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Tall Timbers Newsletter



VALE MATT SMITH

Matt Smith was the 2010/2011 School Captain and was preparing to sit the Higher School Certificate exams in Advanced English, PD/Health/PE, Music, Drama, Maths and a TAFE course. Matt was a passionate student of music and could often be seen strumming his guitar in the playground during "study" periods. He was a very committed student who loved to argue; he was a successful member of the Senior Debating Team and a talented writer. Through his interest in music he played in many bands, both at school and out of school and through his love of music he developed many strong and enduring friendships with his peers and younger students. He encouraged innovation and students would willingly join in many jam sessions with him to develop their musical skills. He was

generous with his time and willingly supported other students in their performances.

His interests were not confined to music, however. He was also a keen and capable student of Drama and was a central figure in the current HSC group performance. He was looking forward to presenting his individual item for the HSC Examination. In Year 11 he was the Creative Director and lead actor as scientist Nick Necropolis in the school musical, *Dracula Spectacular!* And his commitment and exuberance ensured a successful and entertaining performance.

One of Matt's proudest moments was being elected as school captain by his peers. He capably and enthusiastically represented his school and was a fine role model for his fellow students where he again brought his talent in public speaking and his commitment to the role.

Matt developed strong friendships not only with his peers, but with younger students and teachers as well. He formed a close friendship with Mr. Gareth Ross, a regular casual music teacher at our school and, during the last few years Gareth, seeing Matt's commitment and passion for music introduced him to his band RPM where he was regularly involved with their gigs in the Hunter on weekends.

Matt was tragically killed in an accident on his way home on the last weekend in August. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. He will be remembered for his humour, commitment and talent in the creative arts, a talent he was hoping to build on at university next year and the leadership he showed during his time at Bulahdelah Central School.

Our thoughts are with his parents, Kim and Ken and his brother Mark and also with the many friends he made whilst at Bulahdelah Central School. "

"We lost what he was and we lost what he was going to be."

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OUR PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTIONS:

Dealing with Loss and Grief

The past week has been a very emotional time for the Bulahdelah Central School community. The support that has been shown towards the school, staff and students has been tremendous and greatly appreciated. It is important for students to understand how to deal with any loss and grief. Talking to a counsellor can help and they are able to provide support and advice. There is also lots of very good information available on the Web. Sites such as <http://www.youthbeyondblue.com/> have lots of information which can assist parents and teenagers in a variety of areas.

They suggest the following when dealing with loss and grief:

It can be helpful to:

- Allow yourself to cry – letting your feelings out can bring some relief
- Take time out – if you need to be alone sometimes that's okay
- Let yourself smile – it's okay to enjoy your memories
- Say goodbye – letting go is part of the grieving process
- Avoid bottling things up – keeping feelings to yourself may build tension inside you
- Be gentle with yourself – give yourself time to recover
- Talk to someone – sharing your feelings with someone you trust can help
- Stay healthy – eat well and stay physically active.

It's not helpful to:

- Use alcohol or drugs to dull your pain
- Act out your frustration with risky behaviour (e.g. reckless driving)
- Take out your anger on others
- Experiment casually with sex to get close to someone
- Hide your feelings to protect someone else.

We all experience losing a loved one some time in our lives. No matter how old you are, this is upsetting and painful and leaves you with a range of feelings from shock and disbelief to sadness, anger and loneliness. It takes time to get over these feelings and to adjust to life without the person, but it is possible.

Unions Day Of Action – Thursday 8 September

On Thursday 8 September 2011 due to Industrial Action by NSW Teacher Federation Bulahdelah Central School will be **Non-Operational** on this day.

No Supervision of students will be possible with the exception of Year 11 exams. We have made provision for these to proceed and Year 11 will need to attend. Please do not send your child to school on that date unless they are in Year 11.

The decision to participate in industrial action is not taken lightly and the safety of all students is paramount. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Final Words ...

Life's up and downs provide windows of opportunity to determine your values and goals. Think of using all obstacles as stepping stones to build the life you want."

