for safety reasons in this area, however, this has provided a great deal of light that will encourage more plant growth.

## **Green Team** – *continued*

*November 2015*

We have collaborated with the *Art Faculty* to also provide a mural, combined with the permission of our indigenous elders, to represent a local interpretation of how the waves were made. Currently we are at the planning stage of this project and we are really looking forward to the final mural.

Our “Wadi Wadi Outdoor Learning Area” is also close to completion, our seats to put through our gardens have arrived and now are awaiting installation. That will allow any staff from any faculty to conduct their lessons outside in a safe and natural environment. This will be a great asset to our school.

We have also enjoyed the involvement of our *Science Faculty* in our Vegie Patch this term. Year 7 had a Science experiment where they were to grow bean seeds in test tubes, only using water and sunlight as their source of nutrients. After a few weeks the seeds had grown into strong seedlings, so we planted them into our Vegie Patch. Now there is a strong competition between Mr Holmes 7N and Mrs Swaine’s 7O to see which plants yield the most produce! We will keep you posted....

### Compost Bins:

Collection of food waste and our minimization of land fill is a priority for us, our HSIE staff have been collecting fresh food waste on playground duty to be included in the Compost bins and with plenty of dry leaf matter, the two combined are sure to make an impressive fertile mix in time.

### Paper Recycling:

Our Paper Recycling continues to be a success. Due to a timetable change, it is now collected at lunch times by our dedicated Green Team members.

### Mulch:

Our Green Team has also begun providing a service to the school where they bag mulch and deliver it to teachers cars during Friday lunch times. Our busiest day was when we had to shovel 16 bags and fill an entire trailer. If you are interested in purchasing mulch from the Green Team, we sell 3 bags of mulch for \$5, or a trailer load for \$20.

Contact Mrs Fraser or Mr Green at the school.

### Sport Option for 2016

Our Green Team will be available on Wednesdays as a Sport option in 2016. If you are interested and are a Green Team member already, ensure you give your enrolment details to Mrs Fraser to ensure your position.



Mrs Fraser  
Green Team Co-ordinator



## **BULLI HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS**

### *Book Review*



### **“Banjo and Ruby Red” by Libby Gleeson & Freya Blackwood**

*Review by Thomas Mott*

In the book *Banjo and Ruby Red*, Libby Gleeson and Freya Blackwood have used a motive that shows it doesn't matter who you are or what race you are. It is intended for early primary school children.

It's about a dog named Banjo that rounds up all the chickens but there is one chicken who just sits on a wood pile and stares.

Gleeson and Blackwood have used sketched drawings for effectiveness of the farm as it illustrates the expressions and movements of the animals. You can see the heat in the pictures as they use red, yellow and orange colours in the background.

The size of the dog is much larger than the chickens except for ruby red, who is slightly bigger than the other chickens and roams around in the background.

Overall Banjo and Ruby Red is a fantastic book for 6-9 year old children and I would recommend it for all young children.

### ***New Library Management System***

In February 2016, Bulli High will have a new library management system called Oliver. This new system brings some exciting changes to the library services that the library can offer the Bulli High community. To prepare for Oliver, please return any overdue books before the end of the school year. Make sure you look under your bed.

### ***Book Club***

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

### ***We want your feedback !!***

We are currently developing a 3 year plan for improving the facilities and physical space of Bulli High School's library. We are seeking the input of the school community, including parents. Please take a few minutes to answer this survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T2G7V3R>

The survey will close on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November.

Kylie Martin  
Teacher Librarian



## **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

### ***FITTING TIMES FOR UNIFORMS FOR 2016 YEAR 7 STUDENTS***



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

<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016</b>	-	<b>10.00am - 2.00pm</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016</b>	-	<b>10.00am - 2.00pm</b>

For those who can't make these times:

<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>	-	<b>9.00am - 3.00pm</b>
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**EXCHANGES AND NEW ENROLMENTS** can **ONLY** be done on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016**.

