

Bulli High School Newsletter

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December 2017

Upcoming Events

11th – 15th December
Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 11th December
Presentation Night @ 7.00pm

Thursday 14th December
Year 7-10 students receive reports

Friday 15th December
Last day for Term 4

Tuesday 30th January
Term 1 2018
Year 7, 11 & 12 students return

Wednesday 31st January
Term 1 2018
Year 8, 9 & 10 students return



Principal's report

This is the last newsletter for 2017. It has been a huge year for our school community. I am very proud of all our school has achieved. In these last weeks of the year, we have had cause to recognise our students in so many areas. I would like to thank our school community for the support we receive and the confidence you have in Bulli High School providing an outstanding education for all our students.

The Year 10-11 Scholarship Program Afternoon Tea was held on 30th November. Scholarship recipients and parents met their sponsoring businesses enabling BHS to further build positive relationships with our business community.

The page of sponsoring businesses will appear in each newsletter throughout 2018.



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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work and pay our respect to
Aboriginal elders past, present and future*

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To register for e-news follow these steps:

- Go to the school's website:
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 Hours

Tuesdays: 1.15pm – 3.30pm

Thursdays: 1.15pm – 3.30pm

School Office Hours

Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri: 8.30am – 3.30pm

Wednesday: 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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If you are one of the hundreds who regularly check into our Facebook page, or visit our school website you are probably familiar with some of what I am going to mention.

Year 7- 2017 Orientation Day

This week we welcomed Year 7- 2018 students and parents to Bulli High School. The morning was very well attended and students were clearly excited about coming to high school. Our Peer Support leaders confidently led tours of the school and answered non-stop questions from our new students.

SRC Induction

Thank you to Mr Brett Pember (SRC coordinator) for his leadership and commitment to student leadership. Last week we held our SRC Induction ceremony in the library. I regularly meet with the Senior Leadership Team and I am very confident they will lead and represent our school well. Mr Pember has included a report.

ArtExpress

31 students in 21 years! And every year since 2006. Wow! Congratulations to Visual Arts students Luke Serio and Brooke Kjestrup who have been selected for ArtExpress. See the CAPA article for more.

The Visual Arts teachers provide our students with their expertise, knowledge and passion for art, and we have very talented students.

Enrichment Class 2019

Students in Year 6, 2018 will be able to apply for one of two Enrichment classes for Year 7, 2019: The STEM class and/or the Arts class. The two Enrichment classes will follow the same curriculum pattern as all students in Year 7, however each will have a unique focus which aims to further cater to the strengths and talents of students. Students will still sit the test and participate in the interview process. Application forms are available from Bulli High School Administration Office, the school website: www.bulli-h.schools.nsw.edu.au and our local Seacliff Community of Schools. For more information, see the flier later in the newsletter.

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HSC Results

We eagerly await the HSC results which will be released to students and schools on Thursday 14th December. Students may contact the HSC Results Inquiry Centre – 1300 13 83 23 after results are released. The service offers a valuable opportunity for students to talk with experienced BOSTES staff who are able to answer questions about their HSC results or the systems behind determining and processing them.

Gonski Funding & School Plan

Bulli High School has utilised the funds received this year to provide teachers with release time to support student learning, to purchase more furniture for the library flexible learning space, to fund a SLSO mentor for our Aboriginal students, to fund a teacher to work with faculties to cater to the individual needs of students, and to fund Student learning Support officers to work with individual and small groups of students. We are currently writing the School Plan 2018 - 2020 and hence our expected expenditure of the 2018 funding. The draft plan is available on the school website and parents are welcome to view and provide the school with feedback.

School Security

Bulli High School is recognised under the *Inclosed Lands Protection Act*. No one has the right to be on the school grounds without permission. As a community member we are asking for your assistance with keeping our school secure by:

- Remaining vigilant as you walk or drive past the school out of hours;
- Reporting any trespassing or vandalism by phoning School Security on the toll free number **1300 880 021**
- This includes any motorbikes or antisocial behaviour on our school ovals.

Parents & Citizens Association

Our P & C led by President Mrs Michele Curtis, has worked tirelessly throughout the year to support the school and I thank them for their efforts, time and commitment to our students and staff. I look forward to working with this wonderful group again next year.

Please note: The P & C Uniform shop has recently introduced an EFTPOS facility which has been extremely popular and welcomed by parents. To cover the cost of this facility the merchant service fee of 1.5% will need to be passed onto customers using EFTPOS from 5 February 2018. We thank you for your understanding.

This week saw the Seacliff COS come together at Bulli HS to recognise the achievements of student leaders as part of the Future Leaders Program. It was fantastic presentation. Stay tuned for the Term 1 newsletter for more.

Return dates for 2018

School resumes for Year 7, 11 & 12 students on Tuesday 30th January and then all years on Wednesday 31st January.

Remember:

Students in Years 7 – 10 wear their PE uniform on Wednesday.

Year 11 & 12 students do not do sport, and hence wear the full school uniform including black shoes and white socks.

I wish all our students, staff and parents a wonderful and safe festive season. See you in 2018.



Chris Gregory

Principal

Deputy Principal's News

SCHOOL SHOES

Henry Ford, famously said that his Model T car could be purchased in 'any color so long as it's black'.

There were some very practical reasons that a successful innovator, salesman and industrialist like Ford would say this. Students with a mind for History and STEM students might like to explore his manufacturing innovations. It is a fascinating story.