UPDATE FROM OUR SECONDARY DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

I write this report after a very tragic week for the school following the death of Matthew Smith, a Year 12 student. The school held a commemorative assembly last Friday where staff and students paid tribute to Matt's life at Bulahdelah Central School. A number of students performed musical items including a song written specially as a remembrance of Matt. Matt's family and friends attended and Year 12 students presented a collage showing photographs of his time at Bulahdelah Central School and other events he shared with friends and Year 12. I thank Brian Belic, Year 12 Adviser, for organising the assembly in collaboration with year 12 and Ms. Parsons for co-ordinating the music. A large contingent of staff and students travelled by bus to his funeral at Toronto yesterday (Monday).

A number of school activities have been rescheduled this week due to staff attendance at the funeral. Year 11 exams will now commence on Tuesday 6th September and finish on Monday 12th September. This represents the final assessment for Year 11 students who will complete their Preliminary Course before commencing their HSC course in term 4.

Today (Tuesday) I have the pleasure of accompanying the winners of our Middle School Ancient Egyptian Competition to Melbourne to view the Tutankhamen Exhibition. This is a wonderful and exciting opportunity for those students from years 6 and 7 who were fortunate and talented enough to gain the opportunity. I'm sure they will remember this experience for a long time. Thank you to Mrs. McDonald for organising this event.

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

OUR PRIMARY DEPUTY PRINCIPAL BRINGS YOU THE NEWS:

Mrs Wills has commenced Long Service Leave. She will return on Monday 5th December. We are very happy to have Mr Sam Wills (no relation) teaching Year 4, in her absence. Sam has done a lot of work with us, in the past, and I am looking forward to working with Sam for the next three months. Warren Gibbs will be acting Assistant Principal while Mrs Wills is on leave.

Last week was National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Congratulations to the respective winners of the Spelling Bee, Poetry Recital and Number Problem competitions. It is wonderful to see many of our students **participating** and striving for **excellence** in these extra-curricular activities. This shows **determination** and very often **innovation**, on the student's part, to achieve success and personal satisfaction. Well done students!!

I would like to thank the P&C for their efforts in supporting Father's Day, by hosting a stall for the students last week. This is a wonderful service, provided by a dedicated group of hard working parents. Thanks!!!!

Our debating team tied with Tea Gardens Public School, in our pool, for first place. To determine who will go through to the semi-finals, next term, we now have to debate TGPS again, before the end of the term. Watch this space!!!

I am very excited about the *Discover Uni Day*, for Year 6 students, which will take place on Friday 16th 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. Thank you to those family members who will be accompanying us on the *Discover Uni Day*. **All** students are invited, with or without a family member. There is no cost for this excursion as the University of Newcastle is covering the cost of transport.

Some dates for your diary: 6/9 Melbourne Excursion, **8/9** Day of Action, **14/9** Kindergarten visit to pre-school, Middle School Environment Day, **16/9** *Discover Uni Day* (Yr 6)

Cheers,

-**Sally Thompson, Primary Deputy Principal.**

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING (PBL)

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a long term (3-5 year) process to create safer and more effective schools by structuring the learning environment to support the academic and social success of all students. The adoption and long-term implementation of efficient and effective discipline throughout the whole school environment is critical to the process. PBL is based upon research and is proven to significantly reduce the occurrence of problem behaviours in schools. PBL is a systems approach to enhancing the capacity of schools to educate all children by developing research-based, school wide, and classroom discipline systems. The process focuses on improving a school's ability to teach and support positive behaviours for all students. PBL is not a program but a process that supports schools to design, implement, and evaluate effective school-wide, classroom, non-classroom, and individual student discipline (Sugai & Horner, 2007). PBL is intended to support all students and staff across all settings. This team-based process is designed for systemic problem solving, planning, and evaluation. It is an approach to creating an environment within which school-based teams of educators are trained in: effective behaviour management principles and practices; systems change and; in the practical application of research-validated instruction and management practices.

BCS has an active and effective group who have introduced the PBL process into our school as a whole-school concept. For more information please contact Sally Thompson on 49974329 during school hours.

Under PBL, the school has adopted the PRIDE set of values:

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 your 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?



P & C INC.

A reminder that the September P & C Inc monthly meeting is set down for **MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER**, 3:30pm in the staff common room. All welcome to attend.

