

# Tall Timbers Newsletter



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**BULAHDELAH CENTRAL SCHOOL**

**A PRIDE School**

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## ➤ VALUE OF THE WEEK

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



**Congratulations  
to our  
Primary Debating Team**



*Pictured LtoR: Savannah Williams, Mary Bramston, Tim Smith & Isabella Francis-Nieswandt*

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## ➤ BCS PRI. DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

We are now halfway through the term. We have had many exciting learning activities already with many more to come between now and the end of the year.

The most exciting news is that our Stage 3 debating team of Tim Smith, Mary-Joy Bramston, Savannah Williams and Isabella Francis-Nieswandt defeated Tea Gardens Public School in the semi-final of the Lower North Coast debating competition. We now progress to the final and will debate Old Bar Public School on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. What a fantastic achievement. Regardless of the outcome, the students can be very proud of their efforts in reaching the final round. We are! Well done team and good luck for the final! I would like to thank Heather Moncrieff for her assistance with the team in the semi-finals.

Mowbray Public School visited us last Thursday with their concert band and camerata strings. They presented a concert for the enjoyment of the students. The students were a wonderful audience and engaged with the visiting performers. The visiting students, parents and staffed complimented the school on their hospitality and thanked the students for being such a fantastic and appreciative audience. They were impressed by the behaviour and interest of our students who quite clearly enjoyed the concert. We were very privileged to have Mowbray visit and perform for us.

Kinder, Yr1 and Yr2 had a very busy week preparing for and planning their picnic, which took place on Friday, in Wade Park. Not only did the students have to plan the menu, they also had to buy the ingredients and prepare the food for the picnic. What a task! And they did a great job! Thank you to Mrs Murphy for her organisation of the activities and to the parents who assisted with either the shopping, cooking and/or supervising at the picnic itself. Thanks!

Stage 3 students go on camp this week. It promises to be a fantastic environmental learning experience which I am looking forward to being a part of. Thanks to Mrs McDonald for her thorough organisation of this excursion. I know the students are going to have a great time. Watch this space!

The students continue to enjoy their gymnastic sessions. They have two weeks to go. There will be no gymnastics this week, due to the Stage 3 camp.

Bulahdelah Show is happening this weekend and I would like to congratulate the student winners in the art, writing and public speaking sections of the show. I would like to thank Mrs Fenning for her coordination of the students and entries. Don't forget to check out the school display. We have some extremely talented students. It is always worth a look and you won't be disappointed. Enjoy!

## ➤ IMPORTANT DATES:

<b>Nov</b>	13-15	Yrs5&6 Rainforest Camp
	15	Yr12 Formal
	16-17	Bulahdelah Show (K-2 Exc. 16th)
	19	Yr9 Exams
		Kinder Orientation 2013 for Parents
	23	Drumbala Yr1-Yr6
<b>Dec</b>	7	Yr8 Reward Day
		Sec. Lifesaving 7th-12th Nov
	13	Primary Presentation Day
	14	Secondary Presentation Day
		Matt Smith Music Memorial
	17	Scary Things Sleepover 17th-18th
	19	Last Day for Student



## ➤ **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

### **Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN Reports**

Year 7 and 9 students were handed their NAPLAN reports last week. Years 3 and 5 received their reports earlier.

The student report will show your child's results in the key areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report also shows the national average, the range of results for the middle 60% of students nationally and the school's average for each test. This means you'll be able to clearly see how your child compares with other students in the same year.

An additional report lists all the questions in the test, along with a brief description of each question and shows you which questions your child answered correctly. A common assessment scale is used on each NAPLAN report so that you can track your child's progress through the years.

### **The purpose of NAPLAN testing**

NAPLAN results at school and national levels are used to identify the strengths and weaknesses of education programs and to help set goals for improvement. In the classroom, NAPLAN results show our teachers how their students' achievement compares to a wider group of students across Australia.

Individual student reports can be used to inform discussion between parents and teachers about your child's achievements and progress. It is important that if you have any questions to contact your child's teacher(s) to arrange a meeting to discuss these results.

It is important to remember that the results reflect each student's performance at a single point in time only. Teachers assess their students' learning in literacy and numeracy on an ongoing basis and NAPLAN testing complements but do not replace the information that teachers gather.

### **Selective High Schools: Year 7 placement**

Applications for Year 7 placement in 2014 are now open with parents having two options to lodge their application.