### **THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL CLOSE ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

#### **YEAR 10 STUDENTS**

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

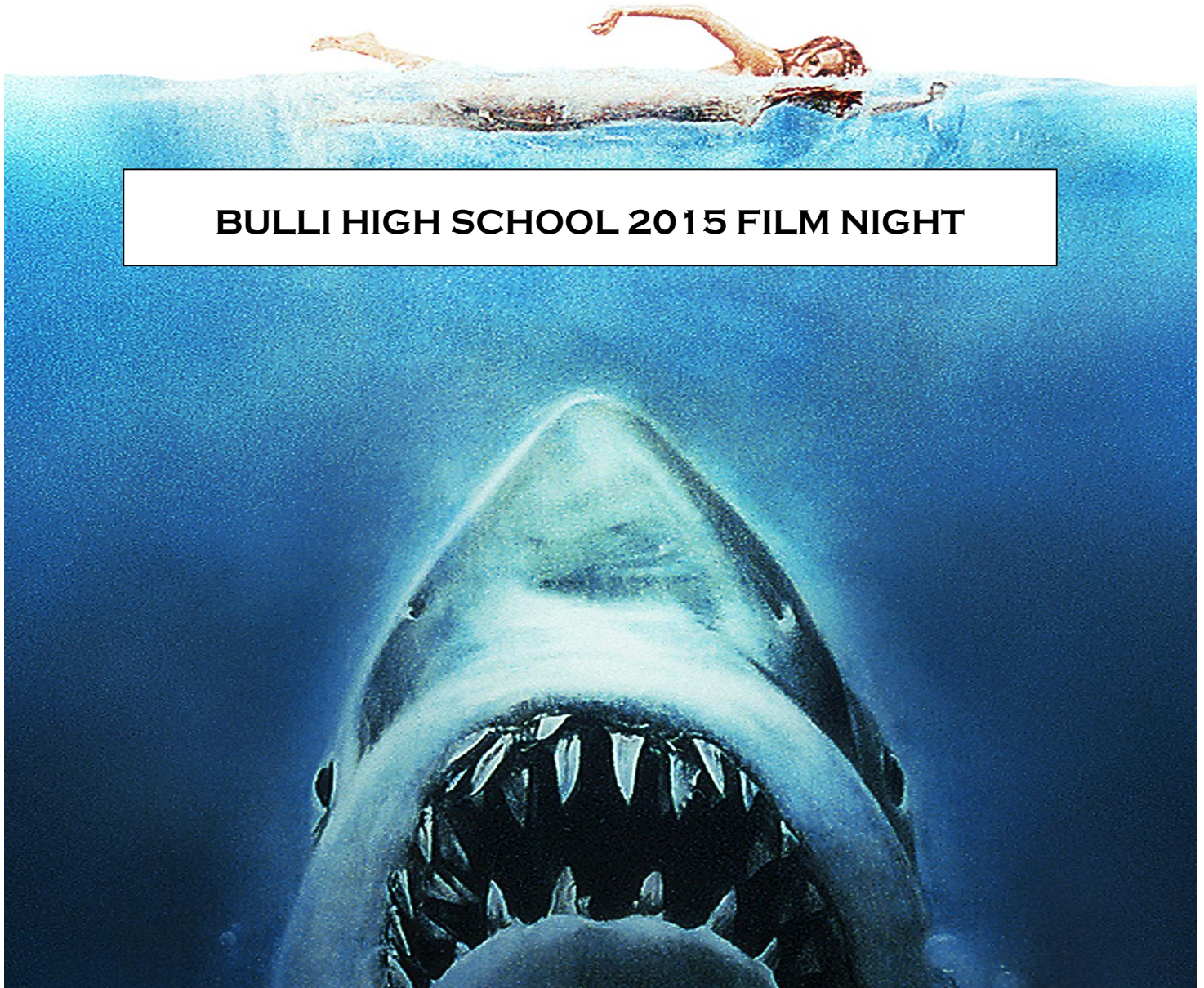
Uniforms bought in 2016 will incur price rises on most items.