Our members hope that all the dads had a great day yesterday. Thanks to all those who supported both the **Father's Day stall** last week and our **Guessing Competition**. Congratulations to Maddy Booth (Fishing Trip) and Peter Worth (Gift Pack.)



CANTEEN – 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> |
|-------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 12/09 | Mini Salad Wraps | \$ 2:50 | Chicken Stir Fry | \$ 3:50 |
| 13/09 | Chicken Goujons | \$ 3:00 | Beef (G) Rolls | \$ 2:50 |
| 14/09 | Spring Rolls | \$ 1:50 ea | Caesar Salad | \$ 5:00 |
| 15/09 | Chicken Mini Wraps | \$ 2:50 | Chicken Salad | \$ 5:50 |
| 16/09 | Wedges S/C Chilli Sauce | \$ 3:00 | Calamari Salad | \$ 5:00 |
| 19/09 | Chicken Wings | \$ 3:00 | Chicken Cabanana | \$ 3:50 |
| 20/09 | Mini Pizzas | \$ 3:50 | Beef & Cashews | \$ 5:00 |
| 21/09 | Ham & Cheese McMuffin | \$ 2:50 | Quiche Salad | \$ 4:50 |
| 22/09 | Cocktail Fish Pieces | \$ 2:50 | S/S Pork with Rice | \$ 4:50 |
| 23/09 | P/Pies/Sausage Rolls | \$ 1:00 ea | Fish & Salad | \$ 4:50 |

FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES – WHOLE SCHOOL

New medical info site launched: A new website which helps explain over 75 different medical, developmental and psychological conditions in children is now available. Physical as anything contains over 50 articles written by medical specialists on subjects as diverse as ADHD, autism, anxiety disorders, fragile X syndrome, major depression, schizophrenia, eating disorders and cancer. The site contains many links, videos, fact sheets, pdfs and resources to help understand and support students with any of these conditions. It was produced by the Department of Education and Communities and the Children's Hospital Westmead. Go to: www.physicalasanything.com.au

Five ways to a healthy lifestyle: Have you browsed the new look Healthy Kids website yet? It's full of great information to get kids active and help prevent childhood obesity. All kids can benefit from the five healthy messages:

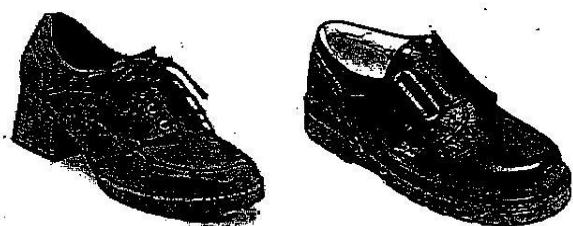
1. Get active each day;
2. Choose water as a drink;
3. Eat more fruit and vegetables;
4. Eat fewer snacks and select healthier alternatives; and
5. Turn off the TV or computer and get active.

The website has nine fact sheets for families to download and there are also five new fact sheets which have been designed specifically for children. It includes sound advice on assessing a child's weight status and on safe ways to work towards a healthy weight. There are also easy, healthy recipes to download, info to help you find your local sporting clubs, and a section especially for teens. Check it out at: www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au

Curriculum changes delayed in NSW: The implementation of national curriculum changes in English, maths, science and history for K-10 students will be delayed for NSW schools. The NSW education minister, Adrian Piccoli said more time was needed to ensure high standards were maintained. NSW schools can begin the planning phase for the new national curriculum by 2013, with the curriculum moving to the classroom teaching phase from 2014.

FOOTWEAR

The Department of Education states in the publication *"School Uniforms in New South Wales Government Schools (2004)"* that, under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000, **schools must ensure that students are not exposed to health or safety risks while they are on departmental premises.** Every school has a duty to ensure students wear appropriate footwear so as to avoid injury. The Department's Policy *"Chemical Safety in Schools (1999)"* clearly states: **"It is mandatory that students carrying out practical activities using chemicals or equipment in schools wear enclosed leather footwear. Sandals, open footwear or high heeled shoes must not be worn in workshops or laboratories".**



ACCEPTABLE STYLES: The school expects that students wear closed-in leather, lace-up style shoes. They must cover the top of the foot and have a small heel, similar to the two shown at left.

