

Bulli High School Newsletter

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September 2017

Upcoming Events

11th – 22nd September

Year 11 Preliminary Exams

Tuesday 12th September

Immunisations in School Library

Wednesday 13th September

BLK DMD – WOW Program

P & C Meeting @ 7.00pm

14th – 15th September

Year 10 Marine Excursion

Tuesday 19th September

HARS Aeronautical Excursion

21st – 22nd September

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Hike

Thursday 21st September

Year 12 Picnic Day

Year 10 Food Tech Excursion @ Fujiyama

Friday 22nd September

Year 12 Graduation

Last day for Term 3

24th – 26th September

Year 11 Science Excursion - Melbourne

Monday 9th October

Staff & students return for Term 4



Principal's report

This is the final newsletter for Term 3. How time flies.

HSC Practical Exams and Major Works

Bulli HS enjoys enormous community support which was evident with the number of family members who attended the HSC Visual Arts, Drama and Music evenings which showcased our students' major works. What a pool of student talent!



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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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P & C dates for 2017

(2nd Wednesday of the month)

7pm in the Staff Common Room

Term 3: 13th September

Term 4: 11th October, 8th November

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
- 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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Year 12

Year 12 parents and family are invited to the Year 12 Final Assembly on Friday 22nd September at 10 am. Invitations have been given to students this week.

Year 12 have now completed their studies and are putting their final HSC exam preparation into place. I have met with Year 12 and stressed how it is never too late to make a positive difference to their results regardless of their final school assessment or subject ranks. The HSC exams are supervised by an external Presiding Officer and their team. Prior to the final day Year 12 students will be provided with the BOSTES exam protocols and expectations.

Over the last three Fridays Year 12 students have taken on the teachers at different sports. Thank you to Mr Boon for organising and I will leave it to him to call the winning side.

I am including the statement of expectation that I wrote in the August newsletter and which has been reinforced with Year 12.

"The expectation is also, that students behave and act in a manner that makes their teachers, the school and the community proud to enable them to graduate with their peers and attend the Year 12 Formal. Students who engage in poor, unruly, aggressive, intimidating or disruptive behaviour may have their graduation and formal privileges withdrawn. All students from Years 7 to 12, all teachers and school staff have the right to a safe, secure and uninterrupted learning and working environment. The Year 12 Adviser, Mr Boon and Deputy Principal, Ms Lang have organised the final week of the term to ensure that Year 12 have a memorable yet safe end to their time at high school. A *Final Countdown* of expectations, events and commitments will be distributed to and discussed with students."

We wish all our HSC students all the best in their exams and future endeavours and look forward to seeing family at the Graduation ceremony.

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Scholarship Supporters Sought

Scholarship support is sought by the school from the Bulli High School business community for students at the school entering Year 11. I am introducing a number of scholarships in 2018, which seek to reward high performing and committed students (in the junior school) across different areas of school life and retain students in their senior years, while simultaneously building strong community links. **If you are interested in providing financial support in return for your logo in the school newsletter each month, please contact me to discuss in more detail.**

Sad news

This week I notified students, staff and families of the death of one our Year 9 students. All students have been offered counselling support which will continue to be available in the weeks ahead.

Our thoughts are with the family at this extremely difficult time. As a school community we will support each other through this sad time.

Staying connected and engaged with your child is one of the best ways to support them. Some information and contact numbers of organisations that can assist you to comfort and support your child in dealing with their grief and sadness is included at the end of this newsletter.

Coming Holidays

As we approach the holidays, parents and students are reminded that normal school lessons continue until the last day of the term.

