Principal’s report

Welcome to 2016
Welcome back and a special welcome to all our new students and their families. Our total enrolments continue to grow and this year Bulli High School will start with 6 classes in Year 7 comprising 169 students. Our Black Diamond Learning Centre (Autism Unit) has a full intake of 21 students. We welcome three new permanent teachers, Mr Norm Prculovski in TAS, and Ms Alessia Contarin and Mr Zac Mackenzie both in Science.

Our students look fantastic in their school uniforms and I thank the community for their ongoing support of our school uniform policy.

I encourage parents to stay up to date with school news by regularly visiting our school website.

http://www.bulli-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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2015 HSC Results

Congratulations to Year 12, 2015 students who achieved fantastic HSC results. Congratulations also go to their teachers who provided them with the knowledge and skills they needed to achieve their best. Our students achieved over thirty Band 6s and 115 Band 5s with four students receiving ATARs over 97 and a significant number of students achieving over 90 and top 80’s. A number of students will be continuing their studies at universities and others are entering the workplace. We wish them all well and are encouraged to learn that they are entering fields of study and employment that they hoped for. All students are welcome to contact our careers advisor if they need assistance or have questions. We are all very proud of these outstanding results which go to reinforce the strengths and benefits of a strong comprehensive government high school.

Special mention must go to Emily Nutman who placed 16th in the State for Ancient History and who is being acknowledged by the Hellenic Society at Parliament House for her response to the Alexander section in the 2015 Ancient History HSC examination. Congratulations to Emily and her teacher Mr Nousis.

School Enhancement

Over the holiday period a serious amount of maintenance occurred across the school grounds and included:

- The Thirroul Lions Club laid a very useful concrete path from the Kerryn McCann Gym to an outdoor equipment shed enabling much easier access. We thank them very much for this generous gesture.
- The DoE has completed a LAN upgrade which will provide the students and staff with an improved and more reliable network system and internet access.
- A raised garden bed has been replanted and along with the flowering blooms, planted in November by the Green Team, has enhanced the look and feel of the school grounds.
- All external classroom doors have been painted as have the eaves on the stairwells and brick building walkways. What a difference! The work commenced in the last two weeks of the 2015 school year. It is a credit to the students of Bulli High School when this can happen. No disruption to teaching and learning, and the painting crew were able to complete this major task largely in school time.

P & C dates for 2016
(2nd Wednesday of the month)

7pm in the Staff Common Room

Term 1: 10th February, 9th March
Term 2: 11th May, 8th June
Term 3: 10th August, 14th September
Term 4: 9th November, 14th December

Register for E-News

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

To register for e-news follow these steps:

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

Uniform Shop

Open on: Tuesdays: 1.15pm – 3.00pm
    Thursdays: 1.15pm – 3.30pm

School Office 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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- The school hall refurbishment is progressing well. The kitchen has been replaced and the room painted, providing a clean and practical space. The P & C, in particular, use this kitchen area when providing refreshments and fundraising at the many school events held throughout the year. The boys and girls change rooms have been painted, the walls repaired, the old hot water systems removed, and lighting replaced. Just the mirrors, curtains on the change cubicles and make-up benches to go!

- New blinds have been installed in the maths classrooms on the eastern windows allowing improved teaching and learning conditions in the classrooms.

- New seats have been installed in the Wadi Wadi garden providing an outdoor classroom setting.

This work has been completed using a combination of Global funds, Gonski money and the much needed school contributions from families which I gratefully thank our school community for.

**BHS P & C Association**

On the 13\(^{th}\) December, the P & C ran a very successful BBQ at Bunnings raising funds for the school. Thank you very much to everyone who helped out on the day.

The P & C meet every second Wednesday of the month, during school terms, in the Staff Common Room. New members are always welcome, so come along and meet other parents, and learn more about our school. Our first meeting is Wednesday 10\(^{th}\) February.

