Upcoming Events

Monday 7th March
School Photo Day

Tuesday 8th March
Year 5 & 6 Expo Evening @ 6.00pm

Wednesday 9th March
Regional Swimming Carnival
P & C Meeting @ 7.00pm

Thursday 10th March
Selective High School Test
School Photo Catch up day

Friday 11th March
Year 9 History & Year 11 Ancient History
Excursion

11th - 16th March
Japanese Students Visit

14th - 18th March
Year 12 Half Yearly Exams

Wednesday 16th March
Duke of Ed – Adventurous Journey Training

Wednesday 23rd March
Year 11 Crossroads Activity

Wednesday 30th March
School Cross Country

Monday 4th April
Year 9 Brainstorm

4th - 5th April
NSW CHS Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 5th April
Awards Assemblies
BYOD Information Evening @ 6.00pm

6th - 8th April
Year 10 - Silver Duke of Edinburgh Hike

7th - 8th April
Year 9 – Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Hike

Friday 8th April
Last day for Term 1

Wednesday 27th April
Students return for Term 2

Principal’s report

HSC Forum

Thank you very much to the Year 12, 2015 students who returned to address our current Year 12 students at the HSC Forum. The returning students were well received and spoke of their experiences and how they successfully managed the demands of the HSC.

Among them was Dylan Green, Dux of 2015. Dylan achieved a remarkable ATAR of 98.7. Dylan studied Advanced English, Mathematics Extension 2, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics and Chemistry. We wish Dylan well in his university studies.

Fees/Subject Contributions

This week we sent out invoices for student school contributions and subject fees. Thank you very much to all of our families for your ongoing support which makes a huge difference to the learning materials and facilities we can provide for our students. Families experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to contact the school to discuss financial assistance or a payment plan.

Mulch

If your garden could do with some mulch, then contact the school to arrange a pick up. You will need to bring your own shovel, bags, buckets or trailer. The mulch is of good quality Australian native plants, no weeds. All we ask in return is a donation to the school. Your garden will love you for it!

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Arrival of School Buses
Last week Mr Neave (Deputy Principal), Mrs Swain (HT Science) and I, met with representatives of Premier Buses. We expressed our concerns regarding the late arrival of morning and afternoon buses, as well as the erratic order the buses arrive in the afternoon. The bus company believes that the introduction of Opal cards, resulting in students having to tap on and off each trip, is one factor. Unfortunately, they did not offer any solutions. At a school level we will encourage students to tap on and off as efficiently as possible. However, the scheduling of the buses is also a problem. If your child is continuing to arrive at school after the bell, or is getting home later than they were last year, I encourage you to contact the bus company and our local member Ryan Park, to voice your concerns. As I explained to the bus company representatives, it is expected that students arrive at school in time to attend roll call/Period 1 by 8.50am each day.

Whilst on transport, our school often runs excursions which require students to travel by public transport. As the RMS transitions to the Opal Card, tickets are becoming a thing of the past. Hence, we encourage students to purchase their own Opal Card which they can use on trains and buses for use on school excursions. Please note, the Opal Card issued by the school on behalf of the Department, cannot be loaded with money, and hence cannot be used for excursions or personal travel.

Lost Opal Cards
Please go to the following webpage to report an opal card as lost, stolen or damaged:
Profile (Interim) Reports
Profile Reports are prepared for all students in Years 7-11 and will be distributed in the final week of this term. This brief report gives an indication of a student’s level of co-operation, effort and readiness for tasks. It also gives each teacher the opportunity to request a parent/teacher interview for Term 2. This year you will notice a small but significant change. Year 10 P/T night is now with Year 11 and 12. We believe this is a more sensible use of time for parents and teachers.

Also, for students in Years 8 -12, your interim report can be stored in the Report Portfolio issued at the end of 2015 along with any awards or certificates you collect. All students will receive their Semester 1 reports in a new portfolio thanks to the P & C.

Important dates for your calendar:

- Profile Reports distributed to students – Week 11, Term 1
- Senior Parent/Teacher Night (Years 10-12) – May 5th 4.00 – 7.00 pm
- Junior Parent/Teacher Night (Years 7-9) – June 2nd 4.00 – 7.00 pm

Further information regarding booking appointments for Parent/Teacher nights will be issued via newsletter/e-news and will also be on the school website. However, the bookings will be online so make sure you have your log-in details for Millennium. See Mr Neave’s article for more information.

P & C Association
We had a fantastic turn up to our first meeting in February. Next Wednesday’s meeting is the AGM. All parents and community members are invited to come along. Meetings are held at 7pm in the Staff Common Room.

