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BULAHDELAH CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Tall Timbers Newsletter

WELCOME TO TERM 3

EDUCATION WEEK 2011 **- creating the future**

Education Week (1st to 5th August) provides schools with the perfect opportunity to invite parents and the local community into the school and to participate in Education Week celebrations.

This year's theme is NSW Public Schools - *creating the future*.

Statewide events include:

- Simultaneous Education Week launches in schools and regions - Monday 1 August
- NSW State Student Representative Council Conference - 2-5 August (Read SRC News to see who is going from BCS)
- Great Schools 'Show-off' Showcase - Wednesday 3 August
- Director-General for a Day - Wednesday 3 August
- Jump Rope for Heart

Bulahdelah Central School has organised a program for parents, carers and community members to visit our school. See page 10 for details.

We look forward to seeing you.

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OUR PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTIONS:

Parent Teacher Interviews – Year 7-11.

These are happening again tomorrow (Tuesday evening). As usual you need to have booked a time slot with your child's teacher. It is important that you allow time between interviews to enable you to get to the next teacher. This helps ensure that teachers remain on schedule. It also helps if you keep to the allocated time (5 minutes) as other parents are usually waiting to see the same teacher. If you need more time then it is best to organise another opportunity when the teacher and yourself aren't constrained by the booking system, such as after school on another day.

In some cases, parent-teacher interviews may not be very informative, especially if the teacher reports that the child has no problems. Some parents may repeatedly hear that they "have nothing to worry about". While this may sound reassuring, you may come away without the necessary information to help your child continue to make steady progress at school.

May I suggest that you come along with some questions that you might wish the teacher to answer? For students that appear to be going well and have little or no concerns the following questions (with thanks to the NT Council of Government School Organisations) might enlighten you and the resulting conversation may also help the teacher develop a better (and deeper) understanding of your child.

1. What does my child do that surprises you?

Often this question can reveal what expectations the teacher has for the child. Sometimes a child behaves quite differently at school than at home.

2. What is my child reluctant to do?

This question can reveal more about the child's interests and dislikes than parents would ordinarily know. The question may encourage the teacher to talk to the parent about the child's academic and social preferences.

3. What is the goal you would like to see my child achieve? This question can serve as a springboard for parents and teachers to develop a plan to work together to help a child set and reach specific outcomes. Even well behaved and high achieving children may benefit from setting goals in areas that need improvement or in which they might excel.

4. What can I do to support what is being done at school?

This question is always appreciated. Teachers may have suggestions for parents but may be afraid to offer unsolicited advice. This question helps create a team feeling.

Evaluation of Stage 6 (Years 11/12)

The school is currently in the process of conducting a situational analysis to clearly identify the significant factors that influence the performance of our senior students. The situational analysis involves an assessment of the school's quantitative and qualitative data and will provide evidence on which to base future planning and decision making.

There has been a wide range of data collected and analysed with the team interviewing and surveying students, parents and staff to add to what we already had within the school. This has included attendance data for staff and students, subject selection material, assessment results including the school certificate and HSC.

The aggregation and synthesis of the data and information will allow the team to determine the most appropriate strategies to significantly improve learning outcomes, teaching and leadership practices at Bulahdelah Central School. It will also inform our decisions about future directions, key targets and strategies for the 2012-2015 School Strategic Plan.

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I would like to thank all the students, parents and staff that gave up their time to take part in the process so far. Your honest feedback and responses have significantly helped shape the findings and recommendations from the process. I believe it is a very worthwhile and invaluable change tool.

- **Don Hudson, Principal**

UPDATE FROM OUR SECONDARY DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

Term 3 commenced with a **staff development day** which focussed on building teacher skills in classroom management and developing our ability to use technology to enable students to access course information both at home and school using a moodle program. In addition a couple of parents spoke to the secondary staff about the challenges and rewards of raising children with autism. The secondary staff will be using the information and skills gained, to reflect on and develop their teaching during the rest of the term.

Last term we **elected our new captains, vice captains and SRC members**. Congratulations to all those elected and to all those students inducted into our new SRC. Mrs. Guthrie, Ms Gresham and myself will be working closely with these student leaders this term to develop leadership skills by initially attending a leadership training camp later in the term and later developing strategies for addressing issues such as bullying, improving student facilities and raising awareness of social justice as well as supporting people who are less fortunate than ourselves.

At the end of last term students from Years 7 to 11 received their **semester 1 reports**. Hopefully parents have had the opportunity to digest the comments from their child's teachers and discussed these with their children.

