Upcoming Events

**Monday 9th February**
School Swimming Carnival
@ Corrimal Pool

**Wednesday 18th February**
Year 7 BBQ @ 6.00pm – 7.30pm

**Thursday 19th February**
Year 7 Vaccinations

**Friday 20th February**
Zone Swimming Carnival

**Tuesday 24th February**
Year 7 – Surf Education Day

**Thursday 5th March**
Regional Swimming

**Monday 9th March**
School Photo Day

**11 – 16th March**
Japanese Students @ School

**Thursday 12th March**
Photo follow-up day
Selective High Schools Test in Hall

**Wednesday 11th March**
P & C

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Principal’s report

As we start the school year I’d like to welcome all our students, families and community members to Bulli High School. We finished last year on a high note with Band 5 and Band 6 representing over one third of all bands achieved by our HSC students. This is an outstanding result which we are very proud of. We are still collecting ATAR results but are reliably informed that a number of students received ATARS above 90. I congratulate all students on their results and wish them well for their future plans, be it further study, employment or travel.

The school has received the ESSA results for the examination sat by Year 8 students last year. The results are outstanding and a credit to our Science faculty and our students. Individual student results will be distributed to parents, via students, in their science classes next week. Students will be required to sign to acknowledge receipt.

Our incoming Year 7 students looked fabulous in their new uniforms and are settling in well. By all accounts they have enjoyed the camp immensely. If the level of exhaustion of our teachers is anything to go by, the camp was a big success. I extend a big thank you to the teachers who attended and particularly Ms Kylie Martin who organised the three day event.

A special welcome is extended to our new students in the Black Diamond Centre, our new Autism Unit. The school had hoped that the old science lab conversion would be completed for the start of the year, but due to unavoidable delays it is now expected the centre will be ready late Term 1. In the meantime students and staff are comfortably accommodated in the library. When completed, the students and staff will have a first class educational setting.

Last week I spoke to all Year groups about the school’s expectation that all students will uphold our school welfare and discipline code of Respect Responsibility and Integrity. I also stressed the importance of all students striving for personal best in all they do whether it be academically, in sport, creative endeavour, socially or as a citizen of our school and the wider community. Put simply, it means doing the best you can.

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It is important that all students start the year well and this includes developing strong attendance and punctuality habits. Students have been reminded of the Department of Education and Communities (DEC’s) expectation that students attend each day of school, unless a valid reason exists. Parents are required to justify the absence by providing a note or calling the school, explaining the reason for the absence. All students, except Year 12, participate in Sport on a Wednesday afternoon as a DEC requirement. We request that appointments are not made in Sport time as it can be very disruptive to school planning and can jeopardise the running of some sports. If an appointment or other event is unavoidable during Wednesday afternoon an Early Leavers pass will be issued on receipt of a written parent request submitted before school on Wednesday morning. Bulli High School, with our fantastic local geography, offers students the choice of sports that are the envy of many other schools.

Over the last six months Bulli High School has been working with our community on our School Plan 2015 – 2017. The plan focuses on three Strategic Directions determined by the school. They are Responsible and Engaged Learners, Professional and Innovative Teaching Practices, and Dynamic Educational Relationships Across Our School Community. We are now identifying the Projects that will sit within each Direction and the processes involved in their implementation including funding.

In 2012, the NSW Government announced its Local Schools, Local Decisions (LSLD) reform for NSW public schools. This reform places students at the centre of school decision making. It gives principals and school communities a greater say over how they allocate and use the available resources to best meet the needs of their students.

To enable the shift of resources to the school level, a new Resource Allocation Model (RAM) has been developed. The RAM is designed to achieve a simpler, fairer and more transparent distribution of government school funding and change the way resources (staff and finances) are managed in our school system. The RAM provides many benefits to schools by allocating most funding on a per student basis and distributing resources to schools based on the characteristics of those schools and the students within them. Our school has been advised that we will receive $58 777 RAM funding to support our students with additional learning needs in 2015. This includes our schools equity loadings: Socio Economic Background, Aboriginal Background and English language Proficiency.

Enrolment data is used by the DEC to determine some funding for each school. To ensure that Bulli High School is funded appropriately our office staff are in the process of ensuring that all information is complete on student enrolment forms. The office staff will gradually be checking all enrolment data and will make contact with parents if relevant information is missing.

One way to learn more about what is happening at Bulli High School is to come along to the P & C meetings which are held every second Wednesday in the school’s Staff Common Room. Meetings start at 7pm and we welcome new and past members.