STYLES THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE: Students **MUST NOT** wear skate shoes, soft "ballet" style shoes, open styled "Mary Jane" shoes, canvas shoes or any similar shoe. (Examples below)



If you are unsure as to what is appropriate footwear for school, please consult with the Deputy Principal before buying a new pair.

WORDS OF WISDOM

"Education costs money, but then so does ignorance."
-- Sir Claus Moser

LIBRARY GLEANINGS



Premier's Reading Challenge

ENJOY YOUR READING IN 2011!

The Sun-Herald is a proud supporter of the Premier's Reading Challenge. To celebrate your students' achievements, we produce a 12-page PRC Supplement and an Honour Roll each year to go with each student's copy of *The Sun-Herald*. *Within* features the name of each student who has completed the Challenge to commend their achievement. Within the Honour Rolls and Supplement you will find:

- Message from the Premier
- Official 2012 Book List and student book reviews
- List of participating schools & names of students who have successfully completed the 2011 Premier's Reading Challenge

Class sets will include:

- 15 copies of Oct 30 *Sun-Herald* with a 12-pg PRC Supplement within PRC Supplement published inside October 30 *Sun-Herald* & delivered to schools on **Monday, October 31.**
- 15 copies of the Nov 6 *Sun-Herald* and the PRC Honour Roll A to K PRC A to K Honour Roll delivered with the November 6 issue of *The Sun-Herald* on **Monday, November 7.**
- 15 copies of the Nov 13 *Sun-Herald* and the PRC Honour Roll L to Z PRC L to Z Honour Roll delivered with the November 13 issue of *The Sun-Herald* on **Monday, November 14.**

These Class sets have been ordered and we will endeavour to pass out to all students, when available, who have participated in the Premier Reading Challenge. If you would like to pick up yourself, please arrange with

Kathryn Gresham, Librarian, Bulahdelah Central School.

PRIMARY POINTS

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were recently awarded:

Bronze Merit Awards: Kelly Hutchinson, Jai Jones, Hayden Baker, Jeffrey Baker, Mahala Hawkins, Caleb Kilgannon, Stewart Morris, Beau Thatcher, Holly Towers, Kobi Watt, Tayla Hartley, Allyn Buck, Joshua Dallas, Djindi Galimard, Matthew Godfrey, Caleb Grimshaw, Cooper Haynes, Jake Marks, Anthony Martin, Thomas Morgan, Ryan Post, Chloe Pringle, Fletcher Barclay, Jessica Lyall.

Silver Merit Awards: Zac Atkins, Kurtis Barry, Toby Barry, Chelsea Brown, Rhylan Burns, Maggie Cunich, Oliver Gibbs, Izac Hamilton-Tate, Ella Hoare, Grace Kiehne, Charlise Luxon, Amia Murphy, Jai Nott, Zane Pringle, Ruby Roberts, Georgia Ryan, Layla Smith, Zane Walker, Jacob Allen, Camran Bailey, Zachary Perrot, Maddison Richards, Beau Saville, Amber Cunningham, Miranda White-McDougall, Marni Barry, Heidi Buchanan, Phebe Germanos, Alexander Hamilton, Taylah Smith, Mary Bramston, Jessica Chalker, Taylor Garemyn, Tamara Gooch, Thomas Locke, Boadicea Luxon, Kayden Malone, Tara Price, Madison Shannon, Tim Smith, Savannah Williams, Isabella Neiswandt-Francis, Chelsey Brown, Kaitlyn Gregory, Bailey Shultz, Katelyn Sibert

Special congratulations to **Anjoli Luxon – Gold Merit Award**

Well done to all these students – remember, strive to achieve.

