

# Tall Timbers Newsletter



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BULAHDELAH CENTRAL SCHOOL

A PRIDE School

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## ➤ BCS SCHOOL PROGRAMS



- VALUE OF THE WEEK
- Determination.** We work towards quality, success & recognition in a persevering manner. Do you keep on working towards your goals?

# Debating Champions



*LtoR: Anjoli Luxon, Chyna Smith, Marni Barry & Hayley Chalker*

Bulahdelah Central School Primary Debating team had to compete against Old Bar Public School for the final round of the Lower North Coast Debating competition on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Bulahdelah Central School hosted the grand final in the school library, and students were allowed one hour preparation time to plan for their impromptu debate. The only resources afforded both teams were dictionaries and the support of their team coach for 15 minutes. The topic for the debate was: "Laptops Should Replace Text Books". Both teams presented well planned arguments and some thoughtful rebuttals which reflected the many, many hours of practice sessions that they have attended during their

lunchtimes over the past 3 terms. Teachers, parents and students were kept well entertained throughout, with the final decision being a close one for the adjudicator, Miss Scott. Congratulations are to be extended to the winning team which was Bulahdelah, who gained points for their presentation manner, including voice control, gestures and 'sassiness'. Anjoli Luxon, Marni Barry, Chyna Smith and Hayley Chalker worked well as a team and are to be commended for the manner in which they have worked to improve their debating skills.

Well done girls. We are very proud of you!  
Mrs Wills (Debating Coach).



## SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

### TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local,

attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [sceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:sceaust@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

### **World Teachers' Day**

Last Friday (25<sup>th</sup> October) was the day Australia celebrates World Teachers' Day, which acknowledges the skills, knowledge and expertise of teachers in an increasingly complex society. World Teachers' Day has been held annually on October 5th since 1994 - when it was created by UNESCO but in Australia the date was moved to fit in with our school terms and is celebrated on the last Friday of October each year. Its aim is to mobilise support for teachers and to ensure that the needs of future generations will continue to be met by teachers.

There is no doubt that NSW teachers are world-class educators and World Teachers' Day provides the opportunity to acknowledge the professionalism of teachers and the invaluable contribution they make to the future of our society.

The transformative power of a teacher is something almost all of us have experienced and understand on a personal level but these people generally go unrecognised in their remarkable work with students on a daily basis. Teachers can have an enriching effect on the daily lives of children and their lifelong educational and career aspirations.

I am very proud to be a member of a profession that can change lives for children and young people by providing opportunities for the future and the contribution teachers are making to our current generation of learners.

### **The new Resource Allocation Model (RAM)**

In 2012, the NSW Government announced its Local Schools, Local Decisions (LSLD) reform for NSW public schools.

This reform places students at the centre of school decision making and it gives principals and school communities a greater say over how they allocate and use the available resources to best meet the needs of their students.

The RAM is designed to achieve a simpler, fairer and more transparent distribution of government school funding and change the way resources (Staff and Finances) are managed in our school system.

The RAM provides many benefits to schools by:

- Allocating most funding on a per student basis.
- Ensuring funding is provided to schools based on the characteristics of those schools and the students within them. This will result in additional schools receiving funding to support students with identified needs. In addition, schools identified as having students with the highest need will be funded at a higher rate.
- Reducing big changes in a school's resources, e.g. losing a teacher or admin staff member, which can accompany small changes in the reduction in enrolments. Under the current system, a small change in circumstances can mean a school drops out of a program and loses a significant amount, or a whole teacher or school executive position.
- Providing increased funding that goes directly to schools. This will make school planning easier from year to year.
- Shifting from the current funding model where schools manage 10% of the total public school education budget to more than 70% being managed by schools.
- Allowing for more flexibility, innovation and decision-making in schools to meet student needs.

In 2014, all schools will receive funding based on the first two components of the RAM: the targeted (individual student) funding and the equity funds (low level adjustment for disability, Aboriginal background, English language proficiency and socio-economic background). For Bulahdelah Central School this will see a significant increase in our funding allowing us to put in place additional programs to meet the needs of our students.

# Rock and Water Program

skills for physical-social teaching



SAFETY | INTEGRITY | SOLIDARITY | SELF-CONTROL | SELF-CONFIDENCE | SELF-RESPECT

The Rock and Water program was developed by Dutch educationalist **Freerk Ykema**. Since 2002, over 35,000 educators and support service professionals across more than 14 countries, have attended this professional development training. As a result approximately 2 million boys and girls have been trained in Rock and Water worldwide.

You are invited to attend .....