The new school website is proving to be very successful and popular with the community. In the last week alone it has received over 1300 hits. We are continually striving to provide our community with the information you need so I ask for your patience as we continue to develop it and build it into the platform that satisfies the school and the community. For information on how to access the school’s administration system Millennium via the website see Mr Neave’s report later in the newsletter. Parents who have registered for the school’s e-bulletin will continue to receive the bulletins which are sent out for announcements. Information on how parents can register follows. We will be requesting your feedback on what you like, what works well and what else you would like to see incorporated into the site. I am currently investigating an on-line electronic payment system which I anticipate will be enthusiastically welcomed by the school and families.

Despite only being 2 weeks into the school year organisation for 2016 is underway. As part of our Year 7 class structure, students are placed in the Enrichment Class after completing the application process. Details are available later in this newsletter.

I look forward to meeting more parents and community members as the term progresses whether while I am visiting local primary schools or here at Bulli High School. This term we have two very important events coming up very soon. The Year 7, 2015 BBQ on 18th February and the Year 5/6 Expo Night on 3rd March where parents and students have the opportunity to tour the school and attend an information session. We are hoping many parents and students will come along and see our great school.

Chris Gregory
Principal

P & C dates for 2015
(2nd Wednesday of the month)

7pm in the Staff Common Room

Term 1:  11th Feb, 11th Mar
Term 2:  13th May, 10th June
Term 3:  12th Aug, 9th Sept
Term 4: 14th Oct, 11th Nov, 9th Dec

Respect - Responsibility - Integrity
Message from the Deputy Principal

Welcome back! It’s been a very busy start to the school year as usual.

Facebook and the webpage:
Thank you to all those families who have liked our Facebook page and those who have visited our new webpage. We have been updating it regularly and it is a good way of keeping in touch with what is happening at school. Please remember however that Facebook is social media page and as such you should not rely on it as your only source of information regarding events at the school. The school’s new webpage is the best place to keep up with what is happening at an “official level”. Facebook will be used to celebrate student achievements and share what’s happening on a more informal basis. By all means use the Messenger app to get in contact with us but if it’s urgent it is best to contact the school by phone or email.

Japanese Student Tour
I have had some families offer to act as hosts for the upcoming Japanese Tour in March, but still need more. Please contact me if you would like to host a year 9/10 student from Japan from 11 – 16 March. It is getting very close and I need to finalise details with the school in Japan.

Elective choices and changes,
Please remember that at the beginning of Year 9 students choose electives for all of Year 9 AND Year 10. While there is an opportunity to allow some elective swaps in Year 10 under VERY special circumstances it is not possible to allow for wholesale switches. The courses have been developed to carry on from Year 9 into Year 10 with Year 10 building on the basic skills in year 9. A change in course will only be allowed in a small number of cases where there has been a change in circumstance not just a change in mind and not “liking” a subject.

Ms Robyn Lang
Deputy Principal
Years 8, 10 and 12

Message from the Deputy Principal

Welcome back to everyone in my Year groups. I hope you had a tremendous summer break.

Year 7 Camp
I greatly enjoyed spending Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Year 7 camp and seeing so many students having a wonderful time and getting to know each other.

Many thanks to Miss Martin for her fine organisation and to the team of teachers who joined her in ensuring the camp ran so smoothly – Mrs Smart, Ms Canvin, Mr Craig, Mr Bevan and Mr Deans.

Year 9 & 11 Subject Selections
Quite a few students have seen me to discuss subject changes. Where there is space available we can make changes in the first couple of weeks. After that it becomes difficult to change as students will find it hard to catch up on work they have missed. If you are considering making a subject change please see me as soon as possible.

Mr Chris Neave
Deputy Principal
Years 7, 9 & 11

Millennium

Bulli High School uses a computerise school administration program called ‘Millennium’. This serves a number of purposes including the school timetable, roll marking, school notices and communication, student attendance, school reports and behaviour and welfare tracking.

All year 7 students and other new enrolments will shortly receive an individualised Millennium username and password. Parents of year 7 students and other newly enrolled children will also receive a password that will enable them to access information such as their child’s reports and their school attendance data.

Students and parents who have previously been issued Millennium usernames and passwords but have lost them should leave a message at the front office and I will arrange for them to be re-issued.

Mr Chris Neave
Deputy Principal

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**Errata**

It has come to our attention that there is a significant error in the school diary. On page 6 under the heading ‘Girl’s School Uniform Standards’ a sentence reads ‘Shoes must be black or white’. This sentence should read ‘Shoes must be black.’