**CASH AND CHEQUE ONLY - NO EFTPOS!**

Thanks

Maree & Kerry

# THE FINAL CUT



**BULLI HIGH SCHOOL 2015 FILM NIGHT**

**TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 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**

**\$5.00 ENTRY**

# Bulli High School BUNNINGS BBQ Sunday December 13th



## We need your help!

This is our major fundraiser for the year and with your help we can make it successful. All we need is an hour of your time on the day.

We need helpers from 11am to 3pm. Just fill out the slip below, and take it to the front office or text me your times and details.

If you can't help on the day we would value your support through donations of cans of soft drinks or condiments. These can be left at the school canteen.

## SAVE THE DATE

*Thank you.*

*Jennifer Coote Secretary, Bulli High School PC*

*Ph: 0438010358*

I can help for an hour from \_\_\_\_\_

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

My mobile phone number is \_\_\_\_\_



## Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](#).

## Australian Passport changes for 16 & 17 year olds schools

### *Information for school communities*

Recent amendments to the Australian Government's legislation on passports include some important changes that will affect 16 and 17 year old passport applicants.

From 1 January 2016, child applicants aged 16 or 17 will be issued with a **10-year passport** instead of the five-year passport currently issued to children under 18.

Parental consent will still be required when persons aged 16 or 17 apply for a passport.

Applicants aged 16 and 17 will need to accompany their parent or a person with parental responsibility when lodging the passport application.

The application fee for 16 and 17 year olds will be the same as for adults, reflecting the longer validity of the passport to be issued.

More information is available on [www.passports.gov.au](http://www.passports.gov.au)

Any questions can be directed to the Australian Passport Information Service (APIS) on 131 232.



## School Student Transport Scheme Applications

From 2 November 2015, a new online SSTS application process is being introduced for schools within the Opal network, coinciding with the introduction of the School Opal card.

Schools outside the Opal network should continue to process the existing blue SSTS application forms and send them to the appropriate transport operators.

### *Benefits for schools*

- **Automatic renewal.** Most parents, guardians and students won't need to apply for a School Opal card if they have already been given a school student travel pass for the current year.  
School Opal cards which are being automatically renewed will be sent to the student's school at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.  
School Opal cards applied for using the new online process will be sent to the student's nominated address ready for term one 2016.  
Students should use the new form if they:
  - are just starting school and have not had a pass for travel before
  - are in moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7
  - are changing schools or campus, including going between primary and secondary school
  - or, if their personal details have changed (e.g. address)
- **Online application form.** Schools no longer need to stock the SSTS application form.
- **Online SSTS eligibility assessment.** The new online application portal will automatically assess SSTS eligibility based on distance rules.
- **Less paperwork.** Schools only need to endorse a single application form for each student's eligible home address (and one for each eligible address in shared custody arrangements) and send it to Transport for NSW .
- **More efficient distribution.** All new applications for 2016 travel will be sent directly to the student's nominated address.
- **Simplified replacement.** To order a new School Opal card, students go direct to [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students) or call 131 500.



## Twilight Hope Market

66 Park Road, Bulli

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November

4.00pm - 7.00pm

Fairtrade, Homemade, Recycled Stalls,  
Food, live music, animal farm, kids activities,  
Carboot sale

Stall Holders  
Contact Merrilyn

[hopemarket@bullianglican.org.au](mailto:hopemarket@bullianglican.org.au)

Proceeds to Anglicare Illawarra

Become your own Sherlock and  
Watson... Register in teams of 2.  
Prizes for best costumes and  
mystery solving. Pizza provided.