On the topic of black – remember when buying school shoes for the new year that the Bulli High School Uniform Policy stipulates black. Just black. No white or coloured trim or features. As with Henry Ford's Model T – any colour you want so long as they are black!



CHRISTMAS AND SUMMER WISHES FOR THE 'ODD' YEARS

I would like to wish the students in my Year groups (and everyone else of course) a tremendous festive season and summer break. Have a wonderful time, relax and refresh, and take good care of your skin in the sun!

Healthy balance is very important, so please make the most of the summer break and come back also ready to make the most of 2018 when you will become the 'Evens' again.

To our Year 11 students, remember this isn't a 'Year Break' for you. One HSC term down and three to go! So don't take your foot fully off the throttle, you'll need to be shifting up a gear or two from the first day back (excuse the tortured automotive metaphors).

CONGRATULATIONS TO OLIVER HAUSNER (7E)

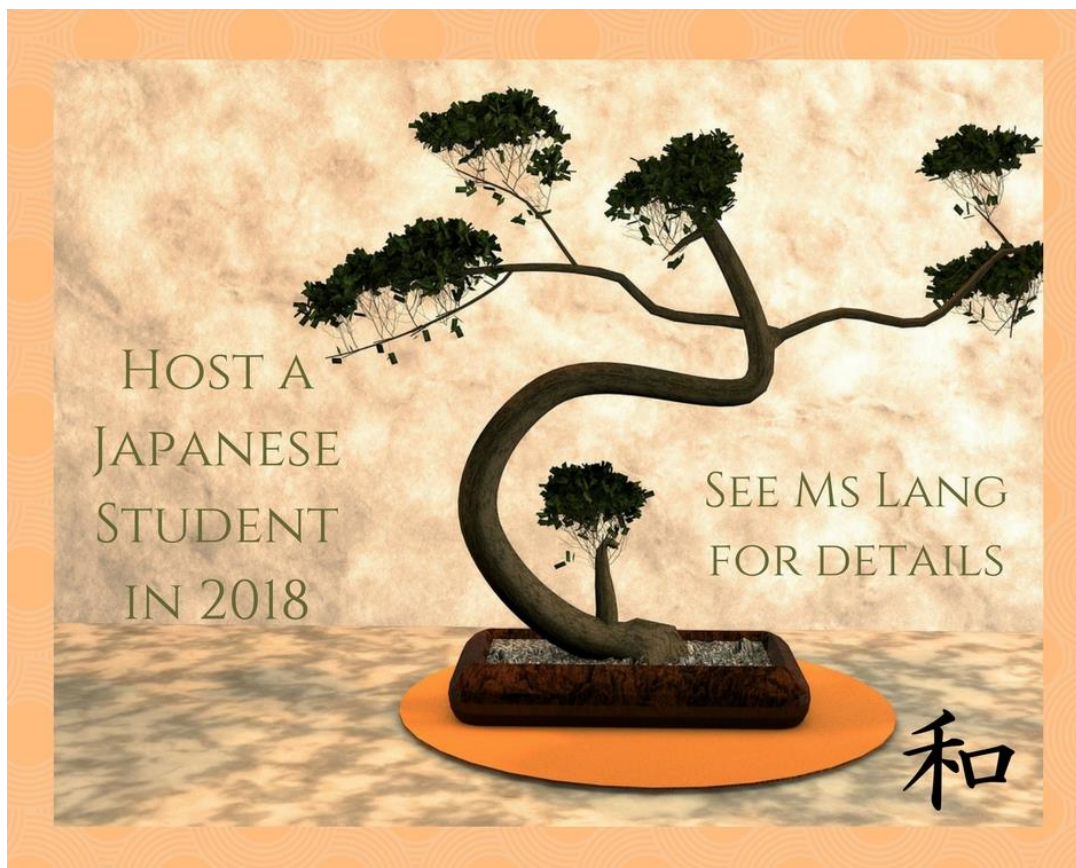
Last month I had the wonderful pleasure of seeing Oliver perform as one of more than a hundred talented musicians at a packed Sutherland Entertainment Centre.

Oliver is a member of the 'Southeast Sydney Symphonic Winds' orchestra which is comprised of students from Years 5 to 8 from a wide range of schools.

The concert was spirited, entertaining and, for such a young group of performers, phenomenally professional.

Well done Oliver!

Mr Chris Neave
Deputy Principal



To finish the year, Bulli High School has a Student Awards Assembly for each year group. The Award Assemblies recognise the general achievements of students and are separate to the Presentation Night where academic awards will be presented. Students will be advised if they are receiving an award prior to the assembly. We are trialling a different format this term, and at present this will be a student only event.

Reports will also be distributed to Year 7 - 10 on 14th December 2017. Year 11 do not receive a report at this time.

Prior to this day we ask that all students return any textbooks or other school resources to their class teacher. Library books should also be returned before the end of term.

You will have received an invoice for your outstanding balance for subject contributions and school fees at the beginning of this term. Families are asked to finalise payment before the 14th December 2017. You can pay using the online payment system, pay over the phone or pay cash at the counter. (Please do not send your children with large sums of cash)

All students are expected to attend school until Friday 15th December

Did you know that more than 70% of the school population pay their subject contributions and school fees? Thank you to all families who have already finalised payments.