This Tuesday evening parents and students are invited to a **parent teacher evening** commencing at 3:15pm in O block. This is a great opportunity to further discuss your child's report and their progress in each of their subjects with their teachers. Students have been issued with booking sheets to make appointments with each of their teachers to enable parents to maximise the time they can meet with all of the teachers on the night.

In addition parents of students in Years 8 and 10 will have the chance to attend an **information session** on electives and course options for 2012. It would be great to see all parents there, so you can be well informed about the choices your child will have to make for next year.

Finally next week is **Education Week** and there will be a number of activities and opportunities for both students and parents to participate and observe during the week. We are hoping to email and publish information for parents with a full program of activities later this week.

- **Roger Horton, Secondary Deputy Principal**

REMINDER: Year 7 – 11 Parent/Teacher Meeting 26th July commencing at 3:15pm

OUR PRIMARY DEPUTY PRINCIPAL BRINGS YOU THE NEWS:

Welcome back!! If you thought Term 2 was busy, hang on, because Term 3 is already jammed packed with a smorgasbord of exciting learning opportunities for our students.

Student reports, for all students K – 6, were issued prior to the holidays. I hope you have taken the time to discuss your child's report with him /her, praising their successes and reinforcing areas for improvement. Children respond very well to parents who are interested and involved in their education. Showing children that we care about their education is one of the best things that we can do for them. **Parent/Teacher** interviews will be held on Tuesday 9th August. Information regarding these interviews has been disseminated to parents.

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Information regarding the **Athletics Carnival**, to be held this week, has also been distributed to parents. I hope the weather stays fine long enough for us to be able to get through the events. The zone carnival is in Week 4, so we only have a narrow window of opportunity for our own carnival. I would encourage all parents to attend this event and support your child/ren.

I would like to congratulate **Tamara Gooch** and **Kayden Malone** on their investiture as school captains for Term 3. Both students are excellent role models and I have no doubt that they will fulfill their roles and responsibilities as school captains with pride. Congratulations to you both!!

Education Week is Week 3, this year. The theme is “**Creating the Future.**” Our Year 6 students will participate in a showcase day at Tea Gardens Public School on Wednesday 3/8/11 and we will be having our own **Open Day** here at BCS on **Thursday 4/8/11**. It will commence at 11:00am, with the Public Speaking finals, to be held, in the BCS hall. After lunch, all classes will be participating in a range of “Science and Technology” based activities to highlight this year’s theme. All parents and friends are invited and encouraged to attend this day and join in the activities after lunch. I look forward to seeing you at BCS on the 4/8/11.

The changes made to bus boarding procedures, at the end of last term, have made a significant impact on the safety of our students. The congestion on the footpath has been eased greatly, allowing for much better supervision of the students, whether travelling by bus, car or walking. I would like to congratulate all students, K-12, for their cooperation during the implementation of the new rules. I would like to remind parents that all students who walk or ride scooters and bikes will be expected to use the school crossing when exiting. We would also appreciate it, if all parents, who pick up their children from the Meade St entrance, could also use the marked crossing when crossing the road and not walk diagonally across the street to parked cars. This will assist in reinforcing the appropriate and safe crossing behaviour to your children. The new system has the support of both Busways and Bulahdelah Bus Service management. We trust that you will support the school in this safety initiative.

Some dates for your diary: 25/7 Captain Induction assembly, **28/7** Athletics Carnival, **Week 3** Education Week – “**Creating the Future**” **3/8** Showcase day at TGPS, **4/8** Open Day at BCS – **ALL WELCOME!!**

Cheers, **Sally Thompson Primary Deputy Principal**

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Staff at BCS had a very successful Staff Development Day (SDD) on Monday 18th July. **Teaching staff** covered a wide range of topics relating to quality teaching for our students.

The **School Administrative Support Staff (SASS)** and **School Learning Support Officers (SLSO)**, formerly known as School Aides) attended a Regional SASS Reference Group (RSRG) day at BCS, organised and hosted by BCS staff. Guest speakers and presenters, some from BCS, held a range of workshops covering roles & responsibilities, the new AV process in libraries, ERN Reporting, Bridget, programs & strategies for dealing with difficult behaviours and a video conference for School Administrative Managers (SAM) with the Finance Department. Almost 80 people took part in these workshops, learning from the presenters and each other as the networking between SASS and SLOS continued to grow. Many thanks to the **sponsors** (Corporate Express and PSA) and a **HUGE** thank you to **Sheryl & Stephanie** from the BCS canteen for great (and healthy) catering. Well done to organiser **Sue Robards** and **her crew**.

