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BULAHDELAH CENTRAL SCHOOL

A PRIDE 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 PRESENTS THE MUSICAL



CAST

Beca	<i>Sarah Rooney</i>
Fat Amy	<i>Luana White</i>
Aubrey	<i>Madison Shannon</i>
Chloe	<i>Chloe Shultz</i>
Jesse	<i>Kyle Shultz</i>
Bumper	<i>Bailey Shultz</i>
Gail	<i>Ruby Keys</i>
John	<i>Tim Smith</i>
Lilly	<i>Kant Richardson</i>
Cynthia Rose	<i>Jaimii Gardner-Carroll</i> <i>Katie Nolan</i>
Stacey	<i>McKeltly-Ray Searle</i>
Benji	<i>Tate Bruinsma</i>
Donald	<i>Sonny Marks</i>
Dr. Mitchell	<i>Tom Locke</i>
Kimmy Jin	<i>Timothy To</i>
Baloney Barb	<i>Olivia Scannell</i>
Luke	<i>Sally Tennyson</i>
Barden Bellas	<i>Kaitlyn Osborne</i> <i>Katie Nolan</i> <i>Maddison Boyd</i> <i>Boadicea Luxon</i> <i>Charli Burns</i> <i>Shannelle Russell</i> <i>Chloe Pringle</i> <i>Olivia Scannell</i>



Year 11's Musical Production of Pitch Perfect dazzled audiences from October 13th – 15th over 5 shows. Students from Years K-12, excited packed houses with their singing, dancing and humour. Directors McKelty-Ray Searle and Chloe Shultz found it both fun and challenging to transform a contemporary film into a stage musical for a PG audience, adding a local flavour. It was obvious from the enormous effort that the 100-strong cast, crew and choir put into their holidays, lunch times and after school rehearsals that "Pitch Perfect" would be our most polished and spectacular show yet! Students did not disappoint. They worked together beautifully, again astounding me with their level of creativity in the gorgeous sets, their teamwork, initiative and amazing commitment.

What I loved about this production was the opportunity for so many of our students to have great roles. Talented leads Kyle Shultz and Sarah Rooney, hilarious Luana White and Bailey Shultz, *Mean Girl*, Maddy Shannon and bubbly Chloe Shultz amazed our audiences with their excellent characterisations and vocal talent. Newcomer, witty Tim Smith and the confident Ruby Keys hosted the event, amusing the audience with one-liners and crazy dance routines. Cameos from the *Trebles*, the *Bellas* and the delightful Tate Bruinsma, Hayden Crawford and Tom Locke also showed the depth of the talent at BCS.

Brave teachers sang, danced and captivated audiences with their mock slow motion stage fight where they enjoyed (a little too much I think) beating up the male cast.

Backstage crew, prompters, lighting and sound directors ensured a seamless performance. The Primary Choir instructed by Shai-Ann Howell and Katie Nolan delighted in their hot pink ensembles.

Amazing effort to everyone involved. What lovely students we have at BCS. You are all superstars! *Vanessa Shultz, Head Teacher, English.*





➤ PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Thanks Sally Graham

Sally takes up the position of Principal at John Hunter Hospital School from this week. This school is for specific purposes supporting the educational, physical and emotional wellbeing of students whilst they are in John Hunter Hospital.

Sally's contribution to BCS has been enormous since her appointment as Deputy Principal Primary from the beginning of 2007 and she will surely be missed. We wish her all the best in her new role.

Carol Wills will be Relieving Deputy for the remainder of this year until we know what is happening with the Deputy Principal Primary position in 2016.

Senior 9 day fortnight

We are currently looking at introducing a 9 day fortnight for seniors. This is being investigated in an effort to improve attendance and reduce the number of missed lessons by both Year 11 and 12 caused by attendance at TAFE and high levels of absences on Fridays through appointments and truancy.

