

# Tall Timbers Newsletter



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BULAHDELAH CENTRAL SCHOOL

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## ➤ VALUE OF THE WEEK

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

## ➤ BCS STUDENT EXCELS IN CAMPDRAFTING:

Jayden Dorney travelled to Dungowan on the first weekend of the school holidays and came 5<sup>th</sup> in the Juvenile Draft. He went to Curlewis on the middle weekend and won the Juvenile Draft and also won the right to compete in the final of the Open Draft. Jayden also competed at Murrurundi on the Monday of the long weekend and won the Juvenile Draft there.

Last Saturday he only had a short trip up the highway to Nabiac and won the Juvenile Draft on a very hot and dusty day. Jayden and his parents then packed up and headed to Muswellbrook on Sunday. He made it into the Maiden Final but didn't place.

Well done Jayden Dorney; congratulations on your efforts. Keep up the hard work.





## ➤ PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

### Years 7&8 Premiers' Debating Challenge

Congratulations to our team (Tom Locke, Boadicea Luxon, Bailey Shultz, Kaitlyn Gregory) that have made it through to the Region Final of this state wide competition. Today they defeated Nambucca Heads High School with the topic "That public transport should be free", arguing the affirmative case. Well done team and thanks to Ms Moncrieff for her work and effort to get them this far.

### *A sunrise partial solar eclipse!*



Early in the morning on Wednesday 14th November, Australia will observe one of the most spectacular solar system events, a solar eclipse. Unfortunately the only Australian cities that will see the actual total eclipse are Cairns and Port Douglas, but every other Australian city and town, at or shortly after sunrise, will witness an awe-inspiring partial eclipse - *a golden sun hanging low in the sky, crescent-blackened by an invisible moon.*

Newcastle will see the eclipse begin at 7.49am with a maximum of 40% coverage occurring at 8.58am. The eclipse will end at 10.17am.

**Warning:** Looking directly at the sun when even the smallest part is still visible is *very dangerous especially for children* and can result in eye damage. The sun's UV rays can cause retinal sunburn; the heat radiation can literally cook the tiny areas of tissue where the light is focused in the eye, and blue light wavelengths

can damage the macula (the spot near the centre of the retina used for central, high resolution vision) resulting in later age-related macular degeneration. Children are especially vulnerable, because the yellow melanin coloration which helps protects the eye takes until adulthood to be fully laid down.

If enough people are interested the school can organise to purchase **special glasses** for a discounted \$4.50 each. These glasses could also be used for another *very rare annular eclipse over Australia* on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> next year. Please contact the office if you are interested and I will organise the information to go out if and when we get enough parent replies.

For more information on the eclipse visit the web page:

[http://www.eclipseeyesafety-australia.org/eclipse\\_information.html](http://www.eclipseeyesafety-australia.org/eclipse_information.html)

### Digital Education Revolution Student Laptops.

The Federal Government will cease funding for the DER devices (Student Laptops) from the end of 2013. This funding includes the Technology Support Officers appointed to schools, in our case Mr M Wade.

The implications for schools and Bulahdelah CS is that from the beginning of 2014 there will be no support for student laptops should they require fixing, updating, charging, etc. My understanding is that students and/or parents will need to access support elsewhere at their own cost.

The school will be provided with a final pool of laptops at the beginning of next year which normally would have been provided to Year 9 students. We are currently evaluating other options which include storing and using these laptops at school whilst providing student access in classes where they require computer access. This option has the advantage that the laptops will be maintained by the school and access will be provided to all students 7-9 not just Year 9.

Other options will be discussed over the coming weeks and a final decision made by the end of term.

# ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP-TO-DATE?



➤ **BCS PRI. DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:**

We have certainly hit the ground running and I can't see the pace slowing before the end of the year. There are many exciting learning opportunities between now and the end of the year for our students to participate in.

Kindergarten Orientation is well under way and our pre-schoolers' are slowly but surely familiarising themselves with the routines and life of primary school. We are enjoying their visits. I would like to thank their Year 5 buddies for helping out and making them feel comfortable in their new school setting.

We have completed one week of gymnastics and the feedback from the students and teachers has been very positive. As the weeks progress, so too will the challenges and degree of difficulty. I'm sure the students will continue to meet these challenges with energy and enthusiasm.

The Myall Learning Community is hosting a Gifted and Talented day for Stage 2 students, to be held at Tea Gardens Primary School on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November. The day will have a talking and listening focus and will be centered on a TV game show called, "To Tell the Truth."



