Upcoming Events

**Monday 9**<sup>th</sup> March
School Photo Day

**Wednesday 11**<sup>th</sup> March
P & C Meeting @ 7.00pm

11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March
Japanese Students @ school

**Thursday 12**<sup>th</sup> March
Year 7 Excursion @ Wollongong Food Hall
Photo follow-up day
Selective High Schools Test in Hall

**Friday 13**<sup>th</sup> March
Eggstravaganza Raffle Tickets handed out

**Monday 16**<sup>th</sup> March
Year 12 mid-course exams start

**Monday 23**<sup>rd</sup> March
Year 7 2016 Enrichment Class Test
@ 9.30am in the School Hall

**Tuesday 24**<sup>th</sup> March
Eggstravaganza Mufti Day

**Wednesday 25**<sup>th</sup> March
School Cross Country – From period 4

**Thursday 26**<sup>th</sup> March
CHS Swimming Day – Day 1
Year 9 – Cyberia (Brainstorm)

**Friday 27**<sup>th</sup> March
CHS Swimming Day – Day 2
Years 11 & 12 Engineering to Steelworks

**Monday 30**<sup>th</sup> March
Year 12 Work Placement

30<sup>th</sup> March – 9<sup>th</sup> April
Duke of Edinburgh – Central Australia

**Tuesday 31**<sup>st</sup> March
Easter Eggstravaganza
Awards Assembly

**Thursday 2**<sup>nd</sup> April
Last day of Term 1

**Tuesday 21**<sup>st</sup> April
Students return for Term 2

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Principal’s report

It’s been a busy and productive month in which we have celebrated student achievement and welcomed many families to Bulli High School.

Mrs Manks, Head Teacher Creative and Performance Arts, Mr Tony Cabassi, Visual Arts teacher, and I attended the opening of Artexpress at the Hazelhurst Regional Gallery to see Marcus Rusbourne’s 2014 HSC major work on display. Marcus and his family also attended this very special event in recognition of Marcus’ talents.

Congratulations to Blake Douglas of Year 7. Blake entered a Lions Club - ‘Peace Poster Competition’ which received more than 350,000 entries from around the world. Blake is now one of 18 finalists world-wide representing Australia. We wish Blake luck.

Bulli High School’s swimming carnival was well attended and our students and staff enjoyed a great day despite the mixed weather. If you haven’t already seen the photos, log onto Facebook or check the school website. A special thank you goes to the organising teachers Mrs Alison Green and Mr Rob Mann. The teachers commented on the wonderful spirit and behaviour displayed by our students at the carnival.

Proud member of the
Seacliff Community of Schools

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The Year 7 BBQ was also well attended by parents and students. I managed to meet a number of parents and enjoyed the chance to have a relaxed chat about how their child was settling into high school. We followed up with Expo night this week. It was fantastic to see the number of families who were able to come along and learn more about our great school. Parents and students were able to meet teachers, tour the school and of course participate in a number of hands-on activities. Our classrooms and facilities were packed with families who were very keen to see each area of the school. Sinead Heap, Amelie Downie and Blake Douglas of Year 7 spoke impressively and over fifty student volunteers helped serve food, answered questions, directed visitors and helped to run the activities in classrooms. I received numerous comments from parents who spoke very highly of our students and teachers who very proudly showcased Bulli High School. Our Expo Night is truly a team effort. The school’s P & C Association were in attendance and held a food stall which was well supported and donated the prize of 5 movie passes for the Treasure Hunt competition. We were very pleased to see the challenge being taken up by our future students, perhaps with a little help from their parents. Ms Lang has announced the winners later in the newsletter.

The Black Diamond Centre, our new classroom area for the Autism Unit, is getting very close to completion. Yes, it’s been nearly a term but the wait will be worth it. Our teachers and students are very keenly awaiting the day they can make good use of this refurbished resource.
This term has seen a significant change to the Department of Education’s (DEC) attendance procedures. ACARA (the Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority) has developed the National Standards for Student Attendance. The national standards are applicable for all government, Catholic and independent schools in Australia. The NSW DEC is applying these standards from 2015. The new National Standards have resulted in a change in the way absences due to travel and family events outside of school holiday periods are treated. The National Standards require that these are treated as absences. These changes have come about through academic research which suggests that even short absences from school can have dramatic negative effects on student academic and social learning. **A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose.** Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If your child is absent from school for holidays, your child’s absence will be marked as Leave. Under these new standards, your child’s time away from school will count towards total absences for the year.

At Bulli High School we believe that all time at school is valuable. This includes sport which is compulsory for all students in Years 7 to Year 11. Sport organisation can be seriously disrupted or jeopardised with student requests for early leave on a Wednesday afternoon. Student lateness to school can also be disruptive to classes and results in students missing lesson time. I certainly appreciate that sometimes this is unavoidable but stress the expectation that students attend school each day and Wednesday afternoon sport each week, arrive at school each day on time, and request early leave passes only when necessary. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions regarding your child’s attendance at Bulli High School.