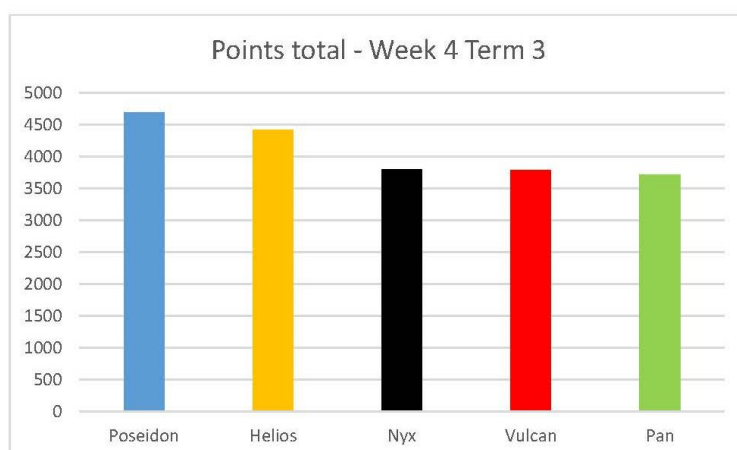
Chris Gregory

Principal

Deputy Principal's News

HOUSE POINTS SCORE

The most recent points tally for the Houses is shown below. Poseidon is in the lead. Pan were last year's winner so if they want to keep the trophy they had better get cracking on participation and merit awards! Don't forget you can earn house points by volunteering outside of school but you need to let Ms Lang know what you are doing. Next update first newsletter next term.



Ms Robyn Lang
Years 8, 10 & 12
Deputy Principal

Students Achieving Personal Best

Samantha Brownlee-Knight in Year 10 is well on the way to harnessing her passion for writing and drama. Her Year 10 Drama work *Don't Listen* was selected for the Young Playwrights Project and was performed on Wednesday 23rd of August by the Merrigong Theatre Company.

The 'Young Playwrights Project' is a collaborative project in association with Merrigong Theatre Company providing both aspiring young actors and writers ways to develop new work. Earlier this year Merrigong Theatre Company put a call out for young people to submit new ten minute works. Six plays were selected and the successful playwrights have worked alongside mentors to develop their plays from page to stage.

Samantha said she worked with the Project's co-ordinator, Fiona Finlay and mentor, Nicola Cronin, who took her through the process of improving her writing, smoothing out storylines and how to develop ideas for new stories.

The process was a really positive one for her and she gained a lot of confidence through the project.

Samantha (on the right) and her Year 10 class mates presented the piece at the recent Drama Night. Samantha says she wants to keep writing.



Ms Robyn Lang
Years 8, 10 & 12
Deputy Principal

Deputy Principal's News

YEAR 11 EXAMS

Best wishes to Year 11 for their Preliminary HSC exams in the final fortnight of this term.

Students should take this opportunity not only to demonstrate their mastery of the Preliminary HSC courses but to benefit from formal examination experience in preparation for next year's Trial and HSC exams.

A number of students have asked me about 'dropping' subjects in Year 12. The HSC and ATAR subject requirements are complex and any consideration of dropping needs examined carefully and discussed with parents and teachers.

Students who wish to consider amending their subject pattern should not rush into making their decision, and certainly should wait until they have received their Preliminary HSC exam results before making any firm decision.

I will meet with students and explain in detail the requirements and the factors that should be considered in the process.

Mr Chris Neave
Years 7, 9 & 11
Deputy Principal

Teaching & Learning

The Final Stage of NAPLAN online – NAPLAN READINESS TEST for Years 7 & 9

As you may be aware (letter sent home 7/9/17) all Year 7 and 9 students will be involved in the NAPLAN Readiness Test beginning Monday 11th September, Week 9.

All schools in NSW are required to conduct these tests before the end of Term 3 as the final stage of the school's preparations for going online in 2018.

Please be reassured that no marks or data will be collected.

The Readiness Test is a test-run to ensure that the school is able to deliver the tests for **all students** within the timeframe allocated, and the technology and connectivity operational.

The Readiness Tests will take place between the 11th September and 15th September. There are two tests involved:

- 1) **Test 1 – Omnibus Test** (Numeracy & Reading combined) – Students are required to bring their own earphones for the Omnibus Test.
- 2) **Test 2 – Writing Test** (no other equipment is required for this test).

Tests will be timetabled throughout the week.

Ms Sumana Viravong
HT Teaching & Learning



English

WOONONA BOWLING CLUB ESSAY COMPETITION

The essay-writing skills of four of our Year 10 students were celebrated at a presentation night for the Woonona Bowling Club Essay Competition on Tuesday 15th August. In its second year, the Competition encourages our students to voice their opinions on a range of contemporary issues. Mrs Gregory and I were delighted to be a part of a large group of proud parents and Bowling Club members who acknowledged the achievements of Bronte Slater, Lauren Kemp, Hudson Hawken and Dakota Tawse. Each of them received a significant cash prize and a few other goodies for their efforts. Also, as part of the night's entertainment, Piper Favelle offered a great acoustic version of the Gnarl's Barkley song, 'Crazy'. A huge thank you must go to Mr Trenaman who helped set up the equipment for all the musical acts. We look forward to building our community partnership with Woonona Bowling Club in 2018.