**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.



The sessions will revolve around listening, whole group and small group activities and brief group presentations. Six students from BCS will be attending this exciting learning activity.

With the weather warming up, it is the expectation that students wear their school hat when playing outdoors at recess and lunch, during daily fitness and sport periods. Hats are available from the office for \$8. When you purchase a new hat please ensure that it is clearly labelled with the student's name so it can easily be returned if mislaid. Peak caps are not part of the school uniform and, as such, must not be worn at school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

➤ **IMPORTANT DATES:**

<b>Oct</b>	31	Sculptures by the Sea Excursion
<b>Nov</b>	1	Yr7 Injections
		Stage 3 Debate v Tuncurry PS
		GATS Stage 2 Tea Gardens Public
	5	Kinder Orientation 2013
	6	GRIP Leadership Excursion
	7	Bulahdelah Show Soc. Pavilion Night
		K-Yr1 IGA Excursion
	8	Mowbray PS Concert Band
	9	K-Yr1 Picnic Wade Park
		HSC concludes
	12	Yr11 VT Work Placement
		P&C Meeting Tea Gardens
		Kinder Orientation 2013
	13-15	Yrs5&6 Rainforest Camp
	15	Yr12 Formal
	16-17	Bulahdelah Show
	19	Yr9 Exams
		Kinder Orientation 2013 for Parents

## ➤ BCS DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

Welcome to Term 4, Week 4 – the term is racing by. It will be the end of the school term and Christmas before we know it!



Congratulations to Mitchell Petrak-Swann of Yr 8 who, this week, won an i-pad. In an effort to draw attention to the importance of attending school, the challenge was offered to all secondary students at the start of Term 3 to attend school every day.

Students and parents are reminded that all absences must be explained with a justifiable reason. We have noticed a growing number of students arriving late to school or taking days off without a valid reason. Shopping, banking and sleeping in are not reasons accepted by the Department as reasonable excuses. In our challenge, the only exception for being in the classroom was being at a school organised excursion/event. Fourteen students satisfied these criteria and were entered into the draw, with Mitchell being the successful student.

Now that we are moving into the term, staff and students are getting busier. Mr Nunan and I have been selected for online HSC marking for Biology and Mathematics. Despite the rigorous and demanding conditions, the extensive training provides an insight into how to maximise marks for our students.

Mr McKinley and Ms Guthrie underwent site training to develop new reports for 2013, our beginning teachers took some time last week to formalise their progress for accreditation, Ms Twaddle and Ms Smith underwent site induction training for their component of the Yr11 Crossroads/service learning course and Mr McKinley attended a careers conference.

This week Ms Cunich, Mr Holt and I will undergo further training with our new timetable software. As you can appreciate organising a timetable, combining the requirements of staff, students and resources, such as classrooms, is a challenging task. Our new software promises to be quicker and easier to produce a working timetable.

Our young artists will be treated with the 'Sculptures by the Sea' excursion and some students will attend the Hospitality Showcase. In Week 5 some students will undergo leadership training at the 'Grip Leadership' conference. Students from Yr8 to Yr11 will start the longer sport timeslot on Friday. Sport from the 2 weeks are combined in Term 4 to allow students to access activities that involve time and travel.

Yr10 students are reminded that they have exams in Week 6, special programs and training in Week 7 and work experience in Weeks 8 and 9. Yr7 to Yr9 students will have their exams in Week 7.

All students will be involved in the Life Saving program in Week 10, where students learn swimming skills, how to save someone in trouble in the water, how to resuscitate someone and gain Surf Life Saving awards for their swimming capabilities. This timely program provides our students essential life skills prior to them enjoying our beautiful waterways over the holidays.

# ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP-TO-DATE?

➤ **BULAHDELAH SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB KIDS CLASSIC:**

On Saturday October 27th, 2012, Bulahdelah Shotokan Karate Club hosted the first annual Kids Classic, a kid's karate tournament to showcase the outstanding talents in our club.

The tournament has been established to promote student participation, effort, character and self-control. The emphasis of the day was not on winning or losing but to encourage participation in a controlled and supportive environment, to ensure that students are provided with opportunities to develop self-confidence and become comfortable competing in front of an audience.

These skills will enable students to develop the required confidences and knowledge to enable them to move through their Kyu grading confidently and for some students to compete at Regional, State and National levels. Currently our club has 4 children who will be competing at the AMAC Australian National Martial Arts Titles – Elke Studdert, Madison Hurtado, Jackson Lee and Braiden Guthrie.

