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# BULAHDELAH CENTRAL SCHOOL

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## Tall Timbers Newsletter

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**THE 2011 PREMIER'S  
READING CHALLENGE  
CLOSES AT BCS ON  
TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST.  
Please see Mrs. Robards in the  
Library.**

**STAY  
SAFE**



Year 7 BCS student **Keahne Hurtado** with celebrity chef Matt Moran  
at Junior Masterchef, 2011. (See story page )

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## OUR PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTIONS:

### Children that are read to do far better at school than those that are not.

The importance of developing literacy skills including reading has been subject to extensive research and it is not surprising that the benefit of parents reading with their children is undisputed. It also shows increasingly that the type of "quality time" between parents and children can have a big effect on the child's development and academic progress. It has long been recognised that the family experiences of children aged between seven months and three years are particularly important for later educational achievement

Poor reading skills not only have a detrimental effect on students' academic progress and trajectory, they also have been associated with behavioural and emotional problems, such as aggressive behaviour and poor self-concept. Children that fail to read by the middle of Primary school struggle throughout their schooling. We know that so much of what we do in school relies heavily on a child's reading ability, when they struggle with reading they struggle with other academic requirements.

The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading, is reading aloud to children. Reading within the home works to the educational advantage of all children regardless of their economic and educational background. Reading to your child for only 15 minutes a day will make a significant difference but half an hour is even better. Set a special reading time that works for both you and your child, bedtime is ideal but you need to ensure you read with your child not just to your child.

When you read with them they can actively engage and participate. With small children it is also a learning experience as they expand their vocabulary and gain meaning from the words.

As one educational writer, Jennifer Sumsion noted, 'the importance of reading to children regularly and sharing with them a rich diet of carefully chosen literature is almost impossible to over-emphasise'. The quiet, cosy ritual of the bedtime story creates enjoyable, satisfying learning experiences where, apart from their involvement with the story, toddlers are experiencing how books actually work - for example, you read them from top to bottom and follow the lines from left to right - and begin to realise the links between print and their favourite books and speech.

By having books and other appropriate reading materials handy at all times you will encourage your child to read. By teaching your child the love of reading you are giving them a gift that will bring to them both knowledge and pleasure and hopefully enrich their lives forever.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week is next week. If you would like to check out the Federal Governments website which contains lots of information, activities, resources and ideas then go to: <http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/>

**Final Words ...** *"Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress in every society, in every family."* —Kofi Annan

- **Don Hudson, Principal**

## UPDATE FROM OUR SECONDARY DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

This week some of our Year 11 students will be darting down the slopes at **Jindabyne** along with Mr. Seale, Mr. DeAngelis and Mrs. Gilbert. This excursion has been a keenly anticipated trip for many years at Bulahdelah Central School and is often one of our excursions that students remember as one of the best experiences they had while at BCS. It is important that students get to experience events like Jindabyne even though the cost is sometimes beyond family finances. In the next term a number of excursions including our year 9 trip to **Canberra** will be advertised. Please consider these experiences for your children and if you are experiencing genuine financial difficulties please contact the school.

Also this week a number of our year 11 students are at **work experience** as part of their requirement to complete **Vocational Education Courses**. The school is very appreciative of local employers who are willing to take our students on for a whole week to enable them to get this valuable experience.

Students are currently rehearsing for the year 11 Drama performance of **Pirates of the Caribbean**. This promises to be very entertaining with a number of our experienced performers playing key roles. Look out for performance dates and get your tickets soon as this will be performed in the last week of term.

Year 10 have received the **subject lines for the Preliminary Courses in 2012**. These lines contain the subjects that Bulahdelah Central School will offer the students next year. They have been organised into lines and students can only select ONE subject for EACH line. If you would like to discuss subject choices please don't hesitate to contact myself, Mr. McKinley or Mrs. Shultz at school.

Finally can I urge parents to reinforce the **wearing of school uniform**, particularly now we are heading into Spring. Navy blue shorts or skirt and navy blue jumpers along with the sky blue shirt for junior and white school shirt for seniors. Also a reminder that the OH & S requirements mean **shoes should be leather and fully cover the foot**. Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.

- **Roger Horton, Secondary Deputy Principal.**

## OUR PRIMARY DEPUTY PRINCIPAL BRINGS YOU THE NEWS:

Thank you to those parents who took the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher at the **parent/teacher interviews**, in Week 4. It was good to see so many parents turn out for this important event. These meetings are vital in strengthening the home/school partnership. If you were unable to attend, and would still like to meet with your child's teacher, you can contact the school office to make an appointment for a mutually convenient time.

We had a number of students participate at the **Port Stephens Zone Athletics Carnival** with varying degrees of success, last week. It is always good to see our students making the most of these opportunities and participating with such enthusiasm and determination. Congratulations to all students who participated!!