Bulli High School has registered with School Finance to allow online payments by parents for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac, and expect to have this available to parents later this month. Once we get the go-ahead parents will be advised via e-news and the school website. We are very excited about this as it will be far easier for families. Payments will be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page will be accessed from the front page of the schools website. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. Parents will have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school. We will be sending home further details and access instructions as soon as we are able to launch.

Have a great term.

*Chris Gregory*
Principal

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**Register for E-News**

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

To register for e-news follow these steps:

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

Well I don’t know about you but my diary is full with so many exciting things going on at Bulli High School! Tuesday night’s Expo Night was absolutely fabulous! The Hall was packed with parents and young students - so packed we needed extra chairs! As promised there were lots of fun activities for people to do as our photos show. The Treasure Hunt was a challenge for some but our winners are Koco Jordan from Bulli Public School (iTunes Voucher) and Tate Bunting from Austinmer Public School (movie vouchers). Congratulations!
The Tell Them From Me Survey is running in various lessons in Week 7. We sent information home about this a few weeks ago. (Check last newsletter on our website for more information)

On Monday 9th make sure you have your clean uniform and hair nicely brushed for the school photos. You can order online – details are on the envelope sent home.

The other big event coming up is the arrival of our Japanese Study Tour students. We have 17 students from Furakawa Reimei High School coming for 6 days. They have a full program at school and the host families have planned lots of fun things for them to do over the weekend. Thank you to all those involved.

Ms Robyn Lang
Deputy Principal
Years 8, 10 and 12
Swimming Carnival 2015

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House Results:

1st Place  Yellow House  434 points
2nd Place  Green House  370 points
3rd Place  Blue House  274 points
4th Place  Red House  254 points

Zone Swimming 2015

The annual zone swimming carnival was held at Corrimal Pool on Friday 20th February. Approximately 50 wonderfully behaved and talented Bulli students represented our school with great distinction and a fun day was had by all.

There were a number of outstanding individual performances on the day and in particular, two students excelled and achieved the honour of age champion. They were:
- Under 12 boys  Coen Taylor
- Under 14 girls  Charlotte Oliver

In overall results, Bulli HS placed 3rd on the day (Smith’s Hill 1st, Keira 2nd). Bulli girls were 2nd overall, Bulli boys were 3rd overall.

Approximately 30 students have qualified and will compete at the South Coast Regional Championships at Dapto pool on Thursday 5th March. We wish them all the best.

Congratulations and thank you to all involved at Zone Swimming in 2015.

Thank you.

P Cranney
National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy
2015 Test Dates

Dear Parent or Carer

The test dates for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be as follows:

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<td>Catch-up day</td>
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Creative & Performing Arts Report

The CAPA faculty has enjoyed a busy month, with many exciting things happening.

Year 11 and 12 Visual Arts students participated in a workshop focusing on material practice and experimenting with different media. A representative from S & S Wholesale visited the school and demonstrated some innovative techniques and students engaged in exploring the parameters of the new products available.
Year 9 Visual Arts students have been engaging in a unit of work about portraits and are learning about the different ways of communicating meaning through representation.

In Drama, Year 11 is busily working on a group performance based around a poem entitled ‘Solitude’ by Thomas Transtromer. Students are able to interpret the poem in any way they wish and it will be performed as part of an assessment task. Groups have been working hard to complete their scripts.

French classes enjoyed a taste of French culture, participating in Pancake Day in Week 4. Planning and organisation continues for a confirmed 20 students to visit New Caledonia. The hardworking language teachers at the school have been booking hotels and planning the itinerary for the trip. Watch this space!

The annual school musical has been fully cast and rehearsals are in full swing. This year will see Bulli High School stage the musical ‘Grease’ and the students and staff are very excited. The dates to save if you wish to see this production are 20th, 22nd and 23rd May 2015. With performances starting at 7.30pm each evening and tickets available at the door for the low cost of $12.00 for adults and $8.00 for students the night will be both entertaining and affordable. This whole school production sees staff and students working feverishly together to present a polished and professional show. We look forward to seeing everyone in the school hall in May.

CAPA Department
BHS Green Team

History & Inspiration - 2014

BHS Green Team at Bulli High was established late in 2014. This garden was inspired by a quietly spoken gentleman known as Terry Rankin, with an interest and knowledge unsurpassed for indigenous plants and culture of the Illawarra. Terry has an amazing ability to identify indigenous plants and to provide Dreamtime stories associated to the plants and local culture. Our first activity ultimately was to create an Indigenous garden with species of plants found in the Illawarra prior to 1788.

Terry Rankmore kindly donated a lot of his time and efforts in designing and planting our indigenous garden at Bulli High, for this we are very grateful.