Ms Heather Gardiner
HT English

English

On Friday the 18th August, as part of our work on visual literacy 7R and 7P had the privilege of going to see the movie 'A Monster Calls'. We met up with Mr Boon and Mrs Smart. We tapped our Opal cards and hopped on the train. We made our way through the pretty landscape and dark tunnels, stopping to pick-up some more of our classmates in Helensburgh. We then travelled to Sutherland and on to Cronulla.

We all walked through the main shopping area, making sure to hold on to our hats, as there were strong, gusting winds. At the cinema, all the students got their tickets and something to nibble on throughout the film. We were all very excited to choose our seats and watch the movie.

'A Monster Calls' is about a boy named Conor who is dealing with far more than any boy of his age should have to. He has a sick mother and the bullies at school will not leave him alone. Conor finds a monster who helps him navigate his way through the terrible things happening in his life. The movie used many clever visual techniques to tell the story, including using moving drawings rather than real actors in some places.

We were enjoying the movie very much. However, in the last, crucial scene, there was a loud bang and the screen went blank! The wind had caused a blackout and the theatre had lost power. Unfortunately, we were unable to see the last ten minutes of the film which was disappointing. Nevertheless, we still enjoyed our excursion and can't wait to find out what actually happens. We would like to thank Mr Boon and Mrs Smart for taking us on this enjoyable excursion.

Ella Dowd



Science

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK AUGUST 12-20

To celebrate National Science week Bulli High School was honoured to have Dr Catalina Curceanu talk to some of our students from Years 9-11 about the Big Bang Theory. Dr Curceanu is Head Researcher of Italy's National Institute of Nuclear Physics [INFN]. Her love of Physics started when she was at school. She later studied nuclear physics and elementary particle physics at Bucharest, and then a doctorate in spectroscopic meson physics at CERN. Dr Curceanu is an inspirational speaker and she communicated complicated theories in a way that was easy to understand.

Her lecture posed several scenarios to how the Universe will evolve and the origin of dark energy. The Big Bang theory was explained and the main events in the Universe's history from the formation of first stars, our Solar System, and the mysterious black holes. The students were enthralled and asked many thought provoking questions.

We would like to thank Dr Michael Lerch, Associate Professor Head - School of Physics at UOW for his organisation of the lecture through the Scientists in Schools Program.



UPCOMING NEWS

Our Year 12 students are finishing coursework and revising work during lessons in the final few weeks remaining of school. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this time to seek advice and feedback from their teachers for their subject area.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Year 12 all the very best in their upcoming examinations and in all of their endeavours beyond school.

Year 11 Preliminary Course examinations begin next week and it is great to see students working together sharing their learning with each other. I have been amazed at the level of focus and energy our Year 11 students are displaying at present. We wish them the very best as they embark on these important exams.

Science - continued

Year 8 students will be undertaking the Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development (VALID) test early in November. This compulsory test is takes approximately 70 minutes. The VALID Science 8 test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer. It examines both knowledge and skills from the Science Stage 4 syllabus. Earphones or headphones are required so please ensure that your child has a set that they can use.

Further information on the VALID test has been included in this newsletter.

Last term some of our Science students undertook the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science Competition organised by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) of the UNSW. By entering the competition, students have a chance to practise their exam technique skills, as well as compare their results with students from around the country and from some other countries internationally. Over one million student entries across many subject areas are accepted from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually. In addition, students from over 20 countries participate in ICAS each year.

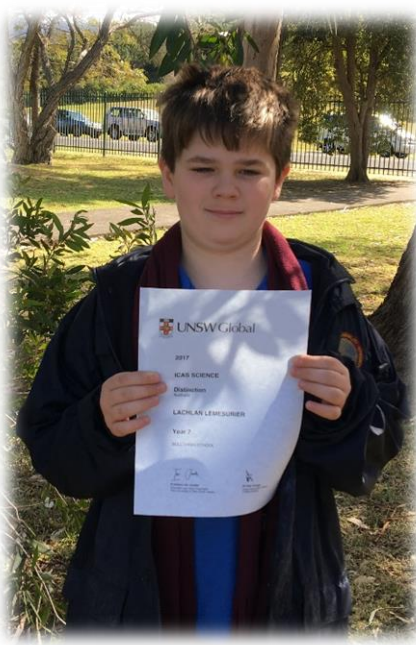
The ICAS Science exam assesses students' skills in the key scientific areas. This included observing and measuring, interpreting and evaluating data, drawing conclusions and inferences, making predictions, experimental design, and problem solving.