PS: SASS Recognition Week is from 1st to 5th August – *stepping up to the challenge* is the theme.

KIDS TRAVEL CHEAP: CountryLink currently offers a \$1 kids' fare, for children aged four to 15, to help make your holiday, short break or visit to friends or relatives more affordable. Up to four children from the one household can travel to any destination on the CountryLink network for just \$1 each (subject to certain conditions). All passengers must be members of the one household and must travel together for the duration of the journey. More info or online bookings go to: www.countrylink.info/promotions#dollar or call 13 2232 **Department of Education and Communities**

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CANTEEN CATERING– we are a HEALTHY canteen – GREEN for GO

The BCS Canteen staff **Sheryl Barry (Canteen Manager)** and **Stephanie Dennis (Assistant)** continue to provide a healthy and varied selection of foods for our students and staff. They prepare healthy one-off specials each week. These specials are publicised each fortnight in the school newsletter, on the school web site and the daily notices. Students and staff are invited to order from this list in addition to the Menu/Price List. **Specials this fortnight are:**

	<u>RECESS</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>LUNCH</u>	<u>COST</u>
01/08	Goujons	\$ 3:00	Cabanara	\$ 3:50
02/08	Chicken Mini Wraps	\$ 2:50	Stew (Beef)	\$ 3:50
03/08	Meatballs	\$ 3:00	Chicken (Curried)	\$ 3:50
04/08	Mini Pizzas	\$ 3:50	Roast Meat Rolls	\$ 3:00
05/08	Nachos	\$ 3:00	Savoury Mince	\$ 3:50
08/08	Chicken Wings	\$ 3:00	Hot Dogs	\$ 2:50
09/08	Noodles	\$ 2:00	Beef Stir Fry & Rice	\$ 3:50
10/08	Spring Rolls	\$ 1:50 ea	Rissoles (G) Rolls	\$ 2:50
11/08	Wedges S/C Chilli	\$ 3:00	Vegetable Lasagne	\$ 3:50
12/08	Chicken Wedges	\$ 3:00	S/S Pork with Rice	\$ 3:50

WORDS OF WISDOM

A mind once stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions.
- Anonymous

EXTRA-CURRICULA SUCCESS

Congratulations to **Ray Thoroughgood** (Year 10) who participated in the IFAA Pacific Regional Field Archery Championships recently and came away with a gold medal in his division.
Well done, Ray!



NEWS OF EX-STUDENTS

In November, ex—school captain 1999 and recently retired paralympian **Heath Francis** will be heading with a group of friends to the Himalaya to trek for four weeks in the Solu Khumbu region of Nepal. Beneath the shadow of the world's mightiest peak, they will be ascending windswept ridges and crossing high passes at altitudes in excess of 5000m. The Solu Khumbu region is where the Australian Himalayan Foundation (AHF) runs its 'Quality Education' program which directly benefits 35,000 students in over 300 schools. The group is hoping to raise \$35,000 which is the amount needed to run this program for 12 months. They will have the chance to experience Nepal's Sherpa culture which is famous for its generosity and welcoming nature and the group members hope to repay that generosity by putting something back into this beautiful region and giving the children a chance to receive a quality education! Heath will be joined on this trek by School Dux 1999 **Jillian Lee** among others. **Australian Himalayan Foundation** is a not for profit organisation dedicated to helping the people of the Himalaya achieve their goals – through supporting and overseeing health, education and environmental projects in Nepal, India and Bhutan. For more information visit www.australianhimalayanfoundation.org.au

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Michaela Bruton (Year 12 dux, 2006) recently graduated with first class Honours in BAppSci (Exercise and Sport Science) from the University of Sydney. Throughout the candidature she received the Elastoplast Sports Medicine Award for Biochemistry and Physiology and the University of Sydney Merit Award. In recognition of her thesis investigating movement control in surfers she also received an Australian Postgraduate Award and a three year full-time scholarship to pursue further research. After considering completing PhD opportunities with Neuroscience Australia and USYD, this year she has decided to further follow her passion for human motor behaviour/skill acquisition. Her projects are investigating differences in motor learning between males and females and she finds it exciting and satisfying to be involved in investigating movement and skill as they are so fundamental to human existence. Understanding learning has implications not only for elite athletes but for enhancing competence and quality of life of everyone. **Congratulations on your achievements Michaela.**