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NO Helmet - NO Bike
Well done to our cyclists who have responded by wearing a helmet when riding to and from school.
Website & Facebook
I encourage parents to regularly check our website for information and important messages. We also keep the community up to date through Facebook. If you are not on Facebook, and many people aren’t, you can follow what we are posting at the bottom of the website Home page.

Term Dates
This term is 11 weeks long with the Easter long weekend straddling Weeks 9 and 10. Regardless of the number of weeks we always start the new term with Week A. Remember you can always check the calendar on the school website.

Have a great term.

Chris Gregory
Principal

Deputy Principal’s News
Each newsletter the school’s well-being team will feature an interview with one of our students. We’re calling it ‘Bulli Students Achieving Personal Best’. This time we are featuring Maeve Turner in Year 11.

School Photo Day – Monday 7th March
School photos will be held on Monday 7th March.

- Students will give the envelope and money to the photographers when requested.
- No student will be photographed if they are out of uniform!

Ms Robyn Lang
Deputy Principal
Years 7, 9 & 11
Deputy Principal’s News

MILLENIUM
‘Millennium’ is our school administration computer program. Millennium is used for functions such as roll marking, daily notices, room bookings, teacher markbooks, yearly and half-yearly student reports, behaviour and welfare tracking, school timetable and parent-teacher night bookings. Millennium also allows parent and student access.

Year 7 students and other newly enrolled students will be given their own Millennium passwords at school this week. These allow students to access information such as their school timetable as well as any lesson materials posted on-line by their teachers.

Parent usernames and passwords were sent by email this week. Please record them. If you did not receive yours or experience difficulty please contact me. Year 7 students and other newly enrolled students will be given a ‘Parent Millennium Directions’ leaflet to take home this week. Millennium provides parents with access to a range of information including their child’s timetable, school attendance, and parent-teacher interview bookings.

2016 Year 5/6 Expo Night
Year 5 and 6 students and their families are invited to attend our annual Expo night on Tuesday March 8th. The evening commences at 6pm in the Hall.

This is not only a great opportunity for prospective students and their families to experience Bulli High but it is also a fun evening. See the flyer in this edition of the newsletter for more information.

Chris Neave
Deputy Principal
Years 8, 10 & 12

English

It has been a very busy start to Term 1 for teachers and students in English. Welcome back to Ms Crawford and Ms Patterson who returned from leave. Most classes will be completing their first unit of work, and preparing for the upcoming assessment tasks. In particular, Year 7 students have written some great texts as part of their study of persuasive language. Year 11 have settled well into the study of Stage 6 English, and Year 12 are now preparing for the Mid-Course Content examinations in Week 8.

For Years 7-10, the first assessment task in English will be a speaking one. Speaking and listening are key components of the English 7-10 Syllabus. English teachers are required to teach and assess both skills throughout the stages of high school. Although many people fear public speaking, it is one of the most important skills in the 21st century. Research has found that public speaking helps increase self-confidence and knowledge. It also assists in the development of leadership skills. Therefore, we encourage all students to prepare and deliver a speech so that they can continue to develop as articulate, thoughtful users of language.

This year, we are also continuing our proud tradition of producing excellent debaters. Bulli HS will field a Years 7-8 and Years 9-10 team in the Premier’s Debating Challenge. We are looking for any aspiring Year 7 student who would love to be involved in our debating teams. Keep in mind that we also participate in a number of other debating and public speaking competitions. As details become available, they will be published on our website and in the school newsletter.

Heather Gardiner
HT English
Science News

At the end of last year, Certificates of Participation were sent to the school for those students who entered the Illawarra Coal Science Fair. Two of our students received a prestigious “Highly Commended” certificate along with a medallion in recognition of their outstanding work. Congratulations to both Hannah Bowen and Craig Hennessy and another thank you to Ms Kara King who facilitates and encourages the students in readiness for the Fair.

The students from the Marine Studies classes have been learning about water safety, including personal survival techniques and have enjoyed practising their skills at Bulli pool!!!

Julie Swain
HT Science
Highlights from Year 7 Technology Mandatory: So Far This Year
Our ROCKETS are starting to come in to ‘fruition’ & ready for launch!!!

What a range of innovative design techniques!

Year 7 commencing their Money Box unit of work – awesome designs & techniques students!!
Year 7 – 9 STEM excursion to the 2015-2016 STEM competition national finals.

Our students are excited about exploring the opportunity to design SUBMARINES in the Global SUBS IN SCHOOLS competition.

Steve Delaney
HT TAS
Maeve Turner, a Year 11 student will be travelling to the University of California, Berkeley this June to attend the Summer Session they offer for international high school students. There she will take two courses taught by world-class lecturers for six weeks.