#### **1. Online application**

All applicants seeking placement in a selective high school in 2014 with access to the internet, an email address (not the student's) and a printer should submit an online application. Online application is available from 9 am Tuesday 16th October until Monday 19th November 2012. Online applications can be accessed on the following link:

<https://www.shsocplacement.org.au/registration>

Important: If you are using a Hotmail account, it may not let our emails through. If you use a Hotmail account and have difficulty getting our password please register with another email account.

#### **2. Application packages for 2014**

Applicants who do not have access to the internet, a printer or email will need to complete a paper application. Please enquire at the office or ring and we can send out an application package.

#### **Key Dates:**

Paper applications must be returned to the school by 16th November whilst online applications close on the 19th November. Test centre advice to parents – 28th February 2013

Selective High School Placement Test – 14th March 2013

An introduction to the selective high school placement process with guides for parents and more information can be found on the DEC website:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/types/selectiveschools.php>

# ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP-TO-DATE?

## ➤ BCS DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

This week marks the end of the schooling for our current Year 12 students. On Thursday night they, with the support of their family and staff members, will celebrate completing school at the Year 12 Formal. I would like to congratulate each student for their achievements to date and wish them the best for their future, where ever their choices may take them. It is hoped that BCS has prepared them for life's lessons, academic success, social acceptance, work requirements and personal satisfaction.

Our current Year 11 students are just starting their HSC course work and it is timely that I remind students and parents of the importance of attendance. It is a legal requirement that children under the age of 17, who do not have 25 hours of work, attend an educational setting, being either TAFE or school. At the start of this critical 12 months, it is particularly important that students attend all classes, and when they do miss a class, that a reasonable explanation is provided and work is caught up.

This week staff members from District Office are coming to BCS to examine our current roll marking processes, with a particular emphasis on Year 11 students. Many parents have noticed a conscious effort to monitor students' attendance and consequences for those students who are not where they should be at the given time. Sadly despite our efforts, we are still experiencing a large number of students who believe it is appropriate to leave school grounds without permission during classes and breaks. As this is a safety concern and a DET requirement, students will continue to receive consequences, including suspension, for continued disobedience.

Year 10 students this week will undergo their yearly exams to finalise their Record Of Student Achievement (ROSA) results for 2012.

I have been speaking with a small number of parents and students who, to date, have not completed the requirements. A reminder to all students that November 30<sup>th</sup> is the last date to finalise any assignments and submit them for marking.

Years 7, 8 and 9 students will be sitting their end of year exams next week. Hopefully they are using this week revising and asking their teachers about the format and content of their exams. Unfortunately we have experienced some behaviours of concern over the last few weeks; one which was particularly dangerous involved Yr 7 students trying to choke each. We have spoken to the students (and some parents) about the possible long term medical implication of this behaviour. I am also aware of a recent spike in the number of students choosing to smoke and/or consuming large amounts of energy drinks. All of these actions cause BCS staff members' great concern and we ask for your support by speaking to your children about these choices.

On a more positive note, I call for any student nominations for the Great Lakes Council Australia Day Awards. Students can be nominated for the Young Citizen of the Year or the Sportsman of the Year. If you know of someone who deserves a nomination, please get in contact with me as nominations close on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind students from Years 9 to 11 that entry for the 2013 Lions Youth of The Year competition is now open. This is a wonderful and prestigious event that all students can enter.



### Stewie Keyrings with LED light

This year Stewie the Dolphin keyring is made of PVC and has a LED light in his mouth. Show your support by purchasing the all new Stewie the Dolphin Keyring with light. Available from Office.



## ➤ PRIMARY CAPTAIN NOMINATIONS:

The following students have nominated to run for Bulahdelah Central School Primary captains for 2013. Each of these students will be interviewed by the School Executive to assess their suitability for the role of captain. Students will vote for four male and four female captains, one male and one female for each term. Voting will be next week. Here are our nominees:



### **Hayley Chalker**

I wear my school uniform with pride. I am helpful to everyone. I hand in my homework each week and I will try my hardest to be caring. I will be a responsible role model for the position of Primary captain 2013.



### **Liam Garemyn**

If I was Primary school captain I would wear my school uniform with pride. I would help all my peers when they need it. I will follow all the school rules and do what is expected of a Primary school captain to the best of my ability. I would be a good role model to the younger students.