The change would mean the majority of Year 11 and 12 would have every second Friday off except those who need to attend TAFE or those students who do extension subjects. We hope to timetable some of these subjects on the Friday. Another option being considered includes having students who have missed assessment tasks attend on this Friday to catch up the missed work.

Further information can be obtained from Mr Chris Gladys who is heading up the team looking at this change. He would also welcome any feedback on the proposed changes.

Proposed changes to sport

Another proposed change for 2016 is in the area of Year 7 – 10 sport.

Concerns have been raised with regard to attendance, participation rates, behaviour and skill level of our students. The large gap between Year 6 and Year 10 students in skills/ attitudes/ability to play in a team setting are also an issue.

After some initial consultation with staff, students and other schools we have put together a proposal that will see sport run as separate Year or Stage groups, spread through the week and led by a member of the PDHPE (Personal Development, Health & Physical Education) faculty. This will allow team teaching to take place as well as develop the skills and organisation of other staff members to run effective weekly sport. I believe also that it will allow us to provide more options for sport i.e. lifesaving, gymnastics, football etc. with students gaining more skill development and increasing their strategic/ tactical thinking.

This model is currently being run at other high schools and they have found it to be more effective than the previous model they used, which was the same as our current model.

Brooke McKenzie is leading the team looking at this proposed change and will be seeking feedback from the staff and student body over the coming weeks.

➤ IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct	28	Kinder Orientation
Nov	2	Yr11 HSC Discovery Study Day
	4	Kinder Orientation
	9	Yr12 Formal Bulahdelah Golf Club P&C Meeting 3.45 Tea Gardens
	18-20	Yrs5&6 Canberra Excursion
	20-21	Bulahdelah Show
	28	Kinder Orientation

➤ **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

The Education Act 1990 requires your child to attend school each day that instruction is provided unless prevented from doing so by sickness or other good reason. The Act requires you to explain your child's absences within seven (7) days of the absence. Failure to do so will result in an unjustified absence being recorded. Please note that an absence sent by fax or email is not acceptable. A telephone call on the day of the absence will prevent the school sending an absence enquiry either by text message or email but a note signed by a parent/carer is to be given to the roll mark teacher on the first day the student returns.

Student Arriving Late? Bring a note from a parent/carer to the Administration Office Attendance counter as you sign in. Student will be given a late slip detailing name, time, photo and reason, to be presented to the classroom teacher.

Student Leaving Early? Bring a note from apparent/carer to the Deputy Principal before school; then show the pass you receive, as you sign out. The student will also be given an absence slip detailing name, time, photo and reason, to be retained by the student until the end of the school day as any responsible adult (member of the police force, Home School Liaison Officer, shop assistant, etc.) may query why the student is not at school.

Timed Absence: Student has a medical/dental appointment during school hours or student needs a lunch pass? Bring a note from a parent/carer to the Deputy Principal before school; then show the pass you receive, as you sign out and back in. The student will also be given an absence slip detailing name, times, photo and reasons, to be retained by the student until he/she returns to the school as any responsible adult (member of the police force, Home School Liaison Officer, shop assistant, etc.) may query why the student is not at school.





➤ **REL. DEPUTY PRI. PRINCIPAL:**

As we enter Week 4, it has already shaped up to be an extremely busy term, offering many opportunities to our children. Kindergarten orientation began Wednesday, 14th

October at 9:15am, and will finish on Wednesday, 4th November. Parents are then invited to attend an afternoon information session on Tuesday, 10th November at 1:45pm. We look forward to welcoming our new enrolments and families to Bulahdelah Central School.

Students in the Primary department recently participated in the school musical, "Pitch Perfect", as part of the choir. It was an exciting and exhausting week for them, and they are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Stage 3 students will be travelling by bus to Canberra this year for their excursion. This excursion allows our students to see and experience much of the knowledge and understanding that they have developed as part of their class units. To have these extra-curricular trips requires a lot of planning and commitment from staff who generously donate their family time to accompany their classes. It is anticipated that most children will attend the excursion and will no doubt represent their school, their families and themselves with pride.