**Riding to School**

We encourage students to ride to school each day. This reduces the number of cars on the road and improves student fitness. However, to ride a bike to school students must wear a helmet. It’s simple: No helmet, no bike. Disciplinary procedures will be followed if a student fails to follow school rules. I ask that parents support the school in re-enforcing this school rule which supports government law. The following is an excerpt from the NSW Centre for Road Safety. It is also worth noting that fines for not wearing a bicycle helmet increase significantly this year.

**Protect your head**

When riding a bicycle you are required by law to wear an approved helmet securely fitted and fastened. In NSW there are no exemptions from wearing an approved bicycle helmet. Research into crashes shows that helmets reduce head injuries by 60 per cent and brain injuries by 58 per cent. A bicycle helmet that is not correctly fitted and fastened does not provide enough protection in a crash.

**School Plan 2015 - 2017**

We maintain our focus on continual improvement and support of teaching and learning through the school plan and our three Strategic Directions:
We look forward to working with our school community throughout this coming year.

Have a great term.

Chris Gregory
Principal
Deputy Principal’s News

Japanese Students to visit Bulli High Again

For several years now we have been hosting a group of students from Furukawa Remei Junior High School in Japan. The students are billeted with local families where they join in with the life of a ‘typical Aussie family’. The students are here to improve their English. They attend school with their host buddy, go to English classes and complete some fun activities such as a concert, BBQ lunch and field trip around the local area. Host families are asked to provide breakfast and dinner along with some sight-seeing adventures. In the past host families have visited Symbio, Sydney or even Canberra. To help with the cost each host family receives $150.

Students will arrive on Friday 11th March and leave again on 16th March 2016. In this short time some great friendships are formed. I need more families to host both boys and girls as well as two host families willing to take a pair of students who have requested to be billeted together.

This wonderful opportunity is open to all Bulli High School students including our new Year 7 students. It’s a great opportunity to gain some Japanese friends and have a fun experience.

If you would like to be involved please ring the office to register your interest. I am still well short of the 16 host families I need. If you have already let me know last year, please have your child drop by my office to confirm you are still ok to go ahead. An information package will be sent home.

Ms Robyn Lang
Deputy Principal
Years 7, 9 & 11
It is great to be back in the laboratories for another year! We have two new members of staff, Mr Zac McKenzie and Ms Alessia Contarin. They have previously taught at our school and are absolutely thrilled to be now appointed as permanent members of staff. Both teachers are qualified to teach our new Year 9 Elective subject which is Marine Studies. They have a full class of students each and cannot wait to deliver a very varied and interesting course over the next two years.

Senior classes are already working hard and junior students have started on their Semester One courses. Year 7 will complete an Introductory Science module before embarking on the Stage 4 Physical World unit of work. Year 8 are learning about Earth and Space. Year 9 are doing the Stage 5 Physical World unit and Year 10 are undertaking the chemistry component of the syllabus. Students are reminded that homework forms part of their assessment as it provides the opportunity for them to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding.

Julie Swain
HT Science

Mr Zac McKenzie and Ms Alessia Contarin
As we start 2016 we say farewell to Nicole Kaiserfeld who taught at Bulli High School for the past 21 years and been the Head Teacher of the PDHPE Faculty for over a decade. Although it has been difficult to say goodbye, we are proud to say that we have worked with her and, as a result, have become better educators for having done so. Nicole will be remembered for many years to come as we continue to run many of the innovative programs that are exclusive to the students of Bulli High School. We wish her all the best as she takes on a new role as Head Teacher of Welfare at her new school.

Our new Head Teacher will join us in Term 3 and I have been lucky enough to have been given the opportunity to be the Relieving Head Teacher for Terms 1 and 2. We welcome Ms Michaela Chaffey to the PDHPE faculty for the first half of the year. She has extensive experience teaching PDHPE and offers a variety of qualities that are highly sought after.

The PDHPE faculty will once again be delivering a fantastic program for Term 1. All students from Years 7 to 10 will be involved in an aquatics program that provides a unique opportunity for them to develop and further improve their fitness, stroke technique and confidence at Bulli Beach Ocean Pool. We would like to remind all students to return their permission notes as soon as possible and come prepared with appropriate swimwear to all practical lessons unless otherwise directed by their PE teacher.