The two students who received Distinction Awards in this examination were Lachlan Le Mesurier and Oliver Hausner from Year 7. Lachlan's score was in the top 3 percent of Year 7 participants in Australia. Jack Dabrowski from Year 8 received a Merit Award.

We wish to congratulate these very capable Science students. The Presentation of these certificates will occur in the next Bulli High School Award Ceremony.



Jack Dabrowski
Year 8



Lachlan Le Mesurier
Year 7



Oliver Hausner
Year 7

Ms Jo Canvin
Relieving HT Science



On Monday 28th August, Year 10 had the opportunity to extend their classwork study of The Holocaust. Ms Reichhart and Mrs Hicks accompanied the students from 10HISO, 10HISC and 10HISE to the Sydney Jewish Museum. The group had the privilege of listening to Kuba Enoch a survivor of Auschwitz. Kuba's testimony was an honest, open account of his life including the treatment of Jews up until liberation from the war.

It was an emotional account that had a huge impact on the students understanding of the Holocaust. The group also attended a thought provoking lecture on 'Remembering' as well as a visit to the museum.



The remaining classes of 10HISA, 10HISN and 10HISS were fortunate enough to attend a lecture by Vic Alhadeff from the New South Wales Board of Jewish Studies. Mr Alhadeff facilitates and delivers programs in Jewish education for primary and secondary students. One of the topics he discusses is The Holocaust. Mr Alhadeff spent two hours talking and discussing the Holocaust with Year 10 students who were very inquisitive and were able to make a connection to their studies.



Both experiences provided an inspirational day with all students displaying courtesy and respect. Well done Year 10.

Mr Samuel Dixon
HSIE Head Teacher

TAS

Here's some of the pictures from our F1 in Schools Illawarra Regional Finals, with Bulli High School finishing as Regional Champions in both divisions. Congratulations teams!"



Mr Steve Delaney
HT TAS

Creative & Performing Arts

Year 9 Visual Art students have completed their landscape painting unit. Here are just a few of the samples showing the impressive approaches adopted by students in both classes.



Mr Tony Cabassi
Visual Arts Teacher



CROSSROADS EXCURSION: ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION

KEMBLA GRANGE: 31ST AUGUST 2017

On Thursday 31 August, 71 Year 11 students from Bulli High School boarded a bus and headed south to Kemplla Grange for a day of Road Safety Education in association with Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA). The students were divided into two groups and rotated through a series of six workshops where they were made aware of a number of issues facing young drivers. The workshops included:

- an inspiring talk by a crash survivor with an acquired brain injury who generously shared his story
- a demonstration of stopping distances and how these are significantly affected by speed
- hazards and distractions and managing these as a driver and passenger
- awareness of personality and mindset with regard to driver and passenger safety
- a discussion about the key risk areas for young drivers and passengers
- 'Genevieve's Story' where students analysed a real crash, its contributing factors and the development of plans for decision making in risky situations

All workshops were interactive and included filling in relevant sections of a booklet. The completed booklet will be a useful and relevant resource as these students begin to gain experience on the road both as drivers and passengers. Also included in the booklet is a tear out certificate of attendance as well as a unique identification number whereby the students can enter a draw to win a \$250 pre-paid VISA card. Students are encouraged to do this as soon as possible to be in for a chance to win.

Our students were a credit to Bulli High School as they demonstrated engagement and interest in the content, followed teacher and facilitator instructions and wore their full school uniform.