## Presentation for Parents

**FREERK YKEMA TALKS TO PARENTS ABOUT THE  
POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN WHO  
PARTICIPATE IN ROCK AND WATER**

"I've seen a change in the way my kids interact since starting rock and water"

"I like learning about how to keep myself safe."

**DATE :** Saturday 16th November, 2013  
**VENUE :** Auchmuty Court, Sport & Aquatic Centre (The Forum)  
Callaghan Campus, University of Newcastle  
**TIME :** 11.30am—12.30pm  
**COST :** FREE  
**RSVP :** The Family Action Centre  
e. [FAC-events@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:FAC-events@newcastle.edu.au)  
p. 02 4921 6403



*"We can never lose sight of the fact that every person, and every child, is unique and that the objective of the course and counselling is to support a person as they tread the path to becoming a unique human being." Freerk Ykema*



**FIND OUT MORE AT: [www.newcastle.edu.au/rw](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/rw)**

# MADAGASCAR THE MUSICAL!



*Lemurs: Teegan Barr, Isabelle Rea-Hardi & Boadicea Luxon*

“We can’t put on an animated film as the musical,” I said to my fabulous and fanciful Yr 11 class.

“Oh yes we can, Miss. You always say anything’s possible. You’ve done Pirates and had boys play girls, and we managed a fairytale with Shrek,” reply Michaela, Emma and Kai.

“But I want to do Harry Potter,” throws in Megan. We all growl or laugh. She is silent but resolute.

“Well what about the costumes, they’d be too expensive,” I argue.

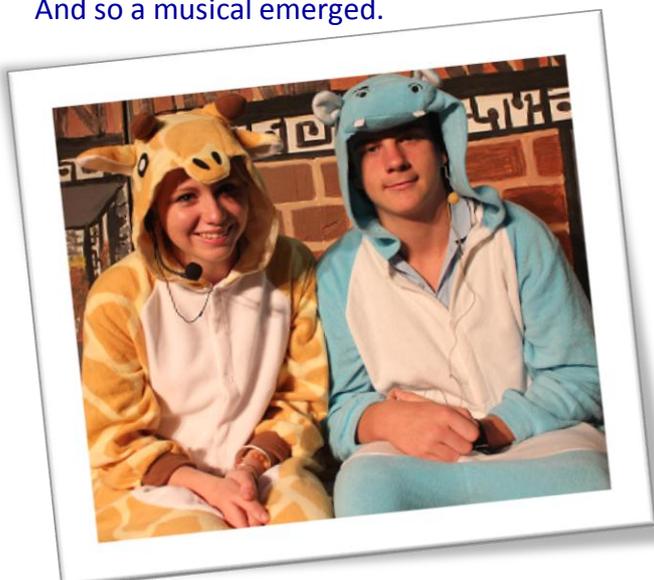
“No Miss, we can all wear onesies!”

“What’s a onesie?”

And so a musical emerged.



*Marty: Emma Crispin*



*Melman: Michaela Mason & Gloria: Joshua Campbell*

Roles were allocated. Michaela Mason (Director) and Megan Harrington (Stage Manager) took charge. Afternoon rehearsals, weekend sessions for acting and painting, holiday workshops and lunch choir rehearsals twice a week for an entire term. What commitment!

New talents were discovered with Carl Williams and Josh Campbell taking on lead roles alongside the bubbly Emma Crispin, Michaela Mason and Megan Harrington. Isaac Dudenhoeffer-Smith amused in a cameo role too.

Sets were designed by Maddy Johnston, “It will be alright, Miss. Don’t worry we can have flying scenes, ocean voyages and subways”.

Superb choreography created by Emma Crispin took place during Friday afternoon sport. Who’d have thought some of our boys could dance? Brittany and Sarah assisted.

Publicity was undertaken by the enthusiastic Kyra-Lea Gregory.

And most surprising was lighting and sound which ran oh so smoothly in the capable hands of David Dodd and Ron Wall. Even Kai returned to assist backstage.



*Alex: Carl Williams*



*Mort: Isaac Dudenhoeffer-Smith*



*Foosa/Policemen: Sonny Marks, Bailey Shultz, Tate Brutinsma, Kayden Malone & Tim Smith*



*King Julian: Megan Harrington*



*Penguins: Chloe Shultz, McKelty-Ray Searle, Whitney Thomson, Luana White, Shanelle Russell, Alexia Bednarczyk, Ruby Keys, Olivia Bartlett, Jordan Schmidt, Bianca Reynolds, Cori-Lee Schmidt, Tiffany Rinortner*

Bulahdelah Central would also like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C Association for their donation of a Thermal Imaging Printer which was used for the printing of the T-Shirts for the choir. This process is usually lengthy and costly but due to the support of our P&C this machine will prove invaluable for many years to come.