Our final debate, against Forster Primary, was held last week. Our team, comprising **Tim Smith, Kaitlyn Gregory, Jayden Morris** and *Isabella Francis-Nieswandt* should be congratulated on their efforts. Some of our regular team members were at the SRC camp and were unable to participate, opening the door for some new students to gain experience. They performed commendably and were narrowly defeated by a more polished team, on the day. I was very impressed with how they worked as a team and hope that they will continue to participate in debating in the future. We have some excellent debaters in the making!! To date, we have won two of our three debates. Whether we have made the semi-finals is yet to be decided. Watch this space!!

In line with our school's **healthy eating policy, sugary soft drinks and energy drinks are banned from being consumed at school**. A small minority of students are purchasing these drinks enroute to school. If students are found to have these types of drinks, in their possession, at school, they will be confiscated. Water is the best option, for your child, to drink at school.

I am very excited about the **“Discover Uni Day,”** for Year 6 students, which will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to see what uni life is all about and the choice of subjects available. The good thing about this day is that a family member is encouraged to attend with the student. If that is not possible however, it doesn't matter, as all students are invited, with or without a family member. Notes have been sent home and we would like these back asap so we can finalise bus bookings. There is no cost for this excursion as the University of Newcastle is covering the cost of transport.

**Some dates for your diary: Week 6 – BOOKWEEK – “One World, Many Stories”, 22/8**  
**Merit Assembly, 24/8 Stage 3 Water watch Excursion, Week 7 LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK, 31/8**  
**Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition (Yrs 5&6), 1/9 Pet Safety workshop (Yrs K-2).**  
 Cheers, **Sally Thompson, Deputy Primary Principal**

## WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

### FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES – WHOLE SCHOOL

- The **United Nations’ International Year of Youth** celebrated International Youth Day on 12 August with the theme ‘*Dialogue and Mutual Understanding*’ which encourages positive communication between cultures and generations. As well as the global launch at UN headquarters in New York, there were celebrations all over the world, highlighting opportunities and challenges for youth in different regions and countries.
- **School life covered from A to Z** Practical help for parents and carers to assist their child’s learning and development is now available as part of School A to Z – a new online school community. School A to Z, developed by the NSW Department of Education and Communities, includes a website ([www.schoolatoz.com.au](http://www.schoolatoz.com.au)), free mobile apps and social networking through Facebook and Twitter. The site is a go-to resource for parents looking for homework/study support and resources for their children, and includes hundreds of plain English definitions on classroom terminology, printable help sheets, ‘how to’ videos and advice from teachers and other experts. School A to Z also includes helpful advice and information to support children’s wellbeing, emotional and physical development, including healthy lunch box recipes; resource and tips that encourage and promote safe and appropriate use of technology; opportunities for parents and the community to contribute content, share ideas and join in discussions, including the School A to Z Facebook and Twitter channels and a translation aid for users from non-English speaking backgrounds. The free mobile apps, developed for smartphones and iPad, will enable even the busiest of parents to have access to these resources. Check out the School A to Z website ([www.schoolatoz.com.au](http://www.schoolatoz.com.au)), Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/schoolatoz](http://www.facebook.com/schoolatoz)) and Twitter account ([www.twitter.com/schoolatoz](http://www.twitter.com/schoolatoz))

### CANTEEN & NUTRITION NOTES - we are a HEALTHY canteen – GREEN for GO

**HEALTH IMPLICATIONS OF SOFT DRINK CONSUMPTION:** There is a significant positive association between the consumption of sugary drinks (mainly soft drinks) and **unhealthy weight gain**. Researchers have concluded that the weight of epidemiological and experimental evidence indicates that a greater consumption of sugar-sweetened soft drinks is associated with weight gain and **obesity** and that sufficient evidence exists for the need for public health strategies to reduce sugary drinks consumption, **particularly in children and adolescents**

**Other Health Implications:** Other health implications of soft drink consumption-

- Displacement of healthier foods from the diet, leading to poorer diet quality.
- Dental caries and dental erosion.
- Bone fractures, low bone density, osteoporosis, hypocalcaemia.
- Disturbed sleep patterns, bedwetting and anxiety. \*
- Headache, fatigue, decreased alertness, depressed mood and irritability. \*
- Chronic disease including metabolic syndrome, high blood pressure.



- Possible adverse effects due to Benzene.

\*Soft drinks containing caffeine.