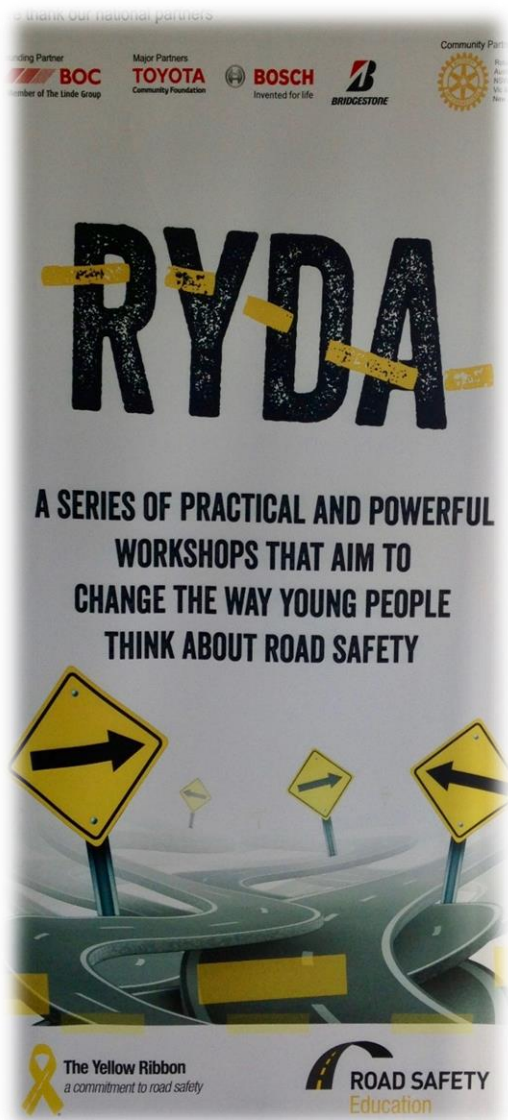
Thanks is extended to Mrs Green, Ms Devlin, Mr Cranney and Ms Pidhirny who accompanied the students for the day and to all staff at school who covered classes. An enormous amount of organization and planning goes into taking students out of school and we are appreciative of the students who did the right thing by returning notes and attending the day.

For more information about Road Safety Education, please refer to the following links.

- <http://rse.org.au/category/ryda/student-resources/>
- <http://www.rse.org.au/>

Ms Katie Pidhirny
Crossroads Co-ordinator

Crossroads Excursion – Road Safety Education - *continued*



Snow Trip

SNOW TRIP – 9th , 10th & 11th AUGUST

At midnight on Tuesday 9th August, a busload of excited Year 9, 10 and 11 students and staff including Mr Cranney, Mr Mann, Ms Josh, Mr James and Ms Pidhirny, left Ursula Road and headed south towards Perisher for the annual Bulli High School Snow Trip.

We were treated to a 'bluebird' Wednesday with fresh snow, no wind and mild temperatures which made for a perfect start to the trip. Thursday proved windy and consequently all Blue Cow lifts were closed so following the first lesson, we headed over to Perisher for a wonderful afternoon of snowboarding and skiing.

By Friday, the wind had abated and we were treated to another day of excellent conditions on the slopes of the Blue Cow area.

The students were a credit to Bulli High School in terms of their conduct and enthusiasm. The camaraderie and enjoyment the students conveyed was evidence of a hugely successful trip. Skill level increased significantly over the three days and by Friday afternoon, most students had achieved a level of competence that allowed them access to a broad range of slopes. Spirits remained elevated throughout the entire experience. The accommodation was warm and comfortable, the food was wholesome and plentiful and the company was second to none. All too quickly we were back on the bus and heading home, tired but content. Thanks is extended to Mr Cranney for his seamless and meticulous organisation in making this trip happen.



Snow Trip - continued



Katie Pidhirny
PD/Health/PE Teacher

Interschool Snowsports State Competition

Two weeks ago 7 boys from Bulli High competed in the State Interschools Snow Sports Championships at Perisher in snowboard cross and snowboard giant slalom events. Once again Bulli High can be extremely proud of the way the students represented their school and conducted themselves during the competition.

The 7 students were entered in 3 events over two days and competed against students from all parts of NSW and Canberra. Unfortunately, they didn't make it through to the next round of competition – the Nationals – but our boys did put in excellent performances and achieved some fantastic results.

Results include:

11th place snowboard giant slalom Division 1: Dylan Gillet, Thomas Dubourdieu and Monty Josh-Jones

14th place snowboard cross Division 1 (Team A): Thomas Dubourdieu, Monty Josh-Jones and Jack Beckett

15th place snowboard cross Division 1 (Team B): Owen Kocyan, Tom McGlinn and Stevie Jones

Well done to all students. It's always a pleasure to take eager, well-mannered and zealous students away to represent our school. Hope to see even more of our snow-loving students participating next year.



Interschool Snowsports State Competition - continued



Ms Peta Josh
Interschool Snowsport Co-ordinator

Sport

REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Approximately 30 Bulli High School students attended the South Coast Athletics championships on Friday 4th August. It was typical winter's day in Canberra with the temperature not rising above 5°C all day, and a chilly wind blowing off the snow fields.

We had some terrific results with the following students qualifying for the NSW CHS State Athletics later in the term.