SCRIBBLINGS FROM THE SRC

On Tuesday 28th June 2011, the Student Representative Council held an out of uniform day to promote our Mobile Muster in support of YouCan, which is an initiative derived from the canteen projects to develop awareness and raise funds for teenagers fighting cancer. In 2010, Sony Foundation Australia, together with CanTeen, launched 'You Can', a national fundraising campaign to build youth cancer centres across Australia. You Can's major fundraising calls on all Australians to recycle their old mobile phones. Sony Foundation has partnered with an international recycling company to swap these phones for money. On the day we managed to muster 106 mobile phones and raised \$313.50 for this worthwhile cause. Our goal is to muster 500 mobile phones from school students, staff and the surrounding community. If we are able to reach this goal Sony Foundation and YouCan will donate product to our school.

Bulahdelah Central School has organised drop off points for unused and unwanted phones in Bulahdelah and Tea Gardens. In Bulahdelah you can drop off your unused or unwanted phones directly to the school 8 Meade Street, Bulahdelah, or at Robyn's Cafe on the corner of the Pacific HWY and Meade Street. In Tea Gardens unused and unwanted phones can be placed in the drop off box at Tea Gardens Auto Electric and Mechanical, Unit 1 / 11 Yandala St Tea Gardens - Industrial Area

Why do we need youth cancer centres? One in 100 Australians is diagnosed with cancer before the age of 30. In the last 25 years there has been virtually no improvement in survival outcomes for the 15-30 age group. Cancer is the biggest disease killer of Australian teenagers. In Australia your chances of surviving certain cancers decreases by 50% the day you turn 16. Currently in Australia, if you are diagnosed with cancer over the age of 16, you are treated in the adult health care system. Teenagers and young adults need specialised care in an age-appropriate environment.

Sony Foundation: Sony Foundation is the charitable arm of the Sony Group of Companies in Australia. Its aim is to capitalise on the unique qualities of Sony and contribute to the advancement of the Australian community by assisting its youth and fostering their talents. Over the last decade Sony Foundation has funded a range of innovative youth programs which have helped thousands of young Australians facing such issues as homelessness, disability and severe illness. www.sonyfoundation.org.au

CanTeen is the Australian organisation for Young People Living with Cancer. Its members are young people (12 – 24 years) living with cancer including cancer patients, siblings of cancer patients and young people with a parent or primary care giver with cancer, or with an immediate family member who has died from cancer. www.canteen.org.au

PS: Mitchel Blanch has been chosen to represent BCS at the State SRC Camp and we look forward to his report when he returns.

- **Cathryn Guthrie, SRC Coordinator**

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PRIMARY POINTS

WALK AROUND THE WORLD

The 2011 Global Children's Challenge, a free initiative to encourage primary kids to be more active on a daily basis, kicks off on 15 September. This is achieved in a unique and engaging way – by challenging students to undertake a 'virtual walk' around the world in 50 days. This year's challenge will involve 120,000 school children from around the world walking their way to a healthier future. It is open to any class in the last three years of primary school and each child is provided with a pedometer to measure their activity levels. Classes typically participate as a team. For more info and application forms go to: www.gccjunior.org **Registrations close 31 July 2011.**

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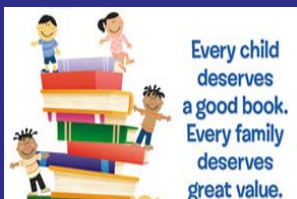
SECONDARY SOURCES

MEDICARE TEEN DENTAL PLAN

To help keep your teenager's teeth in top shape, the Australian Government provides eligible teenagers with a voucher, valued up to \$159.85, to help with the cost of a preventative dental check. To be eligible your child must be entitled to Medicare benefits, be receiving certain government payments individually or as part of a family, and be aged 12–17 years, for at least part of the calendar year. If your child is in equal shared-care arrangements, the first family to claim the service with Medicare Australia will be entitled to the full benefit. The voucher expires on 31 December 2011. For more information or eligibility visit your local Medicare office, call 13 2011 or go to www.medicareaustralia.gov.au

- **Department of Education and Communities**

LIBRARY GLEANINGS – *Participation & Excellence*



REMEMBER SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

need to be at your school library by
THURSDAY 4th AUGUST, 2011

Don't miss out on some excellent books, posters, games and fun things to make and do.



Although the deadline for the Premier's Reading Challenge is **1 September 2010**, we advise students to complete entries by **26 August** and return to school to enable busy coordinators to enter them on-line and validate them in time.

TALKING 'BOUT CAREERS

Ausgrid (formerly known as Energy Australia) have released their Apprenticeship, Cadetship and Traineeships opportunities for 2011.