## SHERLOCK MYSTERY EVENT

**WHERE** Wollongong Library

**WHEN** Friday 13 November 5.45-9pm

**AGES** 12-18 years

To book contact 4227 7428 or book  
online via eventbrite or our website

[www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library)



**WOLLONGONG CITY LIBRARIES**  
IDEAS, INFORMATION, ENJOYMENT



# ILLAWARRA FOLK FESTIVAL

31<sup>st</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> January – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 , <http://www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au/billet-accommodation> –

or send me an email, [billets@illawarrafolkfestival.com.au](mailto:billets@illawarrafolkfestival.com.au) for more information, or give me a call 0411 515 780

**Volunteering.** 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  
[billets@illawarrafolkfestival.com.au](mailto:billets@illawarrafolkfestival.com.au)  
[www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au](http://www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au)  
0411 515 780



# City of Wollongong Giving Tree 2015

## 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 18 December at:

- Council's Customer Service area & Council libraries
- Corrimal Leagues Club
- Figtree Grove and Warrawong Plaza Customer Service Centre Desks
- iHub Visitors Information Centre
- ic Central (Bldg 230) Ground Floor Atrium, UOW Innovation Campus
- Novotel Northbeach
- Port Kembla Golf Club
- WAVE FM Warrawong
- Wests Illawarra
- Wollongong Central Customer Service Centre Desk (Level 1 Crown)

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

### THANK YOU

City of Wollongong Giving Tree Appeal 2015

For further information phone 4227 7111 or email [events@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:events@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)

[www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/christmas](http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/christmas)



Wollongong City Council



@Wollongong\_City



# 26<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Wollongong Bikers Toy Run

Saturday  
5 December 2015

Lower Crown  
Street Mall,  
Wollongong

10.30am - 12.30pm

- ★ FREE face painting
- ★ Motorbikes arrive at 11am
- ★ Jumping Castle
- ★ Bring a gift for the Giving Tree
- ★ Support local charities
- ★ Live Entertainment

Bikers information only

Departs 10.30am sharp opposite  
The Shellharbour Club

Limited number of patches available for sale \$10 each  
Coordinated by the Leisure Coast Motorcycle Riders

Bike contact: Steve - 0400 377 085  
& Jeff - 0404 490 191

Event contact: Wollongong City Council - 4227 7111

WOC 15/12/2015 10:15



96.5 WAVE FM



Wollongong City Council



@Wollongong\_City

[www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/christmas](http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/christmas)



NORTHERN SUBURBS BULLDOGS  
JUNIOR RLFC  
TO REGISTER NOW  
FOR SEASON 2016  
GO TO

[WWW.NORTHSBULLDOGSJUNIORS.COM.AU](http://WWW.NORTHSBULLDOGSJUNIORS.COM.AU)  
REGISTRATION OPEN TO ALL AGES 5 - 17

Registration/Insurance: \$50 first child - \$40 ea thereafter

For more info email:  
[registrar@northsbulldogsjuniors.com.au](mailto:registrar@northsbulldogsjuniors.com.au)



Come join the Best  
Little Club in the  
NORTH!!



2014 White Ribbon Day walk

## Illawarra 2015 White Ribbon Day walk



Not violent. Not silent.

25 November 2015

White Ribbon Day and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

7am - 9am

The walk starts at Andrew Lysaght Park (east of the WIN Entertainment Centre) and finishes at Stuart Park. Following the walk we'll hear from DV survivor Shelly Walsh and Dr Michael Flood, an internationally respected expert on violence prevention.

More information and the walk registration form is at

<http://tinyurl.com/illawarraWRDwalk>

You can also visit the walk's Facebook page at

<http://tinyurl.com/illawarraWRDwalkFB>

Organised by the Illawarra Committee Against Domestic Violence in support of the White Ribbon Campaign





# Get ready for the swimming carnival!

You are welcome to come and try  
Corrimal Swim Club  
FRIDAY NIGHT POINTSCORE.

Your first 2 visits are FREE!

Corrimal Swim Club's main purpose is to promote swimming within the area,  
not just to provide a facility for elite swimmers.

Our Friday night point score is a great opportunity for swimmers of all ages to  
race in a non-competitive atmosphere.

All races are based on the swimmer's individual best times.

Not only do the kids have fun but it is also an opportunity for parents to  
socialise in a relaxed environment and enjoy a barbecue dinner.