All students participated in 4 events, Kata (traditional forms), non-contact Point Sparring, Sword Combat and Sumo, and all competitors' demonstrated outstanding self-control and sportsmanship.



*Bulahdelah Shotokan Karate Club*



*Ruby Plummer, Izabell Read, Flynn Guthrie & Zoe Lee*

Results from the day include:

<b>KATA</b>	<b>5-6 Years</b>	<b>7-8 Years</b>	<b>9-10 Years</b>	<b>11-14 Years</b>
<b>1st</b>	Flynn Guthrie	Braiden Guthrie	Madison Hurtado	Emily Legge
<b>2nd</b>	Izabell Read	Jackson Lee	Elke Studdert	Keahne Hurtado
<b>3rd</b>	Zoe Lee	Jayden Watling	Tahlia Read	Joshua Brown

<b>Point Sparring</b>	<b>5-6 Years</b>	<b>7-8 Years</b>	<b>9-10 Years</b>	<b>11-14 Years</b>
<b>1st</b>	Zoe Lee	Braiden Guthrie	Madison Hurtado	Joshua Brown
<b>2nd</b>	Ruby Plummer	Jackson Lee	Bailey Metse	Keahne Hurtado
<b>3rd</b>	Izabell Read	Jayden Watling	Tahlia Read	Chelsey Brown

Sumo	5-6 Years	7-8 Years	9-10 Years	11-14 Years
1st	Zoe Lee	Jacob Allen	Madison Hurtado	Keahne Hurtado
2nd	Flynn Guthrie	Jack Cunich	Westleigh Richardson	Chelsey Brown
3rd	Izabell Read	Jackson Lee	Elke Studdert	Joshua Brown

Sword Combat	5-6 Years	7-8 Years	9-10 Years	11-14 Years
1st	Ruby Plummer	Jackson Lee	Madison Hurtado	Keahne Hurtado
2nd	Izabell Read	Braiden Guthrie	Tahlia Read	Chelsey Brown
3rd	Zoe Lee	Izaac Chisholm	Rachael Godfrey	Emily Legge

We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our volunteers and business sponsors, without whom the day would not have been a success.

#### Volunteers

Adam Guthrie, Dave Read, Martin Watling, Joanne Tull, Cheryl Fuller, Mel Read, Nicole Godfrey, Janine Lee, Georgina Cunich, Ashley Lamborn, Celso Baur, Gavin Hurtado, Allan Connor and Cath Guthrie.

Are you looking to return to a fitness routine or try something new? Why not give karate a go?

We offer:

#### **Monday 6.00pm-7.30pm Family friendly classes.**

Come join in with your children for an action packed evening of fun, exercise and challenges, in a class that is designed to cater for all students aged 8 to Adult

#### **Wednesday 5.00pm – 6.00 pm Karate for Kids.**

Provides students aged from 4-12 years old the opportunity to learn more about the philosophy of karate whilst developing basic skills of team work, cooperation, focus, self-control, balance, flexibility and fitness.

#### **Wednesdays 6.00pm-7.30pm Fitness Plus Tournament Training classes.**

Designed to cater for members of our club who intend on competing at regional, state or national levels to participate in an intensive fitness and exercise routine designed to improve overall stamina, strength and perseverance.

#### **Thursdays 6.00pm-7.30pm Karate Starters classes.**

Designed to provide adult members of the club with the opportunity to hone their skills and develop their overall karate knowledge and understanding.

You can find us on facebook;

[www.facebook.com/BulahdelahShotokanKarateClub](http://www.facebook.com/BulahdelahShotokanKarateClub) or drop by and take a look at one of our training sessions. We are located in the Old Cricket Shed, Bulahdelah Showground, Prince Street Bulahdelah.



*Madison Hurtado,  
Izabell Read  
& Elke Studdert*

➤ **HAPPY EVER AFTER PERFORMANCE PART 2:**

Follow up from previous newsletter featuring wonderful pictures of the very talented cast from the school performance of Shrek 2, "Happy Ever After".

Shrek was a wonderful production, highlighting the talents of our performing arts students. It was great to see students working together across different year groups, mentoring students, sharing ideas and building their confidence. In both small and large performance and production roles, students shone.



*Kyra-Lea Gregory - Fiona & Keerin Delardes - Shrek*



*Shrek Primary Choir*

## ➤ 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

**There will be a price increase in our Canteen from this week. Please pick up a new menu from our front office to check out some new deals.**

## ➤ HOUSEKEEPING INFORMATION:

### NEXT NEWSLETTER

**Term 4: Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.