Closing Dates:

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| • Apprenticeship | 29th July 2011 |
| • Traineeships in Electrical Engineering | 30th September 2011 |
| • Cadetships in Electrical Engineering | 30th September 2011 |
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For more information check out <http://www.ausgrid.com.au/careers> or see Mr. McKinley

HOUSEKEEPING INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS

Your school's Administration Office is open Monday to Friday from 8:10am to 3:30pm.

Exceptions are: Thursday 4th August and Thursday 1st September when the office will be closed from 3pm. Please mark these dates on your calendar.



NEXT NEWSLETTER: Monday 8th August, 2011 – Issue 12



BCS distributes the *Tall Timbers* newsletter by **email**. If you are not receiving the newsletter, please make sure your email address is entered correctly at the school office and that your mailbox is cleared each Monday fortnight.

Also, the newsletter is available on the school webpage.

PLEASE NOTE: A small number of printed copies of the newsletter are available in the foyer of the school administration office for those parents who require a printed version and for visitors to the school

Newsletter distribution dates for Term 3 are 8th & 22nd August, 5th & 19th September. Please mark these dates on your home calendar and, if necessary, remind your student to collect your copy from the foyer.



A reminder for parents/caregivers of our students.

Dental care is available at no cost to any child up to the age of 18 and any child is eligible to attend. If a parent would like an appointment please phone the Hunter New England Oral health Call Centre directly for checkups on **1300 651 625 OR** parents may choose to make their own private arrangement at their local private dental practice at their own expense.



BCS BILLBOARD

Dates are correct at time of publication. Please do not hesitate to contact the School Administration Office if you have any queries.

2011		
July	25	Newsletter No. 11 published
	26	Yr 7-11 Parent/Teacher Meeting 3:15pm
	29	HSC Music Workshop; School Tree Day
	29	Ausgrid apprenticeship applications close
Aug	01	Education Week commences - NSW Public Schools – <i>creating the future</i>
	01	SASS Recognition Week commences – <i>rising to the challenge</i>.
	02	State SRC Camp begins (ends 5 th)
	04	Admin Office closed from 3pm
	08	P & C Assoc Meeting 3:30pm; Newsletter No. 12 published
	09	Primary Parent/Teacher interviews
	16	to 18 th – AgQuip Field Day, Gunnedah – BCS excursion 18th
	16	Science in City (& 17 th & 18 th)
	22	Children's Book Week commences; Jindabyne Excursion; Newsletter No. 13 published
	26	Advanced English Excursion to Port Macquarie
Sept	01	P & C Father's Day Stall; Admin Office closed from 3pm
	05	Newsletter No. 14 published
	19	Newsletter No. 15 published (last for term)
	20	School Musical (and 21st) – <i>Pirates of the Caribbean</i>
	30	Ausgrid traineeships & cadetships (Elect. Eng.) close

PRIDE: Participation, Respect, Innovation, Determination, Excellence

P



Participation

We promote participation and school spirit in an environment that values the participation of students, staff and the wider community.
Are you actively involved in the life of the school?

R

Respect

We respect the rights of others, ourselves and the school in an environment of harmony and personal responsibility.
Do you respect yourself, respect others and take responsibility for you own actions?



I



Innovation

We initiate and continue to improve as individuals, teams and the school.
Can you find a better, smarter or more creative way?

D



Determination

We work towards quality, success and recognition in a persevering manner.
Do you keep on working towards your goals?

E

Excellence

We do our best to achieve excellence.
Have you done your best?



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EDUCATION WEEK 2011

- creating the future

BULAHDELAH CENTRAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

- Showcase Day – BCS Year 6 students to participate at Tea Gardens Public School Wednesday 03/08/11
- * Annual Chris Hoare Cup – at Gloucester High School Wednesday 03/08/11
- BCS Open Day Thursday 04/08/11.



Primary program:

Public Speaking Finals, BCS Hall, 11am.

Lunch - followed by all classes participating in a range of **Science & Technology** based activities.

(Parents/visitors are invited to bring their own lunch and sit with their students during the lunch break.)

Secondary program:

Students will be advised as soon as a program is finalised.



***WHY DO WE PLAY THE CHRIS HOARE CUP?**

BCS has many traditions, some established over many years, others not quite as old. One of the newer traditions is the annual contest of the **Chris Hoare Rugby League Cup** between Gloucester High & BCS. This has been played every year since 2004.