### - NSW Department of Health



The BCS Canteen staff **Sheryl Barry, Canteen Manager and Stephanie Dennis, Assistant** (in photo at left) 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>
29/08	Chicken Goujons	\$ 3:00	Chicken Vol au Vents	\$ 3:50 ea
30/08	Mini Pizzas	\$ 3:50	Beef Stir Fry	\$ 3:50
31/08	P/Pies/Sausage Rolls	\$ 1:00 ea	Quiche & Salad	\$ 5:00
01/09	Chicken Wings	\$ 3:00	Roast Rolls	\$ 2:50
02/09	Mini Salad Wraps	\$ 2:50	Calamari & Salad	\$ 5:50
05/09	Wedges S/C Chilli Sauce	\$ 3:00	BBQ Chook Salad	\$ 5:50
06/09	Chicken McBites	\$ 3:00	Savoury Crepes	\$ 4:50
07/09	Crepes with sweet topping	\$ 2:50	Ham Salad	\$ 5:00
08/09	Ham & Cheese McMuffins	\$ 2:50	Hot Dogs	\$ 2:50
09/09	Cocktail Fish pieces	\$ 0:60c ea	Wings & Salad	\$ 4:50

# P & C U P D A T E

The August meeting was held on 8<sup>th</sup> August and many items and issues were discussed. These included allocating of funds, the progress of the building of the **Trade Training Centre**, an explanation of the **Situational Analysis process**, a review of the **parent/teacher evening** and news of staff who have retired or who are on long service leave. Other matters raised were the **primary athletics carnival**, the **Tea Gardens Showcase** day, excursions to **Melbourne and Newcastle**, possible **fundraising ventures** and **primary ethics classes**. It was noted that this is a **very important time for Year 12 students** who need to be gathering career information and early entry to university as well as considering end of year activities. It is important for these students to keep up their attendance at school.



### Upcoming Events:

- **Father's Day Stall** 1<sup>st</sup> September - fantastic range of gifts for Dad under \$10.
- **Next meeting** 12<sup>th</sup> September at 3:30pm Staff Common Room where the findings of the Situational Analysis will be presented.

**ALL welcome to attend to keep up-to-date with what is happening in your school.**

### WORDS OF WISDOM

*Getting things done is not always what is most important. There is value in allowing others to learn, even if the task is not accomplished as quickly, efficiently or effectively."*

-- R.D. Clyde

## LIBRARY LEANINGS



Every child  
deserves  
a good book.  
Every family  
deserves  
great value.

**Next Scholastic Book Club orders are due at the Library by 9:00am THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

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## SCRIBBLINGS FROM THE SRC – STATE CAMP

In our Newsletter dated 25<sup>th</sup> July, we promised a report, of the SRC State Camp, from **Mitchell Blanch**, who had been chosen to attend, representing BCS.

Unfortunately, Mitchell needed to come home early for family reasons. However, **Rebecca Maybury** (ex-BCS student) attended the camp in her role of Student Services Consultant, New England Region – Tamworth and she sent the following Department report.

“Over four days, Tuesday 2 August – Friday 5 August. 130 regional student leaders participated in workshops, engaged in motivational and fun activities and had their say at the BIG IDEA Session at Vision Valley Conference Centre, Arcadia. The conference was officially opened by Pam Christie, Acting

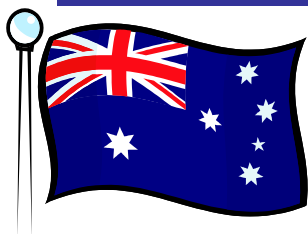
Director-General of Education and Communities and featured keynote speaker Jason Clarke from Minds at Work. The theme of the conference was ‘Find your vibe’.”

Rebecca also collected the Bulahdelah copy of the DVD for Motivational Media and is forwarding it to BCS.



*(Photos show students attending some of the 2011 Conference workshops.)*

## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG DAY



Australian National Flag Day will be celebrated across our nation on Friday 2 September 2011. This day commemorates the first occasion when our national flag was flown, 3 September 1901, when Prime Minister Edward Barton announced the winning design from a competition to select our new nation's flag. Our flag represents our nation when it is flown both in Australia and across the world. This day is a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on how our flag

unites us as a nation, celebrating pride in our achievements. Information about Flag Day, including support for schools can be found on the website of the Australian National Flag Association at [www.australianflag.org.au](http://www.australianflag.org.au)

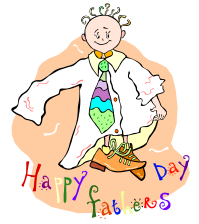
## PRIMARY POINTS

### DISCOVER UNI DAY

Year 6 students and their families (parents, grandparents, older sibling and/or another relative) have the opportunity on 16<sup>th</sup> September to experience a day on campus at Newcastle University to see what university is all about. Students are to wear school uniform and are asked to bring their food and water for the day. For more information please call Sally Thompson during school hours on 4997 4329.

## P & C ASSOCIATION INC. FATHER'S DAY STALL

The annual Father's Day Stall will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> September this year. - fantastic range of gifts for Dad under \$10. The members provide these gifts as a service to our primary students who may be unable to visit shops to purchase something for dad or granddad. Thanks to the P & C members who purchase the gifts in their own time and to those who will be at the school on Thursday to sell them.



## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2011

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August saw the Primary Department finally hold their annual athletics carnival on what turned out to be a beautiful day for competition. Students had already competed in their high jump, 800m races and their heats of the 200m. Competitive events remaining were the 100m age races, finals of the 200m, shot put, long jump and relays.

Students participated well and as the day was ending, with only the relays to go, any one of three Houses could have won the house competition. Only 16 points separated these three houses. With one relay to go any one of two were still contenders. Amazingly enough, both the contenders won with a draw in the house competition between Melba and Bradman

Thanks to **parents, staff, grounds men** and the **canteen** for their efforts on the day. Of course the biggest thank you is for the **students** who participated and behaved well. Special congratulations to the following students who achieved well on the day.

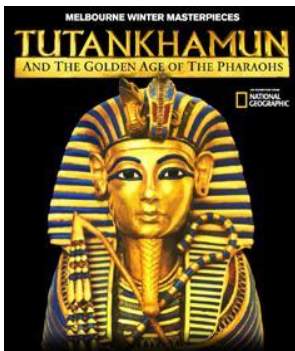
### BCS Athletics Champions 2011

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
8 Year Boys	Bailey Middleton	Kiyan Galimard	Mathew Blackwell
8 Year Girls	Miranda White-McDougall	Phebe Germanos	Finlay O'Connell
9 Year Boys	Angus Plummer	Brodan Nassif	Kobi Watt
9 Year Girls	Heidi Buchanan	Paige Robbins }	(Equal Second)
		Madison Hurtado }	
10 Year Boys	Jayden Saville	Liam Garemyn	Brock Buchanan
10 Year Girls	Mary Bramston	Nikita Taylor	Grace Germanos
11 Year Boys	Josh Dallas	Djindi Galimard	Klayton Haynes
11 Year Girls	Katelyn Sibert	Tamara Gooch	Kaitlyn Gregory
12 Year Boys	Braydon Merrell	Jack Hutchinson	Josh Soley} (Equal Edan Cray } Third)
12 Year Girls	Sally Tennyson	Madison Shannon	Tara Price

The House competition placings were **Melba & Bradman** first - 244 points; **Wentworth** third – 220 points and **Kenny** fourth – 140 points.

- **Stan Backhouse, Carnival Organiser**

## MELBOURNE MUSEUM VISIT



On 6<sup>TH</sup> September there will be an opportunity for selected primary students to attend the Tutankhamen Display in Melbourne. This excursion is to raise academic standards by offering this trip as a prize to the winners of the Design & Make activity, artwork and narrative writing. Full school uniform is required for this excursion. Students will need to take their food and drink for the day. Travel is by bus and plane and will cost each student \$30 for bus fares. The remainder of the costs for flight and museum entry has been paid for by fundraising and other funding. Sally Thompson and Roger Horton will accompany the students on this exciting educational adventure.



## FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES - PRIMARY

- **National Science Week** started on August 13. Why not spark your child's interest in the natural world with some simple and fun science experiments at home? You can find plenty of ideas online. For example, Kidspot (<http://www.kidspot.com.au/schoolzone/Science-experiments-Science-experiments-for-kids+4372+314+article.htm>) has a great range of science experiments made from common household items including a mini volcano, a wave in a bottle, magic ink and even fake snot. Who could resist?
- **Children's Book Week** Now in its 65<sup>th</sup> year, Children's Book Week from 20-26 August celebrates Australian authors and illustrators with activities at libraries and schools around Australia. This year's theme is: *One World, Many Stories*. The benefits of reading to children from a young age are indisputable. If you'd like some inspiration, check out the Children's Book Council of Australia website which has some great reading and website resources for parents: <http://cbca.org.au/parents.htm>.

## SECONDARY SOURCES

### JUNIOR MASTERCHEF 2011

On July 29<sup>th</sup> my mum and I woke up at 3.00am and travelled to West Homebush "The Dome" to see the official Junior Masterchef filming. I also put in an application to go on the show but unfortunately I was unsuccessful. The filming started at 7.45am and finished at 4.15pm and that whole day of filming is only 1 hour of television. We saw 5 children of the top 50 receive an apron for the top 20 to go to the Masterchef kitchen. There were 5 celebrity chefs and 3 chef judges (Gary Mehigan, Matt Moran & Anna Gare). Although this is a very hard and stressful elimination for the contestants it is very emotional and exciting for them as well. This day was the best day that I have ever had.