Tell us about UC Berkeley and the program you’ve been accepted into:
The University of California, Berkeley is one of the most prestigious public universities and is known world wide for its academic and research institutions. I have been accepted into the International Pre-Collegiate Program (IPCP) run by Sesame Consulting, who work in conjunction with UC Berkeley. The IPCP allows keen academic students who live outside of the United States to study at Berkeley University, get to experience what university/college is like and explore the San Francisco area. They also provide housing in the International House on Berkeley campus, which is really cool. Two programs are offered, 6 or 8 weeks and you get to choose two courses of your choice. The course list you’re able to choose from is huge, with some really amazing courses and it was really hard to pick just two. As the program workers want us to have an enjoyable time and not be overloaded with course work, they organise weekend trips to museums, galleries, Silicon Valley and of course the Golden Gate Bridge!

What courses will you doing while you are at UC Berkeley?
The courses I have chosen are Anthropology and The Classic Myths. I am a lover of history, human culture and society both past and present. I am really excited to learn from experts in these subject areas.

Do you know anyone who has done something like this?
No, I don’t know anyone else who has done this before or studied at UC Berkeley. The organisers said they have only had a few Australians participate in previous years.

How did you find out about the IPCP and how did you raise the money?
After trawling the UC Berkeley website for a long time, I came across the summer sessions page and the information for high school students. Fortunately they accept international high school students! As for the money, it is a hugely expensive endeavor and I am so grateful for all the support I have received from family, friends, the school and local businesses in Helensburgh. Having a part time job at the local fruit shop in Helensburgh has helped with the cost, as I was able to save about half of the total amount. I also held a few fundraisers, including a cake stall at school which Mr. Pember and the SRC kindly helped me with. A GoFundMe site was also set up (https://www.gofundme.com/o4ostc) where people kindly donated.

I am so excited for this once in a life time opportunity which will be an amazing experience, being independent on the other side of the globe, completing university level studies and a chance to make life long friends and international connections.

Robyn Lang
Deputy Principal
Years 7, 9 & 11
Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all participants on a very enjoyable and successful 2016 Swimming Carnival held at Corrimal Pool on Monday 8th February. The weather was terrific and the students conducted themselves with dignity and a balanced sense of competition and fun.

Competition between houses was very close and the final results are as follows:

4th place on 204 points was Red House
3rd place on 344 points was Green House
2nd place on 347 points was Yellow House, and
1st place on 364 points was BLUE house. Congratulations Blue!

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Once again, well done!
Swimming Update

Bulli High was proudly represented by about forty talented and determined swimmers at the 2016 Zone Swimming Carnival. It was held at Corrimal Pool on Friday 19th February. Bulli performed very well on the day, finishing in second place, with only Smith’s Hill High ahead of us.

There were many impressive individual performances on the day. Special mention must go to some of our strongest swimmers including: Kate Dryden, Kiana Eady, Coen Taylor, Sean Ritter, Eddie Hamaty, Liam Jenkins and Brock Rowcliff. Brock finished as age champion in the 13 years boys division, an outstanding achievement.

Many students now move along to represent the Illawarra Zone at the Regional Carnival to be held at Dapto Pool on Wednesday 9th March. Those students should collect a permission note and program from Mr Cranney in the PE staffroom.

Congratulations to all and we wish them all the best.

Peter Cranney
PDHPE Teacher

Year 7 BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

Parent Information Night and Survey

The end of the government’s funding of student laptops in public schools has not meant the end of the Digital Education Revolution. Primary and Secondary schools across NSW and the country have worked hard to develop their own models of students bringing their own device. We aim to have Year 7 be the first cohort to make the transition to BYOD at Bulli High School. As such we are going to hold an information evening on Tuesday 5th April in the school hall, commencing at 6pm. It is an important session to best inform you about how to make the best decision for your child.

Following on from our consultation with parents at the recent P&C meeting, we ask that parents of Year 7 please complete a survey which will help us with the implementation of Bring Your Own Device at Bulli High School. Your input is very important to the successful implementation of BYOD and we strongly urge you to complete the survey. If there are any issues in completing the survey electronically, paper versions are available at the school office. Surveys can be done by clicking on the link below:

http://goo.gl/forms/lvvsSk8g6g

We look forward to your responses and hope to see you on the BYOD evening.

Uniform Shop News

Waterproof jackets are now available at the Uniform Shop at a cost of $47.00
Library News

Oliver

Bulli High has a new Library management system – Oliver. Every student can access Oliver from home through their student portal. You will find the Oliver link here:

Students can now search using predictive text, write book reviews and renew and reserve items. They also have easy access to electronic resources and eBooks. Oliver also has its own app.

