Upcoming Events

**Friday 8th April**  
Last day for Term 1 2016

**Wednesday 27th April**  
Students return for Term 2 2016

**Thursday 28th April**  
Meet the Music 2  
Year 11 – Geography Fieldwork Excursion

**Friday 29th April**  
Year 7 – Shadow Puppets Performance

**Tuesday 3rd May**  
Pines Interschool Surfing @ The Farm

**Thursday 5th May**  
NSW High School OZTag Gala Day  
Year 7 Vaccinations  
Years 10 – 12 Senior Parent/Teacher  
4.00pm – 7.00pm

**Friday 6th May**  
Year 11 & 12 AIME students @ Novotel

Principal’s report

**Southern Stars Vocal Company**

Congratulations to Blake Douglas, of Year 8, who was recently successful in auditioning for the prestigious Southern Stars Vocal Company. Blake will be part of the Senior Ensemble.

**Parents & Citizens Association**

Congratulations and thank you to the following parents who have accepted the executive positions on the P & C at the March meeting. Their commitment to Bulli High School is very much valued and appreciated. I look forward to working with the team over the coming year.

- President: Barbara Brown
- Vice president: Vicki Hawkins
- Treasurer: Michelle Curtis
- Secretary: Jenny Coote

Please note there is no April meeting due to the school holidays.

**Egg-stravaganza!!**

Thank you very much to our school community who raised over $3300 during our Easter Egg-stravaganza. What an amazing effort. This money will be used to enhance our school environment for students.

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P & C dates for 2016
(2nd Wednesday of the month)
7pm in the Staff Common Room
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](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

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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Hall change rooms
What a difference a coat of paint and new curtains can make! Thank you to Ms Sharp and Mrs Marshall and Mr Osborn our GA for the installation of the curtains. By all accounts the members of the musical cast can’t wait to access them!

Interim Reports Years 7 - 11
Interim reports were issued to Years 7 – 11 this week. Bulli High School issues student reports twice a year and also provides information about a student's progress through interviews and meetings. The purpose of this interim report is to advise parents how their child has commenced the school year and to alert students and parents to potential areas of concern that may require attention.

Should you require further information regarding your child’s achievement, please contact the school.
Thirroul Seaside Festival
It was a pleasure to attend the Seaside Arts Festival last Friday night where our Year 11 Hospitality students were catering. The food was first class and also tasted pretty good. Congratulations to the class and teachers Ms Gabe Constable and Mrs Julie Williams for their coordination and organisation. For more photos see the Facebook link on our school website.
Bulli Mine Disaster
Members of our Leadership Team proudly represented the school at the 129th Anniversary of Bulli Mine Disaster.

Bus Update
Unfortunately, despite the school’s determination to have students arrive at school on time, the buses are running late. We are in regular contact with Premier Charter. The bus company has had inspectors on the buses assessing the situation and checking student passes. It is very important that all students cooperate with the bus driver or the inspector. The bus company has also said the company policy is not to deny a student travel to school but appreciate parental concerns raised over this. They have requested we pass the following on to families to assist them to facilitate the buses running to time.

- Students must have a valid Opal Card and swipe on and off each trip
- Students are to check their Opal Card to determine what it is valid for eg bus or train or both.
- Access Opal.com or ring 131500 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the pass.

In an effort to ensure the buses arrive at Bulli HS on time the following pick up times have been put in place to start on first day of Term 2.

Route 31: pick up at Wombara Post Office has moved from 7.52am to 7.40am arriving at BHS at 8.05am

The bus will then return and pick up at Coledale Beach Camping Area at 8.20am and then at Ryans at 8.25am arriving at school at 8.35am.

We are very happy that the bus company has moved the times and hope this will result in our students arriving on time to school each day. I acknowledge that these earlier starts are not ideal and are working with Premier to establish a workable timetable that suits our students and at the same time allows them to get to school at a reasonable time.

I wish all families a safe and happy holiday and look forward to school resuming for all students on Wednesday 27th April.

Chris Gregory
Principal

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Deputy Principal’s News

We have done a lot of things this term! Year 7 have settled in and no longer look so lost and startled! Year 11 have realised that their Preliminary HSC Year is a serious step up from junior school and while some are coming to grips with the need to put in more effort, most are meeting the challenge. Year 9 are enjoying the greater choice they have been given with electives.