*By Keahne Hurtado, Year 7*



### BRIDGE PROGRAM

The school has been very lucky to have been accepted recently into the Bridge Program. This is a program aims to increase knowledge and understanding between Australia and Asia through school-to-school partnerships that connect students and teachers in Australia with students and teachers in Asia. Our school's partnership school is Taishan High School of Shandong. This is a middle secondary school with an enrolment of 3000 plus students. They are studying English and their ages are 15-18 years old. During the last two weeks we have hosted a Chinese teacher from the school, Peng Xiuzhen and she has been learning about our school and our local area and working with the Language teacher Mrs. Cunich on establishing a WIKI, which will allow Bulahdelah students to access native speakers from China and Chinese students access to native English speaking students. The program will further continue in December with Mrs. Cunich returning to Taishan High School. Our language students have enjoyed having a native speaker and learning new facts about the culture of China as well as enjoying some Chinese dumplings which Xiuzhen made for us.

### WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?

Not Year 12 Advanced English students who will travel to the Port Macquarie Glasshouse Theatre on Friday evening 26<sup>th</sup> August to view a performance of this HSC text. Students, accompanied by Head Teacher Humanities, Vanessa Schultz, will leave BCS, at 4:30pm and travel by school mini

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bus, returning by 12 midnight. Theatre clothes appropriate for an evening performance are required for this excursion and students will need to take money for dinner. Sounds like an enjoyable and educational evening.

### SENIOR STAY SAFE TALKS

Head Teacher Welfare, Deb Gilbert, arranged for the Police Liaison Officer to visit BCS to address senior students on 16<sup>th</sup> August. This talk presented an opportunity for students to learn about safe partying and driving habits. This was a timely event, happening before the end of year celebrations such as Schoolies.

### EXTRA-CURRICULA PARTICIPATION



As mentioned in our last newsletter, **Jayden Lilley** of Year 7 recently competed in the Australian 32nd National Angling Championships & Convention at South West Rocks. After three weeks of fierce competition, Jayden's final results are:

- Rock & Beach Section - Fourth in Australia
- **Estuary Section** - Third in Australia
- Dry Land Casting - Second in Australia

Jayden's score was very close to first position with a difference of 0.29 of a point. Jayden threw the longest distances of all juniors: 12

gram distance throw was 132.11 metres; Artificial Bait distance throw was 104.37 metres; 56 gram distance 126 metres. Jayden was also placed in the number one NSW team which won all events in the juniors. (A big well done to the team)

From the whole competition, Jayden was third the Junior Section. (The junior section goes up until 17 years of age).



### BCS VISITS PRESCHOOL FOR A MUSIC PERFORMANCE



**Alex Barry plays a duet on the piano (left)**

*The Pre-school children enjoyed playing the drums with Michael Shultz (below)*



## FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES - SECONDARY YUSTERS

- **Exam Stress:** The HSC has officially begun, with the oral language exams underway. If your teenager is sitting the HSC this year, help maintain a calm, quiet and relaxing environment, at home, to allow for relaxation between study. Encourage your teenager to get enough sleep, eat healthy food and exercise.  
For more useful study tips go to the NSW Board of Studies website:  
[http://studentonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/go/tips/study\\_tips\\_and\\_materials/](http://studentonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/go/tips/study_tips_and_materials/) For smart ways to combat exam stress go to:  
[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/stressexams.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/stressexams.php) or  
<http://au.reachout.com/find/articles/exam-time-hints-for-managing-stress>
- **Free dental checks available:** To keep your teenager's teeth in good health, 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 teenager 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. Vouchers can be used at private dentists or through NSW Public Oral Health Services. Contact details for Public Oral Health Services [www.health.nsw.gov.au/cohs/contacts.asp](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/cohs/contacts.asp). For more information or eligibility details visit your local Medicare office, call 13 2011 or go to [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au)

## TALKING 'BOUT CAREERS

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

### Closing Dates:

- Traineeships in Electrical Engineering 30th September 2011
- Cadetships in Electrical Engineering 30th September 2011

For more information check out <http://www.ausgrid.com.au/careers> or see Mr. McKinley

## BCS BILLBOARD

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

<b>August</b>	22	Children's Book Week commences; Jindabyne Excursion; Merit Assembly
	24	Myall River Catchment Excursion
	26	Advanced English Excursion Port Macquarie
	29	Numeracy/Literacy Week Commences
	31	Maths Competition Yrs 5/6
<b>Sept</b>	01	<b>P &amp; C Father's Day stall; Spelling Bee; Pet Safety Workshop K-Y2; SASS meeting = office closes 3pm</b>
	06	Primary Melbourne excursion
	12	<b>P &amp; C Meeting 3:30pm</b>
	16	Discover Uni day – Year 6 to Newcastle
	20	School Musical (and 21 <sup>st</sup> ) – <i>Pirates of the Caribbean</i>
	23	Last day Term 3
<b>Oct</b>	30	<b>Ausgrid traineeships &amp; cadetships (Elect. Eng.) close – 1<sup>st</sup> week of holidays</b>
	10	<b>Staff &amp; students return for Term 4 – THERE IS NO STAFF DEVELOPMENT/STUDENT FREE DAY</b>
	17	<b>Higher School Certificate Exams commence</b>
	20	Year 7 Injections
	28	World Teachers' Day
<b>Nov</b>	07	<b>School Certificate exams commence</b>
	09	Bulahdelah Show Society Student Pavilion Night
	11	<b>Remembrance Day</b>
	18	Bulahdelah Show (& 19 <sup>th</sup> )