**What:** Swim Club Pointscore

**When:** Friday nights 7pm start

**Where:** Corrimal Memorial Heated Pool  
Short Street, Corrimal

**Contact:** Kim Hutchinson (registrar)

[hutchinsonhaul@optusnet.com.au](mailto:hutchinsonhaul@optusnet.com.au)

<http://corrimal.swimming.org.au/>



# League Tag Illawarra



DO YOU HAVE GIRLS INTERESTED IN PLAYING LEAGUE TAG?

U12, U14 & U16 PLAYERS WANTED TO PLAY FOR WOONONA BUSHRANGERS DURING 2016

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
 Sarah Crimston - Woonona Bulli Bushrangers  
 Tel: 0402 271 975

Draws will be formulated so as not to clash with Netball competitions



## HELENSBURGH Come and JOIN THE TIGERS IN 2016



### J.R.L.F.C




- ✓ Registrations are open for Ages U6 to U17
- ✓ Mini/Mod League played under Safeplay Code
- ✓ International ages U13's to U17's
- ✓ Pre Season Training Nov/Dec 2015
- ✓ NRL Dragons Tag FEB/MAR 2016
- ✓ Check [helensburghjrl.leaguenet.com.au](http://helensburghjrl.leaguenet.com.au) for details or logon to "Teamapp" from your device and select Helensburgh Tigers Junior RLFC

**\$90 Includes Shorts & Socks**  
**\$70 Without Shorts & Socks**

**Register now or more info go to [helensburghjrl.leaguenet.com.au](http://helensburghjrl.leaguenet.com.au)**



# Yoga for Teens

## @ PCYC Bulli

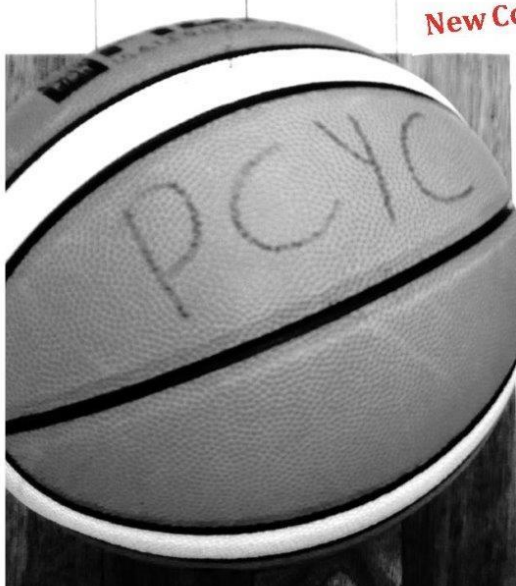



**Mondays 3.30pm - 4.30pm starting 12th October**

**\$2 per class**

## 2016 High School Basketball

**New Comp!**





**High School Mixed**  
 School Years 7 to Year 9  
 Monday Afternoon **New!**

**Mens Comp**  
 Tuesday Evening

*Contact us for team /player registrations*

**Referees wanted**  
 Passionate about sport and fitness. Earn money and keep fit as a referee.  
 We are seeking referees for our week night basketball comps.  
 Must be aged 14+

**Contact us**  
 Bulli PCYC in person, on ph (02)42843878 or email [bulli@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:bulli@pcycnsw.org.au) for more information