- **Stan Backhouse, Primary Merit Coordinator**

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LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK SPELLING BEE FINALS

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>FIRST</u> | <u>SECOND</u> | <u>THIRD</u> | <u>FOURTH</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| K | Ruby Roberts | Amia Murphy | Charlise Luxon, Grace Kiehne, Jai Nott (Equal Third) | |
| Yr 1 | Bridie O'Connell | Olivia Smith | Mitchell Nott | |
| Yr 2 | Finlay O'Connell | Jackson Lee | Seleana Murphy | Maddison Richards |
| Yr 3 | Alexander Hamilton | Hayden Baker | Abby Whitfield | |
| Yr 4 | Hayley Chalker | Kayly Whitfield & Jayden Saville (Equal Second) | | Brandon Nott |
| Yr 5 | Savannah Williams | Cherise White | Tim Smith | Grace Germanos |
| Yr 6 | Jessica Chalker | Luke Gray | Tom Locke & Jack Hutchinson (Equal Third) | |

Congratulations to all our participants.

MYALL RIVER CATCHMENT EXCURSION



Students in classes 3M AND 3Mc participated in an excursion to visit various catchment sites within the local area. Students examined catchment problems to enable completion of *"Horror in the Harvest"*, digital story on a local issue. Staff members Sonia McDonald, Nicola Murrell, Sally Thompson accompanied the students who were required to wear school uniform with a hat and sensible shoes. As the excursion did not go near any shops, participants were also required to take their own food and drink. Many students took cameras to record parts of the excursion.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES – PRIMARY

Free app for homework and study: Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practice their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? The free School A to Z app is an essential tool for every parent of school-aged children. Containing a range of fun applications including English, Maths, a spelling bee, times tables, technology A-Z and assignment starters, it's great for parents *and* students. Download it for free at: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications

SECONDARY SOURCES

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES – SECONDARY

School Certificate abolished from 2012: The NSW Government has announced the School Certificate will be abolished from next year. Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli, said the decision was made after consultation with principals, teachers, parents and all school sectors. "The message from stakeholders was that the School Certificate no longer meets the expectations of employers. It has not responded to changes such as the increase in the school leaving age, and the introduction of NAPLAN testing," he said.

Mr. Piccoli said he had requested the Board of Studies conduct further consultation to make recommendations about an alternative credential. This year's School Certificate external tests will be conducted on schedule in November.

Guide to leaving school: If your child is finishing school at the end of this year and would like to explore their options, check out the department's leaving school information page at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/index.php. Here you will find a host of information about further study and training, apprenticeships, work and taking a gap year. Young people now must be in work or study or a combination of both until the age of 17.

TALKING 'BOUT CAREERS

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

Closing Dates (in school holidays):

- 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

COMMUNITY CHATTER

MICHAEL McQUEEN TOUR



Social Researcher, author and leading authority on youth trends, Michael McQueen is about to tour the Mid North Coast to help us all untangle the differences dividing the generations. Michael will outline some of the key influences shaping youth culture and the mindsets of Generation Y. What's their attitude to work? What's their level of patience and loyalty? How on earth do you communicate with them? Michael takes a revealing and humorous approach to some of the key influences on GenY, GenX and Baby Boomer behaviours and a practical toolkit of strategies and insights for building relationships across the generational divide. Meetings are as follows: **Monday, September 5, 2011 Gloucester**, 6.30pm Gloucester Country Lodge, Bucketts Way (South), Gloucester. Cost \$25.00 In conjunction with the Gloucester Business Chamber; **Tuesday, September 6, 2011 Taree** 12.15 pm – 1.45pm The Waterfront Room The Exchange Hotel 154 Victoria Street Taree Cost \$20. In conjunction with TAFE. **Forster Tuesday 6th September** 5.45 pm – 7.15pm Club Forster Strand Street Forster \$17 per adult \$10 per student. In conjunction with the Forster Business Chamber, Great Lakes Council & TAFE.

YEAR 10 CLASSES OF 1985, 1986, 1987

Were you enrolled at BCS in Year 10 in 1985, 1986 or 1987? What are you doing on **SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER**? A class reunion is being organised on that day at the Bulahdelah Bowling Club from 12 noon to 6pm. Please email Pauline Syron if you want to attend or for more information - paulinecoxon@yahoo.com.au

HOUSEKEEPING _ INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS

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

Exceptions are two Thursdays in Term 4 27th October and 24th November - the office will be closed from 3pm on those days.



NEXT NEWSLETTER: Monday 19th September – Issue 15 – last for Term 3.



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

Last Newsletter distribution date for Term 3 is 19th September. Please mark this date your home calendar and, if necessary, remind your student to collect your copy from the foyer.