We look forward to getting our students active and enthusiastic about health and wellbeing.

Term 1 is a busy time of the year for the keen sportsmen and women at Bulli High School. In addition to the Wednesday afternoon recreational sport program, the whole school swimming carnival will be taking place on Monday the 8th of February (week 3) at Corrimal Pool. On top of this, students wishing to trial for any of the following South Coast teams (Tennis, Volleyball, Baseball, Basketball, Touch, Soccer, Golf, Rugby, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Lawn Bowls) should see Mr Green for an application form and information as soon as possible. Information and a calendar of all South Coast sporting events can be found by visiting the DET NSW Sports Unit website: http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/south_coast/welcome.htm

We look forward to another fun and successful year of sport.

Rob Mann
Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE
Respect - Responsibility - Integrity

Bulli High School’s TAS Team Hosting a NSW STEM Teachers Workshop
On Tuesday the 15th of December our TAS Team hosted more than 60 teachers from across the state to participate in a hands on teacher professional learning day where OUR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS led three separate workshops to teach other teachers how to implement some of the fantastic units of work we do here at Bulli High School in to their school’s curriculum.

Mr Moore & Mr Delaney led workshops creating propeller powered planes and motorised battle bots, with our students taking lead roles guiding teachers through the design & manufacturing process to create their very own BOTTLE ROCKETS, BATTLE BOTS & PROPELLOR POWERED PLANES! We also had staff from our Maths & Science faculty participate in the workshop too.

The workshop was a HUGE success, and perhaps what made us the most proud was the absolutely glowing endorsements of how our students engaged the teachers with confidence and beautiful manners and language.

Thank you to all involved in the workshop & we look forward to hosting similar events with even greater success in the future!
Can you see who’s ACTUALLY ‘TEACHING’ this class?
Bulli shines at the 2016 School Stem Awards

On Tuesday the 7th of December a number of our students & Mr Delaney represented Bulli High School at the inaugural School STEM awards hosted by the RDA Hunter Region at the Fort Scrathley Function Centre in Newcastle.

We had finalists in both the Year 8 & Year 10 categories & in total Bulli High School took out awards for:

Year 8 Team Superchix
(Charli Stewart, Ella Bartley, Siarn Rowcliff, Scarlett Richards, Veronica Carpenter)
Overall Runners Up & a $250 prize cheque

Year 8 STEM School of the Year & a $100 prize cheque for the school

Year 10 F1 Team Runner Ups
(Tara Platt, Libbi Veleski, Jasper Greenwood, Christie King, Lily Jubb)
Runners Up & a $250 prize cheque
and
Mr Delaney was awarded the Year 8 STEM teacher of the Year award.

What an effort from all of our students, teachers & school!
Twilight Zone

The 2015 Twilight Zone Performance drew a record breaking audience, with members of the local community, students from other schools and families and friends of performers all coming to watch this incredible music night. A huge thank you to Ms Sharp and Mr Trenaman for organising a fantastic evening, and congratulations to all who participated.

Nephra Sumi Forrest
Visual Arts Teacher
Dance Festival

Last year’s performance at the Dance Festival was excellent and anyone who enjoys dance is encouraged to get involved. Students who are interested in Dance Festival 2016 are welcome to come and speak to either Mrs Barnett or Mrs Evans about rehearsal times and what is involved in participating.

Drama

Travel to the Opera House and watch the Sydney Symphony Orchestra! Meet the Music permission notes are available to students through Mr Trenaman and Mrs Sharp. The first performance is on the 25th February. A subscription for all four performances is $100.00.

A reminder to Year 12 Drama students that their excursion to the Seymour Centre to see one of their HSC texts ‘Life Without Me’ is going ahead on the 16th February. Please pay the office and bring permission notes to Mr Macnab as soon as possible.

Nephra Sumi Forrest
Visual Arts Teacher
BULLI HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back. On the 11th February Bulli High Library has a new management system – Oliver.

Oliver is a web based learning, information and library management tool. It will enable us to deliver digital content such as ebooks and websites.