When I look back over the Facebook feeds I am really pleased to say we have lots of committed and talented students doing lots of great things. Schools are always very busy but we would like to take the time out to congratulate those of you who are getting in and having a go above and beyond the ordinary. In this newsletter we are highlighting Brittney Callaghan in Year 10 for the amazing things she is doing with the Army Cadets. At 15 years of age she has the confidence and skill to be in command of nearly 80 cadets! Many of us would find this daunting as an adult!

I wish you a happy and safe holiday.

Ms Robyn Lang
Deputy Principal
Years 7, 9 & 11

Deputy Principal’s News

CYCLING & DRIVING SAFETY

Students and parents, unfortunately it has become necessary to raise this serious issue once again. We are very pleased to see so many students now riding to school and actively encourage this. We are also very pleased to see students wearing their helmets. However, with the increasing number of cyclists we have also had an increasing number of students who are not wearing helmets when they ride and who are not riding safely.

The mandatory wearing of bike helmets is a road rule not a school rule and must be obeyed. Parents please insist that your child wears an approved helmet.

Please be mindful that the roads near our school are at their busiest when students are arriving and leaving, with congestion caused by buses and cars making it more difficult to see cyclists. This risk is elevated when students choose to ride dangerously through and around the traffic.

Drivers please be pedestrian and rider aware – students don’t always apply the same level of road sense that is expected of licenced drivers. Pedestrians and cyclists can easily, and quickly, appear from between parked cars and buses. Obey the ‘School Zone’ speeds and don’t make U-turns over the double lines in Ursula Road.

The school car park is reserved for staff, deliveries and authorised special transport drivers only. Please do not drive into the school car park under any circumstances. If parents have difficulty finding a parking space we recommend timing your arrival at the end of the day to miss the busiest period or arranging for your children to meet you a little further away from the school grounds such as the parking spaces opposite the beach at the end of Bulli Park.

LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM (LST) SELF-EVALUATION DAY

Many thanks to the more than fifty students, parents and teachers who took part in the LST Self-Evaluation Day interviews and surveys last week.

We are now in the process of examining the results. These will help us to strengthen the activities of the LST, reinforcing the things we are doing well and providing suggestions for improvements in order to ensure we meet student needs effectively.

Chris Neave
Deputy Principal
Years 8, 10 & 12
Year 12 Design & Technology

Check out some of the great progress our students are making so far in the development of their Design & Technology major projects.
Jaden Hatchel planning his beautifully planned veneered desktop design!

Steve Delaney
HT TAS

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Language

**FRENCH PERFECT!**

In Languages this year, we are very excited to introduce a new online learning program, *Language Perfect*, to enable students to learn and consolidate their knowledge of French at school and at home. After trialing this program last year with language students from Years 8 -12, we discovered how much the students enjoyed improving their skills online, as well as, developing their confidence, which is key to learning and speaking a foreign language.

Students are able to practice the Language skills of Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking in French, to learn new vocabulary relating directly to their textbook, complete given homework as well as compete with their peers in reaching their objectives. The teachers support and encourage students on and off line, while monitoring their progress and achievements at all times online.

We are grateful to the P&C Association for their generous support in reducing the cost for students to enable all French elective classes the use of this terrific learning tool for the whole of 2016.

**STUDENTS’ COMMENTS:**

- “I love being on Language Perfect because it has widened my vocabulary and perfected my accent. I love to learn and will continue to learn forever and always! VOILA MERCI!”
  Mademoiselle Eliza.
- “Its fun to listen to and learn! Thanks”
  Mademoiselle Emilie.
- “Language Perfect is helping me learn French in a fun way!”
  Mademoiselle Dakota

Language Department

**Bulli Students Achieving Personal Best**

**Brittney Callaghan – Year 10**

Earlier this year Mrs Gregory received a letter from Lt Karen Morris who is the Commanding Officer at the 26ACU Australian Army Cadets - Wollongong about Brittney. The letter sets out in detail Brittney’s achievements at the Unit and praises her commitment, leadership skills and her ability to work with the adult members of the Unit with diplomacy and sensitivity.

Brittney has been with the Unit since 2013 and has completed lots of leadership training, participated in many parades, events and ceremonies. She is the second highest ranking person in her company and this brings lots of responsibility which Brittney takes in her stride.