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.

Other were detailed in Issue 13 of our Newsletter and all were noted in the first newsletter of the year, 7th February 2011.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL:

- **ALL parents** are asked **not to drive onto school grounds**. This includes front and rear car parks, delivery access and driveways.
- **School car parks are closed to everyone** other than staff and those people making deliveries to the school
- **Parents are requested NOT to drop off or pick up students in the No Stopping Zone or between the pedestrian crossing and the Bus Zone immediately in front of the school.**



While we understand that this may be inconvenient, especially in wet weather, the car park is potentially a very dangerous area and your cooperation in assisting to ensure the safety of our students will be greatly appreciated

- **Students are required to enter the school through the *pedestrian* gates.** For obvious safety reasons, they are **NOT** to walk through the car parks.
- Jumping over the fence is also against school rules.

BREAKFAST & SOCIAL CLUB FOR STUDENTS:



The Bulah Brekky & Social Club began operating in Term 4, 2005 with the support of the Australian Red Cross, staff and community members. Two days a week students are served a healthy breakfast of cereal, toast and milk under the guidelines of the NSW Healthy Schools Canteen Policy. This is a free service to students from Kindergarten to Year 12, staffed by volunteers. A 50c donation is suggested for each breakfast but not compulsory. The Bulah Brekky & Social Club provides a warm, welcoming, filling and nutritious start to the day. Why not come along to check it out?

MEDIA/WORLD WIDE WEB POLICY:

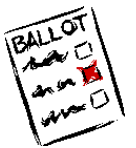
As part of our policy of keeping our students, parents and wider community informed, Bulahdelah Central School publishes a fortnightly Newsletter which is sent by email to all parents and which is also uploaded to the School Web Page. Items concerning the successes of our students are also published in media outlets. When enrolling your child in a public school, the NSW Department of Education and Training's enrolment form asks parents to indicate if they **DO NOT WANT** their student to be photographed. If you have concerns regarding this policy or wish to advise that your student **SHOULD NOT** be photographed, please contact the school.

SCRIPTURE – Special Religious Education

Primary: Primary students attend Scripture on a class-by-class, non-denominational basis each week. **Secondary:** Timetabled Scripture classes have been implemented for students in Years 7 to 9. They will have one timetabled period per fortnight for Secondary Special Religious Education. Parents who do not wish their children to attend Scripture may send a note to advise the school. Those students who do not attend Scripture will be supervised by the Deputy Principal.

STUDENT LEADERS

- Elections for **School Captains, Vice Captains and Student Representative Council** are held midyear and announced at the Term 2 Secondary Formal Assembly. Primary Captains are elected in December and take office the following school year.
- **The Student Representative Council [S.R.C.]** is a representative group of students including school captains and class councillors who meet four days a week to discuss issues that affect the student body. They may take recommendations to the executive to improve the learning environment of students.



UNIFORMS & SCHOOL UNIFORM SYSTEM – BCS is a uniform school:



are known for consistently wearing their uniform with pride and parental support in this regard is very much appreciated. Occasionally alterations to the uniform are made after staff, student and community consultation. Such changes are based on comfort, safety and appearance. At all times cost is carefully taken into consideration.

The school believes that students should wear uniform on school days to:

- encourage a sense of belonging;
- give equality in dress;
- develop pride in appearance;
- provide an economic means of clothing, and
- to promote a positive school image.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2012

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) to Stage 6 (Year 12)

Will you be enrolling your student at BCS for the 2012 year?

Do you know someone who is thinking of enrolling their child at BCS for 2012?

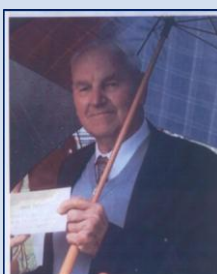
We are now taking enrolments so please contact the school on 49974329 as soon as possible to obtain the appropriate forms.

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 & Carol WILLS

School Administrative Manager:

Sue ROBARDS.

Friends of the SchoolElizabeth (Betty) BBRAMBLE,
OAM and Jack IRELAND, OAM

We're on the Web!
bulahdelah-
c.schools.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

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