WINNING HOUSE?

Who will it be...drum roll please.... The winner of our House Points competition will be revealed at Presentation Night and I will not be letting anyone know who has won until then! I would like to congratulate all those students who contributed to our community by volunteering, working hard in class and participating in extracurricular activities. In the end it does not matter who won the most points – you are all winners if you participated!



Ms Robyn Lang
Years 8, 10 & 12
Deputy Principal

English

It is very hard to believe that we only have a few days left of the 2017 school year. As Dr Seuss stated, 'My goodness how the time has flown!'

English teachers have finished marking final assessment tasks and writing student reports. We eagerly anticipate the release of HSC results on Thursday 14th December. Our 7E students and Ms Wilson showcased their dramatic skills at the recent Showcase. Our Year 7 classes are currently wrapping up their involvement in the Renaissance Reading Program which has been co-ordinated by our wonderful Teacher Librarian, Ms Martin. We are really pleased that this program will continue in 2018 as it offers students a great opportunity to read quality literature and enhance their reading comprehension skills. In addition, Spellodrome will remain a key element of the school's focus on literacy next year.



Our current Year 11 students have commenced their HSC studies. The first prescribed texts have been read or watched, and HSC assessment task number one has been completed. If the summer break drags on then students can always start the Related Text Folio task that is due Term 1, Week 4. Notifications for this task were handed out this week.

With the introduction of a new Stage 6 English curriculum in 2018, we have spent a great deal of time planning and writing new teaching programs for our senior courses. Year 11 students will see a significant difference in the format and number of assessment tasks they complete. The new requirements provide exciting prospects for students to discover more about the world of texts, language and literacy.

As we approach the end of Term 4, students are encouraged to return any class novels to their English teacher.

Finally, on behalf of the English staff, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Festive Season. Make some time over the summer break to find a shady spot and lose yourself in a good book.

PRESENTATION NIGHT – MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Presentation Night provides a great opportunity for the Bulli High School community to celebrate our students' academic, sporting and cultural achievements. We are always very lucky that so many distinguished guests and family members attend our ceremony to share in the festivities.

Award recipients should have received formal invitations in the mail. It is important they arrive outside the Hall at 6:30pm. Full school uniform must be worn. Students attending Presentation Night should inform Ms Wilson or Ms Gardiner in the English Staffroom.

Ms Heather Gardiner
HT English

Mathematics

MATHS AND STATS EXPLORER DAY

Last Friday 1st December, ten students from Bulli High School, comprised of nine Year 8s and one Year 9 student, attended a Maths and Stats Explorers Day held at the University of Wollongong.

The day started with a Maths Relay where students from 5 different schools were split into groups and collaboratively solved a raft of maths problems. Initially, the students were somewhat shy and reserved being mixed up with new people, but once the problem-solving began, the interaction and communication within the groups was lively and productive. They maintained their interest and focus throughout the entire two-hour time limit in a bid for their team to accumulate as many points as possible. A steady supply of apples, bananas, lamingtons and cupcakes provided the energy necessary for the students to get through the 68 questions! Academic staff and university mathematics students were on hand to assist with some of the trickier problems.

Following the 'Maths Relay', the students took a tour around the university campus and were then treated to a pizza lunch.

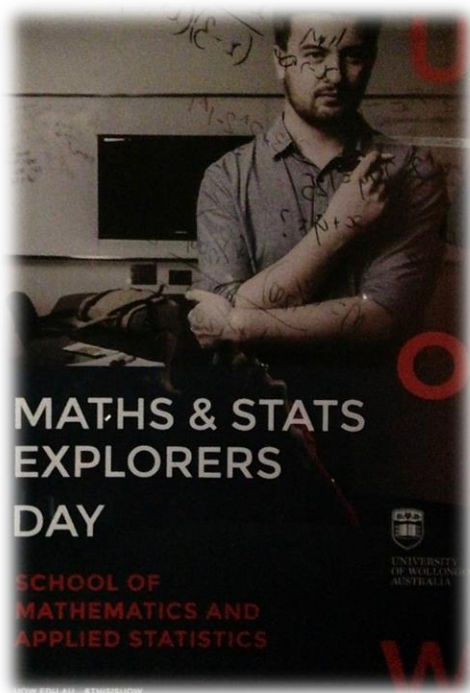
Lunch was followed by a change of venue to a gym space where the students were involved in some physical as well as mathematical challenges. Again, teams were competing for points. After an hour, the 28.8 degree heat was sufficient to sap the energy of the students, and we all moved to a lecture theatre.

The day concluded with talks from students studying Maths at UOW explaining how it worked and what career opportunities were available. A recent graduate, who is now working in the 'real world', also shared his story and how the study of Mathematics was of benefit to him.

The winning team was then announced and included Callum Conway and Michael Mouawad from Bulli High School.

Positive feedback from the students about the day included enjoying the opportunity to meet and interact with new people, the food (!) checking out UOW and hearing from current students.

It was a pleasure to accompany these ten students to the University of Wollongong. Their excellent behaviour, engagement and co-operation were a credit to themselves and Bulli High School.