- Cuba Cleaven- Vanderlaak – 1st in 12 years boys High Jump
- Tahlya Fowler – 1st in 15 years Shot Put
- Nathan Bowman – 2nd in 14 years 800m, 3rd in Long Jump
- Noah Methven – 2nd in 15 years Triple Jump



Special mention to these students and their fine performances.

- Halle Callow – 3rd in 12 years 800m
- Alyssa Abbott – 3rd in 13 years Hurdles
- Darci Air – 4th in 15 years 1500m, 6th in 800m
- Ebony McGrath – 5th in 15 years 400m
- Lily Pepper – 5th in 16 years 400m
- Summer Cahill – 5th in 13 years 200m
- 15years boys relay (Tommi, Zane, Macauley & Finn) – 3rd
- 13years girls relay (Summer, Nathalia, Sabina & Alyssa) – 4th

Alison Green
PDHPE Teacher

Grade Sport – Volleyball

Volleyball Grade Sport Bulli High School has enjoyed hosting Grade Sport Volleyball for a third consecutive year. Six teams from our school have participated in the competition and two teams earned a place in the finals round on 30 August. Participating schools have included Keira, Figtree and Bulli High Schools.

Our Junior Girls Red and Senior Girls Red teams placed second in their divisions with Keira High School taking out the top spots.

Our Senior Girls, Senior Boys and Junior Girls have all demonstrated exceptional sportspersonship and enthusiasm throughout the entire competition.

Dry and mild weather ensured all rounds were played although contending with very windy conditions on some Wednesdays presented some challenges. However, all teams accepted the weather and always participated to the best of their ability without fuss or complaint.

Bulli High School teams would regularly and willingly offer players if other teams were short in order to play. Always gracious in defeat or victory, it has been a rewarding experience for all.

Congratulations are extended to all teams whose collective skill level has significantly improved since the beginning of Term 2 when the competition began. Some members of all teams have earned special mention for their dedication to improving their skills by turning up on Monday lunchtimes to train.

Thank you to Ms Phipps, Ms South, Ms Schilbe and Ms Evans whose management, support and encouragement of the teams every Wednesday afternoon was appreciated. We look forward to continued interest and participation in 2018.



Grade Sport – Volleyball - continued



Katie Pidhirny
Grade Sport Volleyball Convenor

Grade Sport – Girls Junior OzTag

This season Bulli High fielded two teams: one from Year 7 and one from Year 8.

The Year 7 team had a very good season finishing second on the ladder and qualified for the Grand Final.



The Year 8 team won every game they played, finished first on the ladder, won the Minor Premiership and also qualified for the Grand Final.



The Year 8 team, very gracious in their victory, eventually overpowered the strong competition from Year 7 and won the grand Final.

Congratulations to all of the girls that took part in the (always) very windy days at Dalton Park.

Mr Alex Craigen
Grade Sport Convenor

Library

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Oliver Hausner, Harriet McCabe and Celeste Kelly for their successful completion of the Premier's Reading Challenge. All three students have successfully read 20 books between March and August this year. Well done.

YEAR 7 ACCELERATED READING PROGRAM

As part of Bulli High's commitment to continuous improvement, all Year 7 students will start the accelerated reading program this term. The reading program will match students to appropriate challenging books and will help students set personal reading targets. Students may choose to borrow the book of their choice from the library or through the Bulli High's e-book platform. All Year 7 will be encouraged to read for at least 15 minutes at night.

Ms Kylie Martin
Teacher/Librarian

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Bulli High canteen needs your help

- If you can't manage P & C meetings but would still like to help your school
- If you have 1 day a month spare or could go on the emergency roster and would like to meet some new people
 - If you would like to help the major fundraiser for our school
 - If you would like a free lunch and lots of laughs

Please come and give it a try, it's for about 4 hours a month and greatly appreciated by all students and staff at Bulli High School

If you work part time, like most of our mums or dads,
you can choose what day works for you

- Your child will love having you helping in the canteen

PLEASE GIVE IT A TRY

Call Lyn Falkiner on 4284 8266 ext 119
BULLI HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN

Green Team News

Welcome to Spring! The air is getting warmer, days are getting longer and our gardens are starting to shine. Throughout the dry Winter, our Green Team has been kept busy watering and mulching in preparation for Spring. Having the largest Green Team ever, has helped launch a diverse range of projects.

Our paper recycling program always keeps us busy.....