### **Madison Hurtado**

I would be proud to represent the students of Bulahdelah Central School as captain for 2013. If I am elected to this exciting and challenging role, I would do my best to fulfill all the duties expected of a captain. I am eager to learn new skills and share new ideas but most of all being part of a team of young students who will work hard together to try and make our school even better.

**Brandon Nott**

If I got elected, I would try to stop people from getting bullied, be respectful and encourage others to show respect for their peers and teachers.



**Angus Plummer**

I think I will make a great Primary captain in 2013 because I am a respectful boy and have leadership ability. I will have fun with students in a safe way and I am popular with the students.



**Jayden Saville**

Please vote for me to be your Primary school captain. I am a very friendly and caring person. Students can come to me and I would help them in any way I can.



**Chyna Smith**

I am always well behaved, cooperative and respectful to others. I am mindful of setting a good example when wearing the BCS uniform. I know I would set a good example to other students if given a leadership role as Bulahdelah Central School Primary captain for 2013.





**Brooke Towers**

I think I should become captain because I am a good leader in the school and community. I follow instructions all the time, do not litter, teach my peers to do the right thing and I am a responsible person. I believe I would be a good role model as captain for my fellow pupils to follow in my leadership. I take pride in being a student of Bulahdelah Central School.



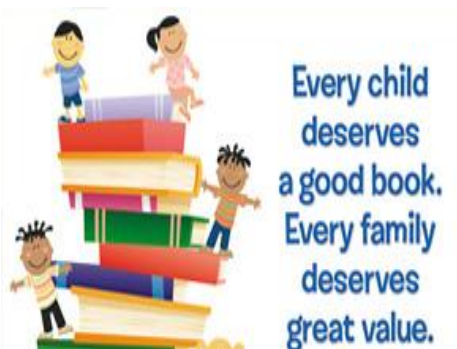
**Jordyn Watt**

It would be an honour and a privilege to be your Primary school captain 2013. If voted in, I will do my best to fulfill all my duties as captain. I will respect my teachers and fellow peers and will wear my school uniform with pride. So vote for me, Jordyn Watt, Primary captain 2013.



**Kayly Whitfield**

I will be very grateful if I do get elected to be a 2013 Primary captain. Being a captain will be an amazing opportunity for me. I really enjoy school and doing my school work. I have so many friends which I am extremely grateful for. I always try to help my peers which I enjoy. School life never ever gets boring!



**Students/Mum  
REMEMBER!**

to send in your Scholastic Book Orders by:

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2012**

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

**What about some books for Christmas presents?**

## ➤ CANTEEN SPECIALS:

The BCS Canteen staff **Sheryl Barry (Canteen Manager)** and **Christina Watt** 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>DATE</u>	<u>RECESS</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>LUNCH</u>	<u>COST</u>
<b>Oct 29</b>	Party Pies & Sausage Rolls	\$1.00ea	Zucchini Slice	\$3.00
<b>Oct 30</b>	Meatballs	\$3.50	Egg Salad	\$4.80
<b>Oct 31</b>	Hokkien Noodles	\$3.50	Schnitzel Burger	\$3.00
<b>Nov 1</b>	Spring Rolls	\$1.50	Tacos	\$3.50
<b>Nov 2</b>	Pikelets	\$1.00ea	Salad Wrap	\$4.00
<b>Nov 5</b>	Savoury Dish	\$2.50	Greek Salad	\$4.50
<b>Nov 6</b>	Mini Pizzas	\$3.50	Beef (G) Rolls	\$3.50
<b>Nov 7</b>	Goujons	\$3.50	Calamari & Salad	\$5.50
<b>Nov 8</b>	Nachos	\$3.50	Seafood Basket	\$6.00
<b>Nov 9</b>	Banana Split	\$2.00	Vol au Vents	\$4.00



## HOUSEKEEPING INFORMATION:

### NEXT NEWSLETTER

**Term 4: 26<sup>th</sup> November and 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

BCS distributes the *Tall Timbers* newsletter by **FAMILY EMAIL**. Please ensure that your family email is entered correctly on our records.

We also place a copy of our newsletter on our website;

<http://www.bulahdelah-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

### SPARE CLOTHING

If you have any small size school clothes that you have no use for, could you please send them in to the office for our spare

clothes supply for the clinic. We need shorts and/or track pants for boys and girls size 6-8.

### CONTACT DETAILS

Parents, could you please make sure if you have changed any details e.g. your address, mobile phone, home phone or emergency contacts, could you please make sure you let

the office know so we are able to keep an accurate record. It is important for us and your children that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency.

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