Mathematics - continued



Ms Katie Pidhirny
Mathematics Teacher

Science

We are very excited to announce that on Thursday 16th November Miranda Du Toit of Year 11 was awarded the 2017 Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute School Science Award. This award is presented each year to one Year 11 student who demonstrates the highest level of educational achievement in Science and seeks to promote the important contribution of Science to society. Miranda was a very worthy recipient of this award demonstrating aptitude in her Biology, Chemistry and Physics classes. She received a certificate and has been invited to tour the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute to see first-hand the remarkable work the researchers complete which we are confident will continue to develop her interest in science and may one day in the future lead to a career in science. Congratulations Miranda.



Miranda with Dr Joshua Ho from the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute

Science - continued

I would like to congratulate Leila Christofides and Zoe Gelder both from Year 8 for their outstanding work and participation in the 2017 Illawarra Coal Science Fair held at the University of Wollongong on Wednesday 29th November. The students spent a lot of time preparing their display boards and reports, the girls are to be commended on their diligent efforts. They were creative, scientifically valid and very interesting projects which required research and effort in the way they were conducted. The students were enthusiastic, polite and happy to share what they discovered with members of the public connecting with our community. Both students received Highly Commended certificates and medallions, this was a fantastic achievement.



Thank you to Miss Contarin who undertook the organisation and was also a judge on the day and Mr Brankovic for his support for the student entries.

On Wednesday 29th November, Year 11 Earth and Environmental Studies went on a field trip to Mt Keira to look at the impacts of deer in the local area. This work supplemented their introduced species work that they had been studying in class. I would like to thank Mr Zac McKenzie for his organisation of this excursion and dedication to his students. He has a large amount of expertise and knowledge of the effects of deer on the local ecosystem.



Science - continued

Both Year 9 Marine Studies classes went on an excursion to Bass Point on Friday 1st December. They went snorkelling and also were able to learn about the heritage of the site whilst undertaking the Indigenous Cultural Walk. Thank you to Miss Contarin and Mr McKenzie for organising the day and also to Mr Deans who accompanied them on the excursion.



Ms Jo Canvin
Relieving HT Science

HSIE

Wow! What a year it has been in the HSIE faculty. For the most part it has seemed like an absolute blur. It was with trepidation that a new Head Teacher stepped into the role and has been incredibly well supported ever since day one. The past month or so alone demonstrates the huge amount of work and energy that goes into every aspect of the Humanities department. Our staff has been involved in the hugely successful Kreative Koala competition, Peer Support, The Deadly Awards (including a very special staff award), SRC Induction, Remembrance Day with our new leadership team, Big History Movie Night, Commerce Carnivale, the appointment of Mr Green as 2018 Year 7 Year Advisor and many, many more events, achievements and milestones. Amongst all of these opportunities, our core business of education remains our focus with an emphasis on innovation, high expectations and literacy and numeracy (particularly with the introduction of the Literacy Continuum for year 8). We are proud of every single student who has graced our classrooms and achieved a positive outcome. Thank you for your continued support of the HSIE team and Bulli High School. We look forward to an even bigger 2018 with a strong foundation and the continuation of programs such as Mock Trial and History Debating. Below are a few snippets of the highlights from the last month or so.

THE GREEN TEAM'S KREATIVE KOALAS

The 'Kreative Koala program is all about sustainability, encouraging young people to think globally and act locally. The Bulli High team, under the direction of Mrs Fraser, excelled in its pursuit of learning about, and implementing sustainable practices. It was a proud moment indeed when they were presented with their certificates and came away with \$850 in prizemoney. The Green Team also does the paper recycling for the school, which is a huge and valuable job. Well done to everyone!



HSIE - continued

COMMERCE CARNIVALE

Putting theory into practice is always a valuable learning tool, and the Year 9 Commerce class got the chance to do exactly that during the Commerce Carnivale this term. The Commerce students engaged in all manner of enterprising activities, including food stalls, game activities and held a raffle, too. The students had a great time and learned a lot about the running of small business activities, rostering, organisational skills, finance and a whole lot more. The staff and students of the school have spoken very highly of the professional organisation, and everyone had fun!



BIG HISTORY MOVIE NIGHT

What a fabulous night we had watching the films created as part of a Big History assessment task. Parents and staff lead by Mrs Leanne Hicks were treated to some fantastically funny and informative films. Big History has proven a huge success this year with a lot of creativity. Congratulations to all involved.



HSIE - continued

REMEMBRANCE DAY

This year Bulli High School focused on the importance of remembering our troops, no matter what day it may be. As Remembrance Day officially fell on the weekend this year, we commemorated their sacrifices on the following Monday. In what was a solemn occasion, our new leadership team stepped up for its first official event. All students handled themselves with grace and class, and the Bulli High student body were receptive and respectful, as always. Thank you to all involved. *Lest We Forget.*



THE DEADLY AWARDS

NIAECG Deadly Awards

Written by Kara Tuck:

Over 500 members of the Northern Illawarra Community gathered to celebrate the achievements of Aboriginal Students with the NIAECG Deadly Encouragement Awards at Waniora Public School. The event displayed culturally rich performances including traditional songs and dances. The awards ceremony recognised students who are achieving deadly results either in extracurricular activities or school subjects.

Bulli High School joined Waniora in organising the event by providing volunteer students that greeted visitors, assisted with organisation of the event and catering of the event. Teachers from HSIE faculty at Bulli High School manned the Bunnings BBQ. Leanne Hicks, a HSIE teacher and Aboriginal Education Mentor and Tutor from Bulli High School was awarded the 'Victor Chapman Aboriginal Education Award' for her contributions to Aboriginal Education.