Please ensure that notes and payments are completed and returned to the office by Wednesday 4th November. Thank you to Mrs McDonald and Mrs O'Connell for making this trip possible.

Students have been working hard to complete their art entries for the Bulahdelah Show. We are extremely fortunate to have such a great venue to display our artworks which highlight so many talented students in our Primary school. Early Stage One and Stage One are looking forward to their annual visit to the show on Friday, 20th November. The show committee generously supports our visit, preparing lunch and organising a great day of events for the students. Parents are welcome to contact Mr Gibbs if they are interested in attending with their children.

Stage 3 is currently in the process of selecting a debating team who will perform against Tea Gardens Public School on Monday evening, 23rd November. The debate will take place in Tea Gardens and will be hosted by the Rotary Club. We are looking forward to some tough competition.

Year 5 students who have nominated for 2016 captaincy are currently participating in the leadership process, which involves interviews with executive and preparations for leadership speeches. We extend best wishes to them as they submit their nominations and prepare to lead the Primary students with PRIDE.



Don't forget!
Book Club
orders
are due:
Wed 28th Oct

ON THIS DAY

1962:
1st recording session
under name
"Beatles".



Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

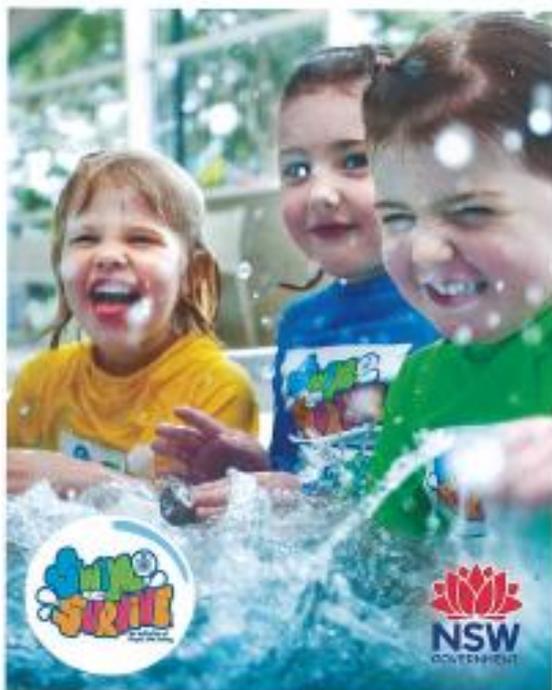
Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are \$69 for school-aged children and \$49 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).



For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02



“Day for Daniel” for Primary Students

Please mark on your calendar Friday the 30th October as the annual “Day for Daniel” Morcombe. This will be an out of uniform day. K-6 students need to wear a red article of clothing. Students will participate in various safety programs including a visit by the Police School Liaison officers.



➤ REL. DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

The HSC exams are well underway and from all reports they are going well, with all students completing their respective exams in the allocated time given. Well done Year 12. The exams conclude on Wednesday, 4th November, and then on the following Monday, 9th November, the Year 12 formal will be held at the Bulahdelah Golf Club.

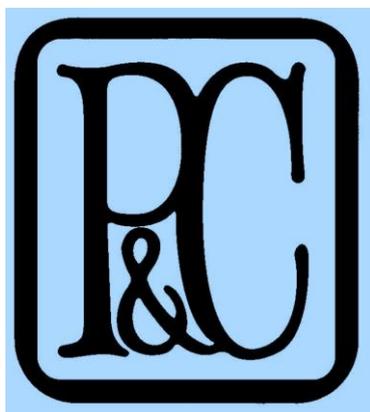
In Week 2, the annual school musical, 'Pitch Perfect', was performed to packed houses. It was good to see students performing, as well as