The incorrect sentence is a publishing error in which a sentence used when we made the transition to fully black shoes in 2012 has been accidentally left unchanged. We apologise for any confusion this may have caused.

All other correspondence to parents and messages to students for the past two years relating to shoes has stipulated black.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Chris Neave
Deputy Principal

**English News**

Welcome to the 2015 school year. In particular, I wish our Year 7 students a great start to their high school careers.

This year will prove to be another busy one in the English faculty. Ms Wilson has returned to full-time teaching, Mr Boon is relieving Year 11 Adviser for Term 1, we are implementing the second phase of the new English 7-10 Syllabus, and teaching updated HSC prescriptions in Year 12 Advanced and Standard English.

This year, our faculty focus is for all students to achieve their personal best. We expect students to produce work to the very best of their ability. We also expect students to complete all assignments, assessment tasks and homework, and to submit designated tasks on or before the due date.

One of the key components of English is the ability to speak and listen in both formal and informal situations. As stipulated by our syllabus documents, all students in Years 7 – 12 are required to prepare and deliver a speech in front of their class. We understand that public speaking can be daunting. However, it is important that we take risks with our learning, overcome perceived challenges, and step outside our comfort zone. When we do so, we are often amazed by what we can achieve.

In striving for personal best, it is important that students come to their English lessons prepared. Your child’s English teacher expects students to have the proper equipment for each lesson. It is essential that students have a pen, diary and exercise book (or relevant electronic device) in order to engage in class activities. We are also emphasising the use of the school diary for communication and organisation purposes.

In regards the structure of our English classes in Years 8 - 10, we have one streamed class for high-achieving students, and an opportunity class for those who show eagerness and determination to succeed in English. The remainder of our classes are mixed ability. Placing students in classes is a collaborative process involving all members of the English faculty. Placement is determined by a number of factors including student achievement and social interactions.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child’s progress, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child’s English teacher.

Ms Heather Gardiner
Head Teacher – English

**Maths News**

All maths students need to bring in a USB (labeled with your name and class) by the end of Week 3 so that your maths teacher can load your text book onto it.

Maths Department
Science News

The Science teachers are happy to be back and are looking forward to another productive year! Senior students have settled well into their studies and Years 7-10 have commenced their Semester One courses. Year 7 is undertaking an introductory Science unit, Year 8 is studying Geology, Year 9 has begun work on a Physics unit and Year 10 is working on the Chemistry topic. Homework for junior students comprises a series of small tasks designed to consolidate the coursework and as such, is an integral part of the learning process. Please encourage your child to complete their homework and submit it on the due date.

Julie Swain
Head Teacher – Science

Home Economics Report

Last year Year 9 Food Technology classes were asked to complete a homework assignment that included a dietary analysis of their own diet, an analysis of the eating habits of Bulli High School students and the preparation of a healthy meal. There were a number of very good reports, but the following report by Isabel Yousiph is an exceptional piece of primary research gathering and reporting. Keep her name in mind as she may well be writing in nutritional magazines in the future if this piece of work is any indication. Well done and congratulations to Isabel.

The Eating Habits of Teenagers at Bulli High School

Based on both my survey results and my experiences as a student at Bulli High School, I believe that many students eat a well balanced diet most of the time whilst others have a poorer diet and eat foods that taste good but aren’t the most nutritious choices.

Eating fruit and vegetables daily is essential for good health and proper nutrition. Without fresh fruit and vegetables in your diet the body will be deficient in many essential vitamins, minerals and more importantly, fibre. Results collected from the survey indicated that every 2/5 teenagers at Bulli High eat the recommended daily intake of vegetables. Fruit intake is better, however, with 4/5 teenagers eating the right amount of fruit daily.

Carbohydrates are a vital nutrient for everyone, especially for growing and energetic teenagers, so we must get enough good carbohydrates such as wholegrain or wholemeal breads and cereals. 2/5 people in the survey said they had eaten some wholegrain or wholemeal breads or cereals whilst the other 3 hadn’t. However a large group of students at Bulli High School consume large amounts of simple and refined carbs like white bread, white pasta and pastries from the canteen. Sometimes these foods can be highly processed and contain little nutritional value (empty calories!) and could lead to weight gain if eaten in large amounts.

The recommendation for dairy products is 2-3 serves daily. 4/5 students said they had consumed dairy that day. Consuming dairy is important for strong teeth and bones. Based on the survey results and experiences teenagers at Bulli High easily consume enough dairy daily. Most teenagers eat the healthier forms of dairy such as yoghurt but things like, flavoured milks and ice creams need to be eaten in moderation.