HSIE - continued

YEAR 11 ANCIENT HISTORY NICHOLSON MUSEUM EXCURSION

Year 11 Ancient History had a fantastic day at Sydney University earlier this term. We visited the Nicholson Museum, which has the largest collection of antiquities and curiosities in the Southern Hemisphere. The Museum, located near the historic main courtyard, where graduating students celebrate, allowed the students to experience a taste of History. Great fun was had in the 'hands on' room where Tom, Makani, Jodi, Toby, Ruby, Bonita, Riley, Kayla and Angus handled the actual ancient artefacts! These were many thousands of years old and came from places such as Sparta, Pompeii, Athens, Rome and Ancient Egypt.

We also had a very entertaining and informative guide through the museum with an expert. A highlight of this was the model of Pompeii before the eruption, which provided lots of inspiration for LEGO lovers!



Mr Samuel Dixon
HT HSIE

Creative & Performing Arts

ART EXPRESS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Brooke Kjestrup and Luke Serio who have been accepted into the Art Express exhibitions for 2018. Brooke Kjestrup was selected by Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Luke Serio was selected by Art Gallery of New South Wales and Hawkesbury Regional Gallery. The exhibitions will open in early 2018. This is an outstanding achievement as only 175 students were chosen out of over 9000 students across the state.



Brooke Kjestrup
On the Nature of Things
DRAWING

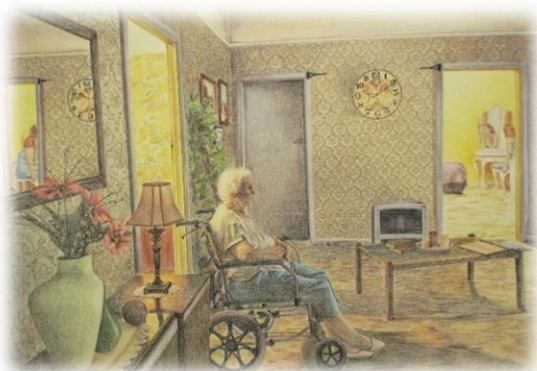


Luke Serio
Stand the test of time
CERAMICS

Special mention must also go to Gayane Arutyunyan, Jesse Appleton and Erin Roach who were also nominated for Art Express out of only 450 students in New South Wales. The success of these students is indicative of the very strong Body of Works produced across both Year 12 2017 Visual Arts classes. It is also the twelfth consecutive year that Visual Arts students from Bulli High School have been nominated for Art Express with more than 40 nominations achieved in the past 20 years. The students, parents and staff are to be commended on their contribution to the rich Visual Arts culture that has become a tradition at Bulli High School.



Gayane Arutyunyan
Anastasia
PAINTING



Jesse Appleton
Here nor There
DRAWING



Erin Roach
Empowered Women, Empower Woman
DRAWING

Mr Tony Cabassi
Visual Arts Teacher

Creative & Performing Arts - continued

COS VISUAL ARTS WORKSHOPS

Monday saw a very successful start to the Visual Arts Workshops being run at Bulli HS with one of our COS members, Bulli PS. Class 4/5W took part in the initial workshop which involved photographic and photoshop exercises. They used these newly acquired skills to explore the environment around them in a similar way to how artists develop their own ideas. It turned out to be a stunning day with perfect lighting conditions and we were even rewarded with a spot of whale watching during our exploring. The class of 4/5W showed an impressive willingness to learn new knowledge and skills as was demonstrated in the quality of photographs they had produced by the end of the day. These photographs will now form the basis of a series of drawings and paintings to be produced in future workshops.



Mr Tony Cabassi
Visual Arts Teacher

SRC

On Monday November 27th, the annual SRC Induction Assembly was held in the school's library, and was well attended by relatives and friends of the incoming team. Mrs Gregory received the new leadership team, comprising Katie Allison & Zachary Joseph-Wood as Captains, Sienna Hawksley & Lachlan York as Vice-Captains and Bonita Chan & Monty Josh-Jones as Senior Executives.



The representatives from each Junior year group were also received by Mrs Gregory, and are:

- Year 7: Emmelia Beckinsale, Halle Callow, Maeve Hesse and Paige Hirst.
- Year 8: Evan Bissett, Leila Christofides, Brianna Newton and Hugo Szewcow.
- Year 9: Finnegan Callow, Callum Conway, Evie Fulton and Sinead Heap.
- Year 10: Zachary Brett, Tyson Bricknell, Ellen Couch, Louis Donovan, Grace Myerscough and Dakota Tawse



Imogen Fowles, Olivia Heathcote and Isabella Pickett are leaving the SRC at the end of the year, and we thank them sincerely for their service.

SRC – continued

On behalf of the SRC, I'd like to thank the school and its community for the support we have received in our annual Need a Feed campaign, and I encourage everyone to give to this most deserving charity as often as possible (and please support us again in November next year!).



Thank you to our outgoing Senior Leaders, too, for a fantastic job. Zoe Lewis, Hamish Bell, Kara Donald, Jake Hodgson, Maeve Couch and Jared Roberts did themselves and the school proud, and we all trust that you go on to do amazing things.

Have a Merry Christmas and a relaxing holiday everyone!