Conducting a search is easy. Type your search here and hit the green play button.

A green tick tells you it is available in the library and a red cross means it is out. Websites will have a direct link to click on.

Next newsletter we will look at how to load the app and look after a student’s own personal library account.

Book Club

This year the format of book club has changed. There is now one catalogue for everyone. The latest catalogue is available from the library. To order a book, pay at the front office.

Kylie Martin
Teacher Librarian
Bulli High School
Expo Night
March 8th 2016
6–8:30 PM

Parents and Year 5/6 Students
Come along and see what we have to offer. There will be plenty to see and do!

Program
6:00 PM: School hall:
Welcome and short address by the Principal

6:30—8:30: Various locations around the school
- P&C BBQ in the quad.
- Music in the quad
- Taste the treats from our Hospitality class
- Do some experiments in the Science labs
- Make some pikelets in Food Tech
- Like outdoor adventure? Speak to the Duke of Edinburgh team
- Check out our Short Gallery and see the amazing art works on display
- Plus lots more!

Enter the treasure hunt to win iTunes vouchers!

Meet the staff and students

Who should come? The night is designed for students in Years 5–6 and their parents but everyone is welcome.
Easter Eggstravaganza

Tuesday 22nd March

**Friday 11th March:**
Raffle tickets will be given to every student to sell
(Tickets need to be returned by **Monday 21st March**)

**Friday 18th March:**
Mufti Day for all students—bring a chocolate egg to donate to the raffle!

**Tuesday 22nd March:**
Grand Draw—lots of prizes!! Bags, boxes and baskets of Easter goodies!!

Special Prizes—most tickets sold, Easter Hat parade winners (students & staff)!!!

All money raised goes back into the school for the benefit of all students!!

Please support!!!!
NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

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 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
Website: www.pandc.org.au

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Free workshop for Carers at Fairy Meadow

Do you care for a family member or a friend who has a chronic or mental illness, disability or is frail aged? Come to our three day workshop and learn how to manage stress, meet other carers and find out about services that can help you.

Dates: Wednesday 9th, 16th and 23rd, March 2016
Time: 9:30am – 2:30pm
Venue: Fraternity Club
11 Bourke St
Fairy Meadow

Lunch provided
To register please phone the Wollongong Hospital Social Work Department on 4283 4801 or email evelyn.jeleric@sesiiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

FREE!

Carer Education Program

Wednesdays 9.30am to 2.30pm

Program

Week 1
Morning tea
Welcome & Introductions
Overview of caring role & impacts of caring
Value of respite and other community support
Lunch
Caring Smarter Not Harder
Home Modifications and Maintenance

Week 2
Morning tea
Centrelink Carer Payments
Planning Ahead/Legal Information
Lunch
Stress Management & Relaxation Tips

Week 3
Morning Tea
Overview of the National Disability Insurance Scheme
Carer Health and Well Being
Lunch
Community Transport Information
Advocacy

Please contact us if you are unable to attend or will be running late:
Evelyn 0421 099 005
Gabi 0434 324 772
Carla 0466 150 777

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Cannabis: Myths & Facts

Are you aged 25 or under?
Get the answers to your questions in this free workshop with the experts from Illawarra Drug and Alcohol Service.

Topics covered will include synthetic cannabis, tips on harm minimisation (reducing risk if you choose to use), and what the research tells us about cannabis use.

When
Monday 7 March, 3.30pm-5.30pm

Where
headsape Wollongong
(Level 1, 85 Smith Street, Wollongong)

Bookings
www.trybooking.com/KHUL
or contact Donna on 4254 2700

Bookings essential as spaces limited.

Cannabis and young people

A workshop for parents and carers, and service providers.

This workshop will provide up-to-date information on cannabis including:

- Effects of cannabis use,
- Current trends, and
- Cannabis and mental health.

It will also explore ways to raise the conversation and discuss cannabis use with young people.

When
Thursday 7 April, 5.30pm-8.30pm

Where
headsape Wollongong
(Level 1, 85 Smith Street, Wollongong)

Bookings
www.trybooking.com/KHUL
or contact Donna on 4254 2700

Bookings essential as spaces limited.
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Bulli Junior Soccer Club

Registrations for Season 2016

Bulli Junior Soccer Club are looking for players for the following teams:

- U/14 Boys/mixed
- U/16 Girls
- U/17 Boys
- U/18 Girls

If you are interested please see our website for further information:
www.bullijuniorsoccer.com or email bjscsecretary@gmail.com.au

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