Brittney has written the following short statement about what she does at the Unit:

“My role is as CSM (company sergeant major) at 26ACU Wollongong Australian Army Cadets. I am in control of drill, dress and bearing, attendance, overseeing training and activities with the community. I am responsible for 78 cadets. I am second highest rank within our company. I also command the parade ground and plan and run unit bivouacs and activities such as ANZAC day and Remembrance Day.”

We would like to congratulate Brittney on her outstanding achievements at the Unit and wish her well for her future goals which includes going to the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra after she finishes her HSC.

Robyn Lang
Deputy Principal
March Highlights

Boys & Girls Knockout Volleyball v Corrimal High School
Losses for both teams but a valiant effort by all and gracious in defeat

Year 11 Crossroads Event
The energy of Bubble Soccer tempered with an introduction to yoga and relaxation

Year 10 Biathlon
A tremendous effort running and swimming on a day that threatened dramatic weather.
Well done to all those Year 10 athletes!!

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Sport & PDHPE - continued
March Highlights

A perfect day for Cross Country

EGG-STRAVAGANZA
Thank you for the generous school community for providing a huge array of prizes as well as selling raffle tickets to ensure success for this annual fundraising effort

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Aboriginal Education

First term has been an extremely busy time organising events for 2016. Bulli High School has a number of events occurring during Term 2 including our annual Community Morning Tea and the National Sorry Day assembly to be held in May. Our school will be participating in the 2016 AIME program which is running over two days for the senior students in Term 2. Please look for reports on these events in upcoming newsletters.

I am pleased to see that classes have begun to utilise the Wadi Wadi Indigenous Garden. The garden provides a beautiful learning space where students can work amongst native plants and fresh air in a tranquil environment.

I am looking forward to Term 2 and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break.

Leanne Hicks
Aboriginal Mentor, Tutor and Teacher
Premiers’ Reading Challenge 2016
The Premiers reading Challenge has started again this year. It runs from the 7th March 2016 to the 19th August. The challenge encourages students from Year 7 to Year 9 to read more and more widely. Students must read 20 books – 5 of their choice and 15 off the PRC reading list. A full list of all the books on the PRC list for 2016 can be found here https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/listBooksByTitle.html?letter=A&levelId=4. Oliver also has a list of PRC books that are available for borrowing in our library.

Students can update their log through their portal or via the app. Come into the library and see me if you need any help or have any further questions.

With the holidays coming up, it’s a great time to borrow some books and start the challenge.

Book Club
Ordering from Book Club has never been easier. Parents of Bulli High now have the added option of using LOOP to order and pay via credit card for books from book club online or via the app.

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LOOP is Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, LOOP makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child’s class
- Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

Kylie Martin
Teacher Librarian

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Bulli High Presents

The Wiz

Based on the story: "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum

25th - 28th May 2016

Wednesday 25th 7.30pm
Friday 27th 7.30pm
Saturday 28th 7.30pm

Tickets on sale at the door
Adult: $12 Student: $8 (no concessions)

Music and Lyrics by Charlie Smalls
Book by William F. Brown

By arrangement with ORIGIN Theatrical
on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.
Sam Oborn raises $500 for the Leukaemia Foundation

Thanks to Sam’s bravery and dedication to helping others, and to the students and staff of Bulli High School who donated, Sam’s participation in the World’s Greatest Shave raised just over $500 towards this great cause. The students of the school surrounded Sam and were hugely supportive. Special thanks go to Mrs Hunt from our SASS staff who braved his curly locks with the clippers, as well as to the SRC for its support and to Mr Trenaman and the Entertainment class for setting up the stage and microphone. Well done, Sam!

Fundraising

Iona McGhie, one of Bulli High School’s senior students, has dedicated her recent 18th birthday to raising awareness and donations towards two charities very close to her family and heart. While traditionally most 18 year olds would be celebrating with family and friends, Iona will be donating 13 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust during these upcoming school holidays. The Little Princess Trust and similar organisations create wigs out of donated hair in an effort to help children suffering from hair loss gain confidence and courage during their medical treatment.

On Friday April 1st, Bulli High held a school bake sale to support Iona in achieving her fundraising goal of $250 for the Great Ormond Street Hospital who specialise in the treatment of children suffering from chronic illnesses such as leukaemia. Altogether, our students and staff raised over $430, almost doubling our fundraising goal. Iona and the SRC wish to express their thanks to all who donated their time and baked goods for the sale as well as those who came along and bought these items to support Iona’s fundraising event. Well done!

By Samantha Houston Yr 12
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
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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!