## HOUSEKEEPING INFORMATION



**ACCIDENT CLOTHING:** We have a shortage of clothing we can lend to students who incur an accident of some sort while at school (e.g. taking a knee out of trousers after a fall or tearing a shirt sleeve, etc ) especially for the larger sizes for students in the secondary school. If your student has outgrown his/her uniform please consider donating it to the school clothing pool. Simply bring it to the School Admin Office where staff will gratefully store it ready for use.

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Your school's Administration Office is open Monday to Friday from 8:10am to 3:30pm. **Exception is:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September when the office will be closed from 3pm. Please mark this date on your calendar



### **NEXT NEWSLETTER: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Issue 14**



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 I are 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September. Please mark these dates on your home calendar and, if necessary, remind your student to collect your copy from the foyer.***

## **A REMINDER RE: PROCEDURES**

**To ensure the safety of our students, facilitate their opportunity to learn and for the smooth daily functioning of the school there are a number of procedures that we follow.** Some of these procedures are outlined below for your information and your co-operation in following them would be greatly appreciated. (For more detail please consult the School Prospectus or the school's web page.)

### **ABSENCES need to be explained by a note/telephone call. (Emails will not be accepted.)**



In accordance with the Education Reform Act (1990), students are required to attend school **every day** and it is the school's responsibility to keep accurate records of student attendance. Absences due to sickness or unavoidable family affairs such as a doctor / dentist appointment must be explained either in writing or by telephone by the parent / carer **on the first day of attendance following the absence. (Emails will not be accepted.)** It should be noted that other reasons (e.g. went shopping, needed at home, etc) cannot be accepted by the school as this is the policy of the Department of Education and Communities.. Therefore, these absences will be recorded as **"unjustified"** on school records.

**Please note that due to computer programming notes received seven or more days after an absence cannot be recorded and therefore these absences will remain unexplained.** Students receiving Centrelink allowances need to be aware that **more than five days unexplained** (i.e. no note) absences will mean the loss of one fortnight's allowance.

**Notes need to have dates, reason for absence and the child's given and surnames. This is a legal requirement of the Department and your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated**

### ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS OF STUDENT AT SCHOOL - Students are NOT to contact their parents directly.

The school has appropriate procedures in case of student illness or accident. If a student falls sick in class, he/she is given a note from the classroom teacher and asked to report to the Administration Office. If a student has an accident in the playground, Administration Office staff are advised. In both cases an assessment is made regarding the seriousness of the complaint.

**If necessary, a parent is contacted by a member of the school staff and/or an ambulance is called.**

**Students are NOT to phone their parents to come to get them from school, stating that they are sick.**

**It is extremely important that these procedures are followed as the school has a duty of care to all students and staff and in times of an emergency such as an evacuation, staff need to account for ALL personnel.**

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS – Please notify the school if your situation changes.



If you have changed the address, telephone number or emergency contact for your student, please notify the Administration Office as soon as possible so that records can be kept up-to-date.

**This is particularly important in cases of illness or other emergencies.**  
**Thank you for your co-operation.**

### LATENESS TO SCHOOL – Students need to sign in

Punctuality is extremely important. However, on occasions when a student is unavoidably late, he or she **must bring a note** explaining the lateness and **sign in** at the School Administration Office. This is essential so that accurate records can be kept, especially in the case of an emergency.

- Parents are reminded that the playground/classrooms are not supervised prior to **8:30am**. Therefore for **safety reasons we ask that you do not send your child to school before this time.**

### LEAVE and LUNCH PASSES - Students should see the Secondary Deputy Principal before school on the day the Daily Leave Pass is required.

A **permanent LUNCH PASS** may be issued to students who **live locally** and who apply for one. These passes allow students to sign out of school at lunch time to go home for lunch under their parent's / carer's supervision. **They are not for any other purpose.** Students using a Lunch Pass must return to school in time to sign back in at the School Administration Office and arrive at class on time. Application Forms are available from the Secondary Deputy Principal.