# November/December 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

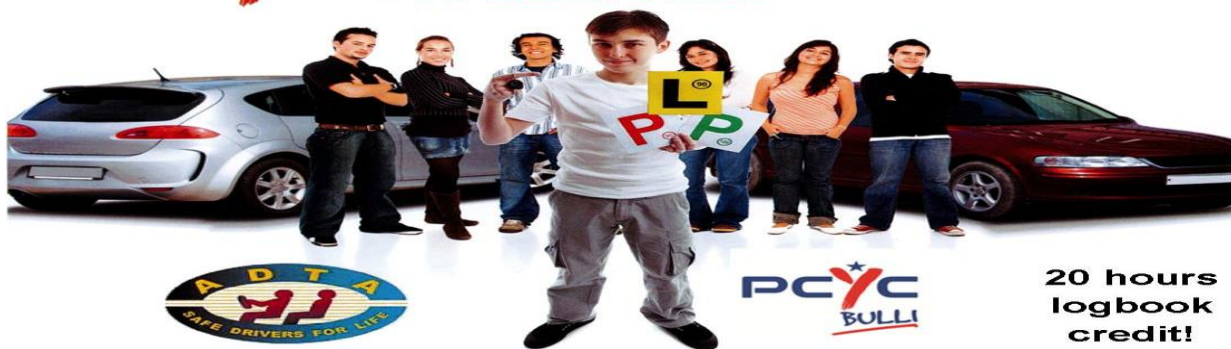
## NOVEMBER 2015 - Youth Activities @ Thirroul Neighbourhood Centre

<p><b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Black &amp; White Party 3-6pm</b>  Fancy a bit of fanciness? Get your Sunday best on (in black or white, or both) and let's get sophisticated.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Noodle Night 3-6pm</b>  Are you a noodle-head? ☺ Learn all about the different noodles from across the world today!</p>
<p><b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Girls Afternoon 3-6pm</b>  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!</p>	<p><b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Dad' s and Granddad' s Arvo 3-6pm</b>  Come along to this free event and celebrations. Bring your Dad! Face painting / Photo booth / Family fun time / Display photos.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Get to know the Youth Team 3-6pm</b>  You've got those burning questions, and we have the answers. Ask us anything and get ahead of the game.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Cooking 3-6pm</b>  We' re cooking up a storm in the kitchen. Whose kitchen rules? Ours does!</p>
<p><b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Food Fight 3-6pm</b>  You know what to do - throw the pie, dodge the sauce. Get on down and bring clothes that can withstand the wrath of sauces!</p>	<p><b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Lolly Shop @ Youthie 3-6pm</b>  It' s candy galore today, and oh, the choices you' have! You' ll be a kid in a candy shop. ☺</p>

## DECEMBER 2015 - Youth Activities @ Thirroul Neighbourhood Centre

<p><b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>  <b>Gingerbread Houses 3-6pm</b>  Chocolate, lollies, gingerbread galore! Let's make a house like Hansel and Gretel!</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Beach Arvo 3-6pm</b>  The sun is hot and the water is perfect. It' s a beach arvo you' ll never forget with sports galore.</p>
<p><b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Boys Afternoon 3-6pm</b>  Boys will be boys, so come on in and let your crazy out with oreo eating contests and wacky games.</p>	<p><b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Cookie dough &amp; ice cream 3-6pm</b>  Cookies, cookies, cookies and more! Fill your tummy with scrumptious home made cookies. Enjoy the bliss of cookie dough and ice cream.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Pizza Cones 3-6pm</b>  Cheese is sizzling, topping is crunching. Mouthwatering pizza is here!</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>  <b>Christmas Party 3-6pm</b>  Christmas party time! Let' s celebrate together. Don' t forget to bring your gift for a friend (under \$5!).</p>
<p><b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Wacky Games 3-6pm</b>  Things are getting crazy. Let' s get ridiculous. It' s wacky games day, where the fun goes on and on and on.</p>	

## PCYC | Safer Drivers Course For Learner Drivers



**20 hours  
logbook  
credit!**

PCYC are an accredited provider of the Safer Drivers Course.  
Guiding young people in the right direction since 1937



The Safer Drivers Course involves two modules:

**Module one:** A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This will involve a maximum of twelve participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

**Module two:** A two-hour in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach. **Course cost: \$140**

Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3 for 1 scheme cannot be included.

Participants who complete the course will receive 20 hours credit recorded in their learner driver log book.

**To book in for our next course at Bulli PCYC contact us  
ph. (02) 4284 3878 or email: [bulli@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:bulli@pcycnsw.org.au)  
Further info available at: [www.saferdrivers.org.au](http://www.saferdrivers.org.au)**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> AUSTINMER CUBS AND SCOUTS

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

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!