Students will be able to:

- Download ebooks to BYO devices 24/7
- Access other libraries and information repositories
- Ability to search school library, Google and other educational information sources concurrently
- Ability to rate resources and write reviews

Keep an eye out for instructions next newsletter for how to use the app.

Kylie Martin
Teacher Librarian

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Expo Night

For Year 5 & 6 parents and students

Tuesday 8th March
Commencing at 6.00pm

Year 5 & 6 parents and students are invited to Bulli High School’s Expo Night.

The night will start with a presentation in the school hall, followed by the opportunity to tour the school and facilities. This is an opportunity to learn more about our great school.

We look forward to seeing you on the night.

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Year 7 2017 Enrichment Class

The Enrichment Placement Test will be held on Thursday 3rd March 2016 @ 9.30am in the school hall

For further information please see letter on Page 14 of this newsletter
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 2017 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 Thursday 3\textsuperscript{rd} March 2016

Application forms are available from Bulli High School and our local Seacom 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
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 2016 the following vaccines will be offered to 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)

* 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.

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.

Visit 1: 25/02/2016  Year 7 students (boys & girls)
Visit 2: 05/05/2016  Year 7 students (boys & girls)
Visit 3: 25/08/2016  Year 7 students (boys & girls)

- Catch up for HPV, dTpa and varicella will be provided to students in Yr 7 if vaccines missed at previous visits
- At each clinic held in 2016, catch up HPV vaccination will be offered to Year 8 students who commenced but failed to complete the course of HPV in 2015.
Great News that Labor will Honour Gonski – now Turnbull Must Do the Same say Parents.

January 28, 2016

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull should reconsider his decision to dump the Gonski reforms and match Labor’s promise today to fully fund the final two years of the schools funding package, parents said.

NSW Federation of P&Cs President Jason Vials said public school parents welcome Federal Opposition Leader Bill Shorten’s announcement today that Labor will commit to fully funding the Gonski reforms.

“This is great news for every student in Australia and for everyone concerned about the future of our country,” Mr Vials said in a media release.

“If you believe in a fair go you have to support the Gonski reforms.

“Now Mr Turnbull needs to reconsider his decision to walk away from the Coalition’s commitment to Gonski pledged at the last election.

“If he wants an innovative Australia, he needs a well-educated Australia and the Gonski reforms will make that happen.”

Mr Vials said all parties and politicians should be pledging full implementation of the Gonski reforms for the next election, given they are based on a review which received 10,000 submissions from teachers, parents and researchers.

“Education is too important to be some sort of political football,” he said.

“Our students deserve Gonski and the voters of Australia were promised full implementation by this government.

“We call on PM Turnbull and his Education Minister Simon Birmingham to rethink their Christmas decision to be Mr Scrooge on education.”

Sydney, NSW, 28 January 2016
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Telephone: 1300 885 982 Fax: 1800 655 866
Website: www.pandc.org.au ABN: 37 439 975 796
Online registration is now OPEN and is available to everyone, so skip the queue and register online via our website. [http://www.bullijuniorsoccer.com/](http://www.bullijuniorsoccer.com/)

Registration evening for Season 2016:
Thursday 4th February 2016 5:30pm-7pm at Woonona Bulli RSL Club

Please check our website & Facebook page for further information regarding registration dates, fees etc. You can also contact us via email: [bjscsecretary@gmail.com.au](mailto:bjscsecretary@gmail.com.au)
Facebook: Bulli junior soccer club

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**1ST AUSTINMER CUBS AND SCOUTS**

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

Join in the fun and come along to the oldest and best Scout group in the Illawarra

Have amazing fun with friends!
Learn new skills!
Activities include:
Canoeing; abseiling; camping; hiking

**Cubs** (7 ½ – 10 ½ years) 6:30-8:00pm Wednesday Evenings

**Scouts** (10 ½ - 14 ½ years) 7:00-9:00pm Monday Evenings

Bring a parent, bring a friend, join and make new friends!

Come along to our Hall at **20 Moore Street Austinmer.**

What have you got to lose?
For more info contact Steve on 4268 2004 or 0409 695 575

Look forward to seeing you there!