Thank You Terry.

It is here I would like to thank Marcel Van Wyk, who donated many local indigenous species of plants for our project. Our Indigenous garden would not have been successful without an industrious team of volunteers who were very obliging. Happily shoveling tons of mulch, watering, paving footpaths and creating murals for our garden. The days were long and weather not so kind, however, our volunteers worked relentlessly. It is important to recognize our ‘pioneering’ volunteers to our Green Team. They were: Terrance Anchor, Terrence Bruinette, Jayden Keys, Liam Green, Max Braga, Caiden Clarke-Bunbury, Kristy King & Elizabeth Jubb.

Our Waste Paper Recycling Program also began during this time. A group of enthusiastic activists against our choking planet, aimed to reduce the amount of landfill. We ‘re–used’ 50+ boxes, designed labels and allocated a box for ‘recyclable paper only’ for each classroom and staffroom/office. Weekly collections were conducted by the Green team and forwarded to VISY for processing. The students who need to be recognized for the implementation of this program are Nathan Riley, Emily Deniss, Kye Watters & Duke Levvell.
Our 2015 Green Team:
At the start of this year I was overwhelmed by the interest of students & colleagues interested in joining and contributing to our Green Team - Sustainability Program

On the 19th February we conducted our first meeting. The students were briefed on our current goals and asked to add their interests.
Below are our aims as a result of our discussion:

- Continue our “recycling paper program” and introduce a ‘re-use paper program’ creating greater connection with feeder primary schools and preschools.
- Continue to maintain our indigenous garden, aiming to attract local bird and animal species, creating an Indigenous welcome sign. Also creating signs for individual plant species.
- Worm farm – reduce the landfill created by BHS by using the canteen food scraps to manufacture “Worm Tea” to fertilise our gardens.
- Establish a herb and vegetable garden, to provide fresh produce to our Canteen and Food Technology classes.
- Anzac Garden near the flag poles, in our assembly area - To create an aesthetic historical garden to pay respect to our Returned and fallen soldiers and their families.
- Implement Facebook updates for communication purposes.

We have started strong with weekly meetings each Thursday lunch time.

Our members for 2015 are:
Callum Conway, Jason Donkin, Jake McCoy, Brooke Punnett, Grace Garcia, Zoe Lewis, Toby Thompson, Caiden Clarke-Bunbury, Terrance Anchor, Bronwyn Bruinette, Jade Martin, Kai Forbes, Brea de Jonge, Ivy-Rose Drury, Courtney Dibben and Alexandra Murphy.

With our enthusiastic team, I am sure we are going to be having a sustainably productive year ahead.
Watch this space!

Any parents or members of our community who are interested in helping us with our projects, please do not hesitate in contacting me.
Stacey Fraser at BHS on 42848266 or
via email at: stacey.l.smith@det.nsw.edu.au
(please note the l is a lower case L)

Stacey Fraser
The Premier’s Reading Challenge has started again for 2015. The complete the challenge students must read 20 titles—15 off the list and 5 personal choice. If you are interested in participating in the challenge this year or just need more information come and see Miss Martin in the library.

Senior students who need help referencing assignments, have you tried to use the referencing tab in Word? If you need lessons — come and see me in the Library.

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

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
WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:
• Up to $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
• Up to $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:
• Be a NSW resident; and
• Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
• Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:
• Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
• Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY
• ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
• PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND SUPERVISORS OF LEARNER Drivers

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BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Workshops are held from 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Please contact Council for a suitable Workshop

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL
Phone: 4227 7261
Email: rsa@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

SHELHHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL
Phone: 4221 6124
Email: jenny.davies@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au

KIAMA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Phone: 4232 0444
Email: council@kiama.nsw.gov.au

WORKSHOPS ARE HELD AT WOLLONGONG, SHELHHARBOUR AND KIAMA COUNCILS

To help you with practical advice about:

- Supervising learner drivers
- Completing the learner driver log book
- Providing on-road driving practice and
- L and P Plate licence laws

An initiative of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Councils

Respect - Responsibility - Integrity
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 including Police RBT, Speed Check and Driver Reviver.

Daylight -
Sunday Runs are held at:
Shellharbour & Kiama
10.00am - 12.30pm
Wollongong
9.30am - 12.00pm

Nighttime -
Tuesday Runs are held at
6.00pm - 8.30pm in Shellharbour & Kiama only.

All Learner Drivers Must Have 40 Or More Log Book Hours

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Please contact Council for a suitable Learner Log Book Run:

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL
Phone: 4227 7261
Email: rso@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

SHELLHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL,
KIAMA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Phone: 4221 6124 or email
jenny.davies@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au

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Shellharbour and
Kiama Councils.
Supported by Lake Illawarra and Bulli
PCYC, NSW Police,
Illawarra Road
Safety Group and
the RMS.
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!