Year 8 Decorated Birthday Cakes
(Yes, everything in moderation!)
Creative & Performing Arts Report

2015 in the C.A.P.A department is off to a flying start, with all students returning from holidays fresh faced and ready for learning. The Year 9 elective classes are enjoying their first few weeks of their chosen classes, and are enthusiastic about tasks being set for them.

Year 11 have settled in and are ready for the exciting year ahead with exceptional learning experiences being designed for them by their teachers. They are steadily increasing their understanding of the relevant content in preparation for their HSC year.

Let’s not forget the continuing and interchanging exhibitions at Point Street Café. We would like to thank them for their support of Bulli High School Visual Arts students, and encourage parents as well as members of the local community to visit the premises and see the artwork on display.

Art EXPRESS opens on Friday the 5th of February at the Hazlehurst Regional Gallery and runs until the 22nd of March 2015. Bodies of work nominated for ARTEXPRESS represent all the expressive forms described in the Visual Arts syllabus - drawing, graphic design, painting, printmaking, photo media, designed objects, textiles and fibre, sculpture, documented forms, ceramics, time-based forms and collection of works. Our congratulations to Bulli High School student Marcus Rusborn who will have his film ‘Daydream’ shown at the gallery, as part of ArtEXPRESS.
Welcome back. This year is a big year for the library. In the near future, the library will be having security gates installed and later in the year, the library is getting a new management system. Very exciting times ahead.

The library is open every day before school from 8:30 and is open at lunch every day, except Wednesday. Junior students can borrow up to 6 items and seniors can borrow up to 8 items.

The first book club brochure for the year is now available in the library. Book club has a number of bargains - great titles from $2.00.

Kylie Martin
Teacher Librarian
Year 7 Enrichment Class

Bulli High School supports and encourages all students to achieve personal best in all areas of school life including academic performance, sport, creative & performing arts and to be good community citizens.

As part of our commitment to student achievement and engagement Bulli High School will be creating a 2016 class for Year 7 students with high academic ability, and who demonstrate commitment and motivation.

The cost associated with the Placement Test is $30.00 which covers the cost of materials, marking and reporting. Any parent who would like their child to sit for the test but is suffering from genuine financial hardship can apply personally to the Principal.

An Enrichment Placement Test will be held in the Bulli High School hall at 9.30am on Monday 23rd March 2015.

Application forms are available from Bulli High School and our local Seacliff Community of Schools.

Students applying for a placement in the Enrichment class are required to sit the Enrichment Class Placement Test and participate in a parent/student interview with a member of the Bulli High School executive teachers.

Bulli High School will also communicate with the teachers of the school of the applicant.

Regards

Mrs Julie Swain
Head Teacher Science
Enrichment Class Coordinator

Mrs Chris Gregory
Principal

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Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2015 the following vaccines will be offered:

**Year 7 students***
- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)

**Year 11-12 students***
- measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine as a single dose as part of a catch-up vaccination program for students who are not fully protected.

* The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.

**Parent Information Kits** will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:
- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child’s school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation).

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child’s name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student’s information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and (for female students only) link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.
Northern District Tigers Junior AFL
Our registration days are:

Saturday 14th & Saturday 21st February 2015

Woonona Bulli RSL – Auditorium
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

AFL caters for boys and girls from 4 ½ to 16 years
Played on a Sunday
All players U8 receive a family pass for 2 adults and 2 children to
the Sydney Swans Vs Adelaide game on Saturday 1 August at the
SCG.

All new players receive shorts, socks, bag and a ball as part of
registration.
For further information call Peter Mott on 0407 226 509

Website www.juniortigersafc.com
Bulli Junior Soccer Club
Registrations for Season 2015

www.bullijuniorsoccer.com.au

Online registrations are now open
Please check our website information regarding how to register online
http://www.bullijuniorsoccer.com/

Registration Days:
When: Saturday 31st January & 7th February
Time: 11.00am - 2.00pm
Where: Woonona Bulli RLS Club

For any further information, you can check our website or contact us via email. bjscsecretary@gmail.com.au

Helensburgh Junior Rugby League
Registrations for Season 2015

Registrations are now open for grades U6 to U17. Boys aged 5 to 17 and girls aged 5 to 12 are welcome to sign up. All re-registrations & new registrations must be done online. Please visit our website at:

helensburghjrl.leaguenet.com.au and follow the links.

If you have any questions please email our registrar at registrarhjrlfc@hotmail.com
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!