Chris Hoare was a student at Bulahdelah Central School from Kindergarten through to Year 12. Chris' parents, well-known local identities Steve & Jenny, were always very proud of Chris' achievements and gave great support in all his endeavours as did his younger brother Brenton. Chris was a capable and hardworking student who achieved to his potential academically and achieved his Higher School Certificate in 1994. He also took on various roles within the school by being a member of the Student Representative Council, participating in school musicals and fundraising activities.

However, it was at sport that Chris excelled. His potential was evident during his Primary school years when he was the Junior Boys Athletic, Tennis & Swimming Champions. In secondary school he represented in athletics and cross country at Zone level and also in football. Chris competed in athletics, coming second in the 15 Years Boys' Triple Jump at the Hunter Region Secondary Schools Sports Association while achieving school awards in all age sections for Javelin, Discus, Shot Put, Long Jump and High Jump, Hurdles, 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m races.

In 1993 while in Year 11 Chris was selected to the Manning Zone Open Rugby League Team and continued his school sporting achievements by being the 17 Years Boy Athletics Champion as well as the School Sportsman of the Year. Chris was equally adept at swimming, achieving in freestyle, breaststroke and medley races. In 1994, as a Year 12 student, Chris was Hunter Region representative in the Open Rugby League team. Other sporting achievements include competing in the Bulahdelah King of the Mountain triathlon and endurance race (1983 & 1984) which he successfully completed, both times being the youngest to finish. His Indoor Cricket Team won the Winter Competition and he was Under 16 Years Taree Old Bar "Best Back" in 1992. Due to his sporting expertise and his popularity with his peers, Chris was elected as captain of his Sporting House, Bradman, and a role he relished.

Under the headline of "Big Future for Local Footballer" in a local newspaper, it was announced that a young Bulahdelah footballer had been picked to play against Queensland and Western Australia. Chris Hoare, a member of the Under 18 Rugby League team which regularly played in the Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest-Bulahdelah area each week was picked to play with the Newcastle Under 18 representative squad against Queensland Under 18 at Lang Park before the third test against New Zealand in 1993. During this match he scored the winning try for Newcastle. Following that match Chris was picked to play in the Under 17 Newcastle representative squad to play against Western Australia on 17th July, 1993. In 1994 he played in the Under 19 Country Championship at Coffs Harbour and in September 1994 Chris received confirmation of his selection in the Newcastle Knights Jersey Flegg Summer Training Squad.

Chris was born in February, 1976 and tragically died in a car accident on 27th December, 1996.

BCS decided, under the guidance of teacher Damien Keen, to celebrate Chris' achievements by playing matches in the Under 14 and Open Team categories against Gloucester High School each year

The inaugural match was played on 20th May 2004, refereed by Bill Harrigan, well known former referee and current head of refereeing for the National Rugby League.



We're on the Web!
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 c.schools.nsw.edu.au



**Bulahdelah Central
 School teaches the
 values of
 PRIDE –**

Participation

Respect

Innovation

Determination

Excellence

Bulahdelah Central School was established in 1868 and, for 143 years, has served a supportive community between Forster and Tea Gardens. The school is located below Alum Mountain, with spacious, well laid-out grounds. BCS is the State's largest central school, serving the needs of students from Kindergarten to Year 12 on the same site, in a friendly, caring manner. All of our students benefit from the family-like atmosphere.

Our school seeks to develop its students academically, emotionally, culturally, socially, physically and morally by providing a comprehensive and relevant curriculum. The school has a reputation for academic excellence, providing a caring, friendly environment which encourages self-discipline and responsibility. The school's purpose built middle school complex has enabled BCS to establish a strong emphasis on middle years initiatives (years 5 – 7). We have developed close educational links with our partner primary schools as we are all proud member of the Myall Learning Community.

Bulahdelah Central School targets Quality Teaching and student engagement by integrating technology into effective classroom practice and is developing best practice use of data to enhance student outcomes.

WHO'S WHO AT A GLANCE

Executive

Principal: Don HUDSON

Secondary Deputy Roger HORTON

Primary Deputy Sally THOMPSON

Secondary Head Teachers:

English/History/CAPA Faculty Vanessa SHULTZ;

Maths/PE Faculty Wayne HOLT;

TAS/LOTE Faculty Christopher GLADYS;

Science/Social Science Faculty Michael STACE;

Welfare Faculty

Deborah GILBERT.

Primary Assistant Principals:

Stan BACKHOUSE, Carol WILLS

School Admin. Manager

Sue ROBARDS

Friends of the School (see below)

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