*Vanessa Shultz Head Teacher English.*

Music like *Wild Thing, Ice Ice Baby, What A Wonderful World, I'd Like To Move It* and more kept audiences tapping and singing along with the cast and an amazing 40+ primary choir. The choir was trained by Chloe Shultz, Corey Schmidt, Olivia Bartley, Ruby Keys and the diva Ms Moncrieff. Unfortunately, Mr Horton was too sick to sing *Wild Thing* in his panda onesie.

The show ran smoothly, I've never been so calm.

Thankyou to our wonderful parents and staff who helped us with props, building, face painting, selling tickets, back stage supervision and much more.

The show was a huge success and students really excelled in their cooperation, initiative, teamwork and confidence. 45 students from Years 7-11 wore onesies, animal costumes and embraced African animals. Well done everybody, another example of the dramatic talent of our students.

And you were right, Year 11; with creativity, enthusiasm and hard work, anything is possible!

*Vanessa Shultz Head Teacher English.*



*Members of the Choir*



Cast & crew of Madagascar.



## Party Night

Hosted by Kellie Watson

## Bulahdelah Bowling Club

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Tickets \$15 to be purchased at the door on the night

Kids under 11 FREE...!!!! (to be accompanied by an adult)

Doors open at 7pm,

Party starts at 7.30-9.30pm

### ➤ IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct	30	Primary Assembly K-6 "Shekere Beat" Performance Kindergarten Orientation
Nov	1	Yrs9-11 Sculpture by the Sea
	4	Kindergarten Orientation
	6	Bulahdelah Show Student Evening
	11	P&C Meeting Tea Gardens
	15-16	Bulahdelah Show
	22	YrsK-11 BCS Colour Run
	25-29	Yr10 Work Experience
Dec	2-6	Yr10 Work Experience
	9	P&C Meeting BCS



## ➤ BCS DEPUTY PRI. PRINCIPAL:

### **STOP PRESS: WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS.....AGAIN!**

Yes folks, our debating team comprising Chyna Smith, Hayley Chalker, Anjoli Luxon and Marni Barry (featured on the front page) have won the Lower North Coast Round Robin Debating competition for 2013. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year that Bulahdelah have taken out the title from Old Bar. I did not get to see the whole debate, but from all accounts it was a very close contest, with both teams delivering some very strong arguments to support their case. Congratulations girls and thank you Mrs Wills for your excellent coaching. We are all very proud of your efforts!

There have been a number of reported cases of head lice already this term. The following is taken from the NSW Health Government website: Head lice are only found on the human head or hair. Head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding, carpet or anywhere else in the environment. Treating anything other than the human head does not eradicate head lice.

Before you choose a treatment for head lice, consider the following:

- Make sure that the heads you treat are infested with head lice, otherwise do not treat them.
- Avoid treating babies for head lice or any scalp that is irritated or inflamed.
- Protect children's eyes when treating with any product.
- There is no preventative treatment available for head lice. Treating the whole family as a precaution contributes to head lice becoming resistant to the products used.
- Read the product label before applying and use as directed.
- Avoid using natural products like tea tree oil as treatment for head lice.

- Apply product and leave it for 20 minutes. Comb out with a good quality lice comb.
  - If dead lice are found, that means the product has worked. Retreat in 7 days to kill the nymphs that emerged from unhatched eggs.
  - If you find live lice, which means treatment hasn't worked, use another product or try the comb and conditioner method.
- Reduce transmission of head lice by tying hair back or braiding and by checking your children's hair.
- Keeping a good quality head lice comb in the shower should help anyone taking a shower to use the comb.
  - Do not use insecticides, methylated spirits or kerosene on your child's head.

For more information go to the "Nitbusters" website: [www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice)

Starting school involves a big change for your child and family. It can be a time of great excitement, but also a time of potential challenge and stress. Families play an important role in supporting children to manage the transition to primary school. The "Kids Matter" webpage has a series of 6 videos, for parents, which give you practical ideas and strategies to help your child make a successful start to school. It also has information sheets and other practical resources to assist with your child's transition to school. For more information go to the "Kids Matter" website:

[www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/starting-school](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/starting-school)

### **Piano News**

Finlay and Bridie O'Connell, Taylah Smith and Marni Barry, along with 7 other piano students taught by Lyndall Hertzler, will entertain residents at the Great Lakes Nursing Home on 9<sup>th</sup> November. Then, on 16<sup>th</sup> November, they will perform show stoppers from film & TV on stage at the Bulahdelah Show (time to be advised). They are busy practising for both events.