Mr Brett Pember
SRC Co-ordinator

Crossroads

CROSSROADS UPDATE: NOVEMBER 2017

Recently Bulli High School hosted a 'Living Books' event. This is a Wollongong City Council initiative whereby members of the community offer to share their diverse and fascinating life stories in open conversation with others. Year 11 students had preselected 2 'books' of whom they were interested in speaking to and these conversations took place on November 28.

There were strong personal connections for young people dealing with a number of issues affecting young people, as well as plenty of learning about cultural perspectives. Conversations included reflections on future careers and pathways and ways to rethink the pressure of the HSC. Many interesting themes were raised including:

- "what value do I place on being happy in my employment",
- "should the date for Australia Day change?" ,
- "don't lose hope for your future, if your marks aren't what you wanted"
- "why aren't girls included in the White Ribbon Day event?"
- "why are some questions about transgender inappropriate?"
- "how wars change people's lives forever"



The following comments from the students reflect the powerful impact of the experience.

- "Getting perspectives from people who have faced adversity reminds you to remain positive and not give up."
- "make every second of your life count"
- "I feel like if I ever go through something like depression, there is always someone to talk to"
- "I learnt new things about feminism"
- "I think I am able to discuss serious issues such as domestic violence and mental illness now, more than I could before"
- "what others think of me isn't my problem"
- "just how different and extraordinary ADHD is to what I previously perceived"
- "an inspiring experience"
- "opened my mind and heart to so much, how you can take control, not be a victim and conquer your life"
- "accept change"
- "reach out if you need help"
- "this was beyond amazing!"
- "this has encouraged me to stand for equality"



"The Living Books not only discusses the powerful and eventful lives of certain individuals, it highlights important issues that we as humans must face in everyday life. 'Living Books' has shown me that no matter the situation you are facing during your lifetime, there will always be a light at the end of the tunnel. If you or anyone you know is involved in a difficult situation never be afraid to seek help! Thank you all very much."

This event along with a Careers activity workshop facilitated by Mr Harding, concluded the Crossroads programme for this year group. The students have participated in a range of activities throughout the year and judging by the evaluation of the programme, the best was certainly saved for last!!!! Thank you to all staff and students who have supported Crossroads in 2017.

Ms Katie Pidhirny
Crossroads Co-ordinator

2018 – YEAR 12

UOW Discovery Day Information

Our Discovery Day is Wednesday 7th February 2018

Student registrations have now closed. All students who have registered for the day must also return their permission notes to the front office to cover the cost of buses.

For more details please visit; www.discoveryday.uow.edu.au

For our students who are not wishing to attending university, there will be a pathways day at school. Similar to this year where students will have the opportunity to gain valuable information on how to seek employment and further training after Year 12. This will include information from employers and tertiary providers.

Library

YEAR 7 READING PROGRAM



All year 7 students have started the Renaissance Reading program. Every student in year 7 should be reading a minimum of 15 minutes a night. The upcoming Christmas holidays are a great chance for students to get some reading done and earn points. Some suggestions are:

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| • Wonder by R.J Palacio. | Book Level 4.8, Points 11 |
| • Gone by M Grant | Book Level 4.3, Points 18 |
| • The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by J. Boyne | Book Level 5.8, Points 7 |
| • Once by M, Gleitzman | Book Level 4.1, Points 4 |
| • The Hunger Games by S. Collins | Book Level 5.3, Points 15 |

All the books listed above can be found at BHS library or in our eLibrary.

Students can also use <http://www.arbookfind.com.au/default.aspx> to find the book level and points of the books they are reading.



Access our free eLibrary anywhere, anytime, on multiple devices.

Go to <https://bullhighschool.wheelers.co/>

OR

Download the ePlatform App



Ms Kylie Martin
Teacher/Librarian

UNIFORM SHOP



JANUARY OPENING TIMES

Pickup only:

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th January 10.00am – 2.00pm

- These days are for the pickup of pre-ordered uniforms ONLY

There are **NO** exchanges or general uniform purchases on these days

Pickup, Exchanges, New Enrolments & Uniform Purchases:

Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st January

9.00am – 3.00pm

Normal opening hours resume after these dates and are:

Tuesday 1.15pm – 3.30pm

Thursday 1.15pm – 3.30pm

EFTPOS Surcharge:

There will be 1.5% surcharge on all EFTPOS purchases at the uniform shop commencing on Monday 5th February 2018.

This surcharge is to cover the cost of the transaction charged by Westpac.

PLEASE NOTE: NO ONLINE ORDERS OR PAYMENTS

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Bulli High Canteen

Bulli High School canteen is our biggest fundraiser for our school
but we can't do it without volunteers

We have 4 people everyday

2 volunteers, 2 staff

It's 1 day per month, 9.30am – 2.30pm approximately

It's a great way to meet your child's teacher,
some other lovely ladies and a enjoy a great lunch

If you would like to volunteer with a friend,
get in early so the roster can be organised

No experience needed

PLEASE GIVE IT A TRY

Call Lyn Falkiner on 4284 8266 ext 119

BULLI HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN



Year 7 Enrichment Class Program 2019

Placement Application Information

Students in Year 6, 2018 will be able to apply for one of two Enrichment classes for Year 7, 2019: The STEM class and/or The Arts class.

We have introduced a second class in response to the diverse learning needs and interests of our school community.

The two enrichment classes will follow the same curriculum pattern as all students in year 7. Each will have a unique focus which will build on students' strengths and talents.

Students applying will need to demonstrate a commitment and motivation to their learning and will be able to support their application with a portfolio of work.

Application forms are available from the Bulli High School Office,

Bulli High School Website - www.bulli-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

and all member schools of our local Seacliff Community of Schools.

Enquiries can be directed to:

Ms Julie Swain, Head Teacher Science & Enrichment Class Co-ordinator.

Email: julie.swain@det.nsw.edu.au Phone: 42848266



**School Newsletter Article:
Adolescent human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination program**

In early 2017 parents/carers of Year 7 students were asked to provide consent for their children to receive three doses of HPV vaccine in the NSW School Vaccination Program.

Most* Year 7 students who have received two doses of HPV vaccine are considered to be fully vaccinated and do not require a further dose.

This change is based on recent international studies that show for children aged 9 to 14 years of age, two doses of HPV vaccine provide the same protection as three doses, as long as the second dose is given at least six months after the first dose. Based on this evidence, the World Health Organization (WHO) now recommends a two-dose HPV schedule, and this has already been adopted in comparable countries (i.e. the UK, Canada, the United States and New Zealand) and is now being adopted in Australia.

In 2017 Year 7 students were given the second dose of HPV vaccine at least six months after the first dose to accommodate the urgent roll-out of the Meningococcal W Response Program to Year 11 and 12 students. Year 7 students who have received only one dose of HPV this year will be offered their second dose in 2018. Parents/carers whose children were vaccinated in 2017 but who still wish for their child to receive a third dose of HPV vaccine can access a free dose from their general practitioner (GP).

* Students with significantly impaired immune systems are still recommended to have three doses of HPV vaccine. Parents of these students should make arrangements to complete the vaccine course with their GP or by calling their local public health unit on 1300 066 055.

More information is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/hpv or by calling your local public health unit on **1300 066 055**.

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Need a Feed



Bulli High School's SRC is again conducting its annual 'Need a Feed' drive during weeks 6-9 this term (November 13 to December 8) and asks for your assistance.

Last year was our first attempt at helping this amazing local charity, and the results and generosity of our students and their families was nothing short of amazing.

Need a Feed helps those less fortunate in our community with basic food and personal care items. The voluntary work they do makes a huge difference, and we're proud to support them.

An orange wheelie bin will be positioned near the Deputy Principals' offices in which students can place donated items. Alternately, these may be dropped at the front office by community members and we will pass them on.

Items needed include:

- Canned goods (e.g. baked beans, canned vegetables, canned fruit, soup)
- Breakfast cereals
- Pasta/pasta sauces
- 2 minute noodles
- Small packets of chips for school snacks
- Spreads (like peanut butter, jam, vegemite etc.)
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Deodorants, soaps, shampoos
- Feminine hygiene products
- Fruit juice poppers

Essentially, any durable food item (NO fresh foods/dairy etc. please!) or personal care item is welcome. If our community members could spend an extra few dollars each shopping trip and send the items to school, we'd really appreciate it!

Thank you in anticipation of your generous support.

Mr Brett Pember
(on behalf of the SRC)

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What does a School Counsellor do?

References:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au>

Why do we have a school counsellor?

School Counsellors work with teachers, year advisers, careers advisers, the principal and senior teachers to assist students and their families and work to create safe, caring schools, free from violence and discrimination.

How are they different from teachers?

School Counsellors are trained experienced teachers who also have a degree in psychology and post-graduate qualifications in school counselling. They work with students of all ages, and their families, from Kindergarten to Year 12.

What might they do?

Work with students, parents or carers and teachers to better meet the needs of all students.

Counselling for students

Assisting parents or carers to make informed decisions about their child's education

Assess students' learning and behaviour

Assist schools to know how to best support students with a disability

Work with other agencies who are also working with students

What would they help me with?

Worry about school work

Conflict with friends,

Being in trouble at school

Feeling "down", confused or angry.

Advise parents about their child's school progress, educational options, including access to special education services and behaviour

Provide information about help available from other agencies.



How do I get to see a school counsellor?

Students may ask to see the school counsellor

A teacher, parent or carer, or a friend may suggest you see a school counsellor or ask the school counsellor to talk to you.

School counsellors are not at every school every day. It is necessary for parents or carers to make an appointment by telephoning the school.

Students can ask their teachers, year advisers and welfare staff how to see a school counsellor in their particular school

If I go to the school counsellor everyone will know.

What you say to the school counsellor is confidential, they will check with the student, parent or carer before passing on information to others.

Confidentiality will be maintained unless legal requirements e.g. child protection laws require otherwise or where someone may suffer serious harm from information being withheld.



This article is general information only, if you are concerned about your or someone else's mental health, talk to your General Practitioner (GP) or School Counsellor.

Useful Resources / Contacts:

Mental Health Line 1800011511
Kids Helpline 1800551800

<https://www.eheadspace.org.au>

<http://au.reachout.com>

THE NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS MILLENNIUM MARCHING BAND

The MMB is a dynamic group full of energy and drive with a focus on fun and entertainment. It is a unique opportunity for students from Year 7 to Year 12 (Year 6 in Term 4) to make new friends and perform both nationally and internationally.

Rehearsals are one weekend a month at Cumberland High School, Carlingford.



Do you like music and performing?

- Do you want to be part of a great team and make friends from around NSW?
- Are you looking for something more than a concert band?
- Would you like to perform at events like the Sydney ANZAC Day March, NRL and Rugby Union Games, Arena Spectaculars such as Southern Stars and the Schools Spectacular, Olympic Welcome Home Parades and on tours nationally and internationally?

Then the NSWPS Millennium Marching Band is for you!

**Read about us and apply online at
The Arts Unit website:**

artsunit.nsw.edu.au > Music > Music Ensembles



For more information email Katrina Andrus,
katrina.andrus@det.nsw.edu.au or call **0409 929 908**

STRONGER TOGETHER

In the lead up to, and following, the announcement regarding the postal survey, here are a number of tips to help you stay strong and resilient.

Plan where you want to be & who you want to be with

01

Consider the place you'll be at and the people you'll be with when the results are revealed. Why not attend a community 'YES' event? Regardless of the vote, it's important to be around friends and allies.

It's okay to step away

02

The sheer volume of stuff in the media and on social media has been overwhelming throughout the debate and will continue to rage on regardless of the result. If you need a break, take it. Remember that it's okay to step away.

Think about who you would want to thank

03

We are not alone and allies are everywhere. Consider thanking the people who stood up for us during this difficult time. In your own circle, express gratitude to those who offered and gave support.

Plan activities, get creative, keep busy

04

You might find yourself feeling overwhelmed in the days and weeks following the announcement. Plan some activities to keep yourself busy and distracted. Get creative, read a book, have a picnic with friends and loved ones.

Channel your energy into helping others

05

The thought of what lies ahead can be stressful. Why not channel your energy into helping others? The more you give, the better you'll feel. Volunteer for a local service of any kind. Help a friend, a neighbour, a stranger.

Remember to look after yourself

06

The debate will continue well after the announcement of the result and this can be draining and exhausting. So it's important to look after your physical health. Keep your energy levels up. Eat nourishing food, stay hydrated, go for a run.

Come back out in your own time

07

During the horrible debate, some may have chosen to take time out from friends, family and the community. This is self-protection and what some needed to do. Take your time. We'll be here for you when you're ready to come back out.

Remain positive

08

Even if it's a 'yes', there is still a long way to go. Stay positive in all your engagements. Be respectful, patient, kind and act with dignity.

Help is here if you need it

09

Even if it's a 'yes', you may feel down because it has been a gruelling process. You are not alone. Our community have all experienced feelings of anger, fear, sadness and frustration. Reach out if you need to. Help is at hand.

Ask your friends how they are going

10

It has been a distressing time for many in our community. Continue to ask your friends, family and community members how they're going. Let's keep checking in on each other.

FOR MORE INFO

ACON will have additional counselling staff in the lead up to, and after, the announcement to assist people needing support. Call us on (02) 9206 2000 or visit acon.org.au.

You can also get in contact with mental health organisations such as QLife (qlife.org.au), Beyond Blue, SANE Australia, Twenty10, headspace, RA, Lifeline and the Black Dog Institute.

This has been put together by ACON counsellors and builds on our resource, 'Staying Strong During The Marriage Equality Debate'. Access that resource at acon.org.au

REMEMBER

In the unlikely event that things do not go our way, we will all feel despair, anger, resentment, grief and loss. It's important to be with those you love, talk about how you feel and remember that we will come through this. Our love and our resilience will last longer than any postal survey and its outcomes.





LEARN SAFE

Free 2HR workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers. Accompanied learner drivers welcome.

Workshops are held by Wollongong City, Shellharbour City and Kiama councils.

To help you with practical advice about:

- Supervising learner drivers
- Completing the learner driver log book
- Providing on road driver practise
- L & P Plate licence laws


Workshops are held from 6pm – 8pm
Bookings are essential
Please contact Council for a suitable workshop

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Kiama
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Year	Month	Date	Location
2017	July	24	Shellharbour
	August	16	Kiama
	November	6	Shellharbour
	December	12	Wollongong
2018	February	12	Shellharbour
	March	6	Wollongong
	April	18	Kiama
	May	28	Shellharbour
	June	5	Wollongong





DO YOU HAVE YOUR L'S?

Want to get more hours for your log book?
An opportunity for you and your supervisor to experience a variety of driving conditions to increase safe driver behaviour.

All learner drivers must have 40 or more log book hours
Bookings are essential
Please contact Council for a suitable workshop
See overleaf for contact details

Year	Month	Date	Time	Run Type	Location
2017	July	18	6.00pm – 8.30pm	night run	Shellharbour and Kiama
	August	12	9.30am – 12.00pm		Wollongong
	September	24	10.00am – 12.30pm		Shellharbour and Kiama
	November	26	9.30am – 12.00pm		Wollongong
2018	March	25	Ultimate Learner Log Book Run 10.00am – 1.30pm		Shellharbour, Kiama and Wollongong
	April	10	6.00pm – 8.30pm	night run	Shellharbour and Kiama
	May	6	9.30am – 12.00pm		Wollongong
	June	10	10.00am – 12.30pm		Shellharbour and Kiama



Make the right call to get the right health care
at night, on weekends and public holidays



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1 Your Doctor or nearest general practice for after hours options
 Details available at nhsd.com.au
 Or call **Radio Doctor Illawarra** on **4228 5522**
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2 Medical advice and support
 Call the **after hours GP Helpline** on **1800 022 222**

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