Our adventurous students have taken their sustainable actions beyond the school gate and have gained momentum in cleaning up our creeks, major storm water drains and beaches. The passion from our kids in keeping our beaches and marine life healthy is admirable. The rubbish collected ranged from large items such as; trestle tables, shopping trolleys and wheelie bins, to enormous amounts of plastic waste packaging.

Students pulling a wheelie bin out of the creek.

Our students were so astounded that they have made this their focus project to promote in the Landcare Kreative Koalas Challenge. The ambassadors from Landcare are very impressed by the achievements and passion shown by our students. Our Video Journal and created Koala are due by the 19th October so our group is working hard on these projects.



Our students also featured in WIN local news on the 24th August, both Zac Becker and Jade Mooney presented passionately and maturely about their concern for our planet. They really enjoyed taking the camera team to the creek where they found all the rubbish. Understanding the amount of footage we provided and the amount that was shown on the segment was astounding.



Ms Stacey Fraser
Green Team Co-ordinator

Aboriginal Education

It is with absolute pleasure that I share with you a very special event held at our school in August. It was the official unveiling of The Indigenous Mural in the Wadi Wadi Garden.



The occasion was part of the local AECGNI (Northern Illawarra Aboriginal and Educational Consultancy Group Northern Illawarra) meeting that enabled Bulli High school to showcase to both the local and school community the fantastic artwork created by a number of Bulli High School students in conjunction with Aboriginal Elders Aunty Lorraine and Aunty Sharon from Coomaditchie.

The artwork tells the story of Warilla Man and was designed and painted by Kara Tuck, Alinta Maguire, Vida-Rae Kennedy-Gough, Lachlan Tuck, Emma Jones, Jerusha Anderson Claus, Angel Davidson, Tamsyn Allen, Taneesha Nye and Kaesie Dent. It has taken just on two years to complete the mural, which would not have happened without the tireless efforts of Ms Siobhan Chazarreta.



The unveiling occurred as part of a traditional smoking ceremony that was a beautiful experience for all in attendance.

Ms Leanne Hicks
HSIE Teacher, Aboriginal Mentor & Tutor

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A conversation could change a life.

UNIFORM SHOP

Orders for Year 7 2018



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

Monday 9 th October 2017:	2.00pm to 5.30pm Thirroul Public school
Tuesday 10 th October 2017:	2.00pm to 5.30pm Bulli & Helensburgh Public school
Wednesday 11 th October 2017:	2.00pm to 5.30pm Austinmer, Scarborough & Otford Public schools
Thursday 12 th October 2017:	2.00pm to 5.30pm Waniora, Coledale & Stanwell Park Public schools
Friday 13 th October 2017:	2.00pm to 5.30pm All remaining schools plus those who could not make their allocated days.

For exceptional cases if you cannot make your allocated day, please phone the uniform shop during opening hours on 4284 8266 (ext 140) to make an alternative time **BY TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2017**. All late orders after October will not be guaranteed delivery.

Please note: All uniforms for Year 7 students for 2018 have to be **ORDERED**, as we do not have sufficient stock available in the school uniform shop.

Orders will require a \$50 deposit if possible.

Uniforms will be available for **PICKUP ONLY ON:**

Thursday 25 th January 2018	10am – 2pm
Friday 26 th January 2018	10am – 2pm

For those who can't make these times, we will be open from 9am to 3pm on Monday 29th January.

We are also open on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st January from 9am to 3pm.

EXCHANGES AND NEW STUDENTS can **ONLY** be done on or after Monday 29th January 2018.

PAYMENT BY CASH, CHEQUE OR EFTPOS
PLEASE NOTE: NO ONLINE ORDERS OR PAYMENTS

Dear Year 8 Parent or Carer

The *Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development* (VALID) test for Year 8 students will be held between **Wednesday 1 November** and **Friday 10 November 2017**. The test takes approximately 70 minutes. The *VALID Science 8* test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

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

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

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

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

Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2018. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how your child's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test.