**DAILY LEAVE PASSES** may also be obtained from the Secondary Deputy Principal upon a written request from the parent / carer. The note indicates the date, purpose of leave and approximate duration. Parents / carers are asked to keep these requests to a minimum. Unavoidable doctor or dentist appointments and the like are reasonable grounds for leave passes. Some students who live out of town may be given **occasional** leave to run errands. Students should see the Secondary Deputy Principal **before school on the day the Daily Leave Pass is required.**

### MOBILE PHONES - It is expected that students will not use their phones during school hours.

**NO valuable item should be left unattended in bags.**

Bulahdelah Central School acknowledges the advances made in technology and the personal devices now available to our students. It is the aim of the school to develop appropriate use of this technology as a tool in our lives. **Students are strongly discouraged from bringing expensive and personal equipment such as mobile phones, iPods, games, etc to the school as security for these items cannot be guaranteed and in the event of loss, theft or damage, the**



**item is not covered under insurance.** While it is acknowledged that some students may need to be in possession of a mobile phone for reasons relating to their safety in travelling to and from the school, the use of mobile phones **in class** is disruptive to the learning environment of all students. There is also the potential for mobile phones to be used in a way that jeopardises the safety and well being of others. Therefore, it is expected that **students will not use their phones during school hours.** (They will be requested to hand them in to a member of the school executive staff in this instance.) Outside of school they are encouraged to use them in a way that reflects the core values being taught in schools, including the values of respect, responsibility, care and fairness. Some mobile phones can be used to take photographs or videos. Students are strongly discouraged from doing so at school. People doing so should be aware of the Department of Education policies regarding the use of camera and video recording devices:



**Privacy Bulletin No. 7 – School Photographs and Videos and Other Material;**

**Legal Issues Bulletin No. 35 – The Use of Mobile Phones, Portable Computer Games, Tape Recorders and Cameras in Schools and TAFE NSW Institutes.**

Taking photographs or video while at school or engaged in school related activities (e.g. excursions) by the student may occur if there are sound reasons for the photography. Depending on the particular circumstances and purpose of the photography, the permission of staff, parent/carer or student may be required. The deliberate use of technology to bully and harass students and staff of Bulahdelah Central School is covered in our Anti-Bullying Policy. Posting of such material on the Internet is a criminal matter and the **Department's Response Unit** and **Police** will be informed to follow up the matter. **Students doing so may be suspended and subject to criminal charges.** If a student requires a phone for security reasons, a **contract** is available for the student and carer to sign regarding its use. Students without a contract, or in breach of one, caught using a phone at Bulahdelah Central School, particularly inappropriately (i.e. disrupting the learning environment, using as a tool to bully, harass or partake in illegal activities) could result in one of the following actions:

- mobile phone removed from student, to be claimed at the end of the school day on the first occasion, requiring a letter from the parent on the second and a parent interview on the third occasion;
- discipline procedures such as detentions and planning room detention;
- suspension; **or**
- police and/or Department of Education's Response Unit notification

### **MOTOR VEHICLE USE BY STUDENTS – Students must apply for permission**

Students wishing to drive to school **must apply for permission** to do so. Application forms are available from the Secondary Deputy Principal. **Under no circumstances** are students who are granted permission to drive to school to carry passengers unless they have been granted permission from the Secondary Deputy Principal to do so, **NOR** are students to use their cars during school hours. Students wishing to travel as passengers must also apply for permission and these forms are available from the Secondary Deputy Principal.

**EXCURSION TRAVEL BY CAR BY STUDENTS** - Please remember that BCS has a strict excursion policy as part of its duty of care for our students. On most occasions students are expected to travel as part of the organised school group. However there are rare occasions when there may be exceptions to this expectation. If necessary any parents transporting any student, including their own, **to an excursion** can only do so after their registration and licence are sighted by staff in the School Administration Office **AND** the parent of any other students, to be transported, will need to provide a permission note.

**Parents are not to transport students (other than their own) from an excursion** unless the parent of the student to be transported provides a permission note stating with whom their child will be travelling and administration staff in the School Administration Office have sighted registration and insurance papers covering the vehicle and the licence of the driver involved. For example: If your child has travelled by bus to a sporting carnival and you wish to bring your student home

when he/she has finished competing you need to notify the supervising teacher. You cannot take another student home unless the above procedure has been followed.

**Again, this is a legal requirement in relation to the school's "duty of care".**

**Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.**

## PARTNER SCHOOL INFO

### COOLONGOLOOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

**WHAT:** Community Spring Fair and Car Boot Sale  
**WHEN:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2011  
**WHERE:** In the beautiful Coolongolook School grounds  
**TIME:** from 10.00am to 1:00pm.

**Come along and join the fun!**

*(If you would like to have run a Stall, cost will be \$5. Please contact the school on 49977183 if you are interested!)*



## COMMUNITY CHATTER

### BULAHDELAH SHOW SOCIETY STUDENT PAVILION NIGHT & SHOW

The annual Student Pavilion Night will be held on **WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**. Schools in the area (Bulahdelah Central, Booral, Bungwahl, Coolongolook, Pacific Palms, Tea Gardens Public and St. Joseph's Primary Schools) have been sent the details of the relevant sections in which students can compete. The **Bulahdelah Junior Achiever of the Year** will also be announced..

**STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE SHOW WEEKEND (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2011):** Details can be found on the Show Pavilion program, available at several outlets in the Bulahdelah area. Please contact Jo Pope, Chief Steward on 49879071 for more details. Students are also invited to participate in the pet show, Led Steer Cattle Section and any other appropriate section.

**If you have any queries regarding the Pavilion Night please ring Kathy Aquilina on 4997 4329 (W). If Kathy not available, please ask for Bev Maybury or: email [kathy.aquilina1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kathy.aquilina1@det.nsw.edu.au)**

*(Photo of Gary Gooch, Show Society President) with Young Achiever of the Year 2010 contestants.*



### BULAHDELAH FRIDAY AFTERNOON JUNIOR TENNIS

Competition will commence on 26<sup>th</sup> August. Please place your name on the sheet at the BCS Admin Office **before 16<sup>th</sup> August**. More information, please contact Leanne Gooch at BCS

### TEA GARDENS HAWKS NEST LITTLE ATHLETICS

**Registration Dates 2011/12 Season: Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Aug** Tea Gardens Hotel, Dolphin Room **5pm-7pm**  
**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Aug** Soccer Field, Witt St, Tea Gardens **10am-12pm**. Wet Weather alternative Tea

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*Our mission is to strive to achieve in all endeavours in a happy, caring and supportive environment*

Gardens Library; **Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep** Tea Gardens Hotel, Dolphin Room **5pm-7pm**; **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep** Soccer Field, Witt St, Tea Gardens **10am-12pm** Wet Weather alternative Tea Gardens Library. Birth certificate required for registration. **Season commences Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm.** For further inquiries, contact Melisa Brown on 4997 0685 or 0437 970 685.

## BULAHDELAH DEBUTANTE BALL

The Bulahdelah Deb Ball, organised by Bulahdelah Preschool, was held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August with **Stephen Bromhead**, Member for Myall Lakes as Guest of Honour. Stephen was accompanied by his wife Sue. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was **Roger Horton** while the Matron of Honour was **Georgina Cunich**. Ten Year 11 students made their debut: **Demi Cookson** (partnered by **Bradley Keaton**); **Stacey Crompton** (**Liam Mason**); **Breeanna Gregory** (**Guy Germon**); **Elizabeth Martin** (**Kieren Fennell**); **Tannae Mill** (**Mitchell Johnson**); **Ashleigh Roberts** (**Tyla Coghlan**); **Anjelica Sackley** (**Cameron Blackwood**); **Mikaela Tooze** (**Jay Cutajar**). Ex- BCS student **Jade Sumner**, partner by **Joel Clay** also made her debut. Pageboys and flower girls were **Zac Watt** and **Bridie O'Connell**, **Willis Studdert** and **Raylee Keirans**, **Toby Barry** and **Olivia Smith** and **Curtis Barry** and **Kodi Perrot**. Several speeches were given; **Mr. Bromhead**, **Jade Sumner** on behalf of the deb's and their partners and **Roger Horton** who congratulated Bulahdelah Preschool for continuing the fine tradition of the Bulahdelah Debutante Ball. After the deb's were presented, they and their partners took the floor to dance to *Rock N Roll Waltz* and the *Pride of Erin*. A new tradition was born when the parents were then asked to join with their daughters and sons. Mikaela Tooze was asked to cut the official cake and the evening continued with a light supper being served. Congratulations to Bulahdelah Preschool for the organisation of such an event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.



**WHO'S WHO AT A GLANCE****Executive****Principal** Don HUDSON**Secondary Deputy** Roger HORTON**Primary Deputy** Sally THOMPSON**Secondary Head Teachers:****Humanities** Vanessa SHULTZ**Maths/PE** Wayne HOLT**TAS/LOTE** Christopher GLADYS**Welfare** Deborah GILBERT**Primary Assistant Principals:**

Stan BACKHOUSE &amp; Carol WILLS

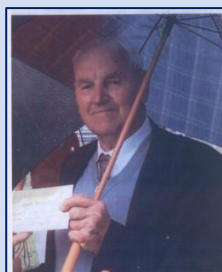
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Sue ROBARDS.

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and Jack IRELAND, OAM



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c.school@det.nsw.edu.au**Bulahdelah Central School**

was established in 1868 and from that time, has served a supportive community between Forster & tea Gardens. The school is located below Alum Mountain, with spacious, well laid-out grounds. As a central school, BCS serves the needs of students from Kindergarten to year 12 on the same site, in a friendly, caring manner. The school has developed close educational links with our partner primary schools as we are all proud members of the Myall learning Community.

**Bulahdelah Central School**

teaches the values of

**PRIDE-**

**Participation**  
**Respect**  
**Innovation**  
**Determination**  
**Excellence**

***Strive to Achieve***