## The Bulahdelah Scouts

presents the inaugural Bulahdelah Putt Putt Mini Golf Tournament. Held on the bowling green at the:

**Bulahdelah Bowling Club on  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2013.**

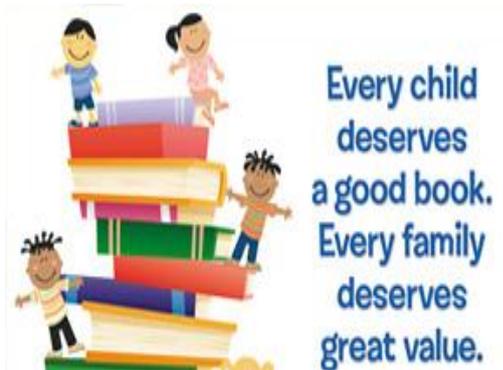
**The 9 hole junior** tournament starts at **9.00am** with only 40 positions available. \$10 per player.

**The 18 hole adult** tournament starts at **10.30am** with only 80 positions available. \$20 per player.

All entries include free sausage sizzle. Plenty of prizes to be won with a first prize purse of \$300.

### REMINDER

The Department of Education and Communities will not accept any absence reason if the absence(s) is more than **seven (7) days old**. Please telephone the office daily to advise of an absence and then send your absence note the first day your student returns to school. Thank you for your cooperation.



### REMEMBER!

to send in your Scholastic Book Orders by:

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2013**

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

## Intention to apply: Year 7 entry into selective high schools in 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for selective high school placement will be determined mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 13 March 2014.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2015, you need to do so soon.

Most applicants are expected to apply on the internet and submit their application online. They will need to have an email address (not the student's email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 15 October 2013 at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement). Online applications close on 18 November 2013.

If parents do not have internet access, commercially printed application forms become available from the school on 22 October 2013. They must be completed and returned to the school by 18 November 2013.

The applications will be processed by the school in exactly the same way whether parents apply online or submit a commercially printed form. Parents are to submit only **ONE** application for each student.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

*Note: This is an intention to apply only, **NOT an application**. You will need to submit either an online or a paper application to be considered for placement.*

## Intention to apply: Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2015

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Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in applying for selective high school entry in 2015 Yes  No

if Yes:

**EITHER**

I have internet access and will be applying online

**OR**

I do not have internet access and would like to receive a printed application form

Signature of parent/carers: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 and on the school web site. Students and staff are invited to order from this list in addition to the Menu/Price List.

Specials this fortnight are:

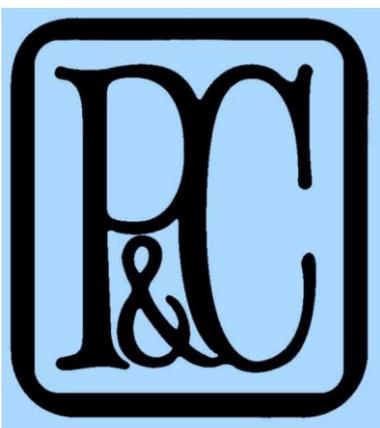
<u>DATE</u>	<u>RECESS</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>LUNCH</u>	<u>COST</u>
Nov 4	Chicken Wedges	\$3.00	Schnitzel & Chips	\$5.50
Nov 5	Nachos	\$3.00	Garlic Prawns & Rice	\$6.00
Nov 6	Chicken Wraps	\$3.00	Italian Steak	\$6.00
Nov 7	Banana Cake	\$1.50ea	Greek Salad	\$4.50
Nov 8	McBites	\$3.00	Roast Beef Rolls (G)	\$3.50
Nov 11	Hot Dogs	\$3.00	Salad Wrap	\$4.00
Nov 12	Mini Toasties	\$1.50	Rissoles & Chips	\$4.50
Nov 13	Goujons	\$3.00	Fish & Chips	\$4.50
Nov 14	Savoury Dish	\$3.00	Quiche & Salad	\$4.50
Nov 15	Wedges S/C Chilli Sauce	\$3.00	Steak & Salad	\$6.00



## HOUSEKEEPING INFORMATION:

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>

**Next Newsletters for Term 4:** 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> December.



### Dates for P&C Meetings Term 4:

11 <sup>th</sup> November	Tea Gardens	4.00pm
9 <sup>th</sup> December	BCS	3.45pm