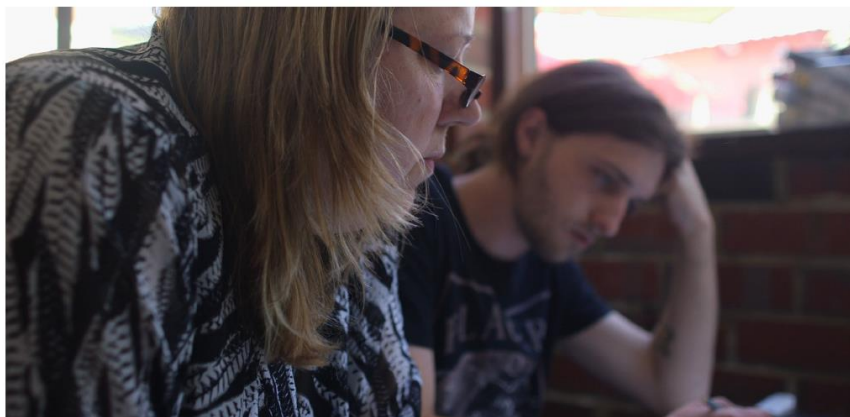
The principal of your child's school is able to provide you with more details about the VALID program if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Donovan
Executive Director, Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation
Department of Education



headspace School Support



Holidays can take students away from friends and their usual school supports. Changes to routine can cause some young people to feel stressed, isolated and alone. Being a supportive parent is especially important when it comes to a time of change in a young person's routine or life structure.

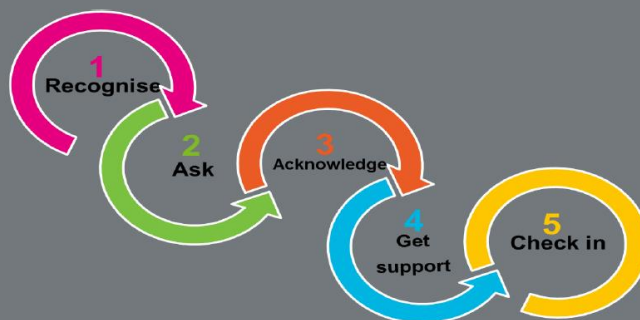
Supporting your young person during the holidays

There are signs that may suggest things are not quite right with your young person and that you might need to talk to someone about what's going on. These include:

- Not enjoying or not wanting to be involved in things they would normally enjoy
- Unusual sleeping or eating habits
- Being easily irritable or angry with friends or family for no reason
- Being involved in risky behavior they would normally avoid
- Feeling tense, restless, stressed or worried
- Crying for no apparent reason, feeling sad or down for long periods of time
- Having lots of negative thoughts

Tips to help you support your young person:

1. Recognise their distress or concerning behaviour
2. Ask them about it
3. Acknowledge their feelings
4. Get appropriate support
5. Check in a short time afterwards



It's helpful to ensure that your young person stays involved and remains active during the holidays

Some general tips:

- Maintain a regular routine (i.e. getting up in the morning, eating three meals a day)
- Encourage them to keep in contact with friends
- Involve them in decisions and give them responsibility at home (i.e. deciding what to eat for dinner and helping prepare it)
- Encourage them to get involved in activities or projects, and participate with them when you can



If you believe that a young person is at risk of harm, you should seek professional support from your GP, mental health service or emergency department and keep the young person safe until help arrives.

Support Service Options:

headspace.org.au to find your nearest **headspace** centre
headspace.org.au for free online and telephone support
reachout.com for information about wellbeing
Lifeline 13 11 14
Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
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WEBSITE: <http://clubslayers.nsw.cricket.com.au/>

St George-Sutherland Women's Cricket Club



Registration Days - Friday 8th September & Friday 15th September 4-6pm at
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ALL Registrations will need to be completed online by visiting www.lansw.com.au and following the links.

Option 1: Rego Online but Pay by Cash- \$120 per athlete (U6-U17) \$100 per Tiny Tot (U3yrs -U5)

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**** New Rego's please bring your Birth Certificate or Blue Book on Rego Day ****

All Athletes are required to have 1 parent/adult from their own family in attendance each week with their child and to also help out each Friday afternoon at a designated job as part of your child's registration.

Competition starts Friday 6th October 2017 at 4:15pm then every Friday afternoon after that of the School term on the athletics oval at Bulli High School Access via Alroy, Jardine & Godolphin Streets

Uniform Shop is Open on all Registration Days & the first few weeks of competition - Uniform costs \$70 per set.

Uniform is Compulsory every week whilst competing at Nilac, including Rego Number and Age Patch clearly displayed on the front of the uniform. Tiny Tots do not require uniform but must display Rego Number and Age Patch on front of their shirt each week.

Any further info please Call our President Wanda on 0400 663 943

Email: northernillawarralac@yahoo.com.au

Face book: Northern Illawarra Little Athletics Club

Parent Involvement is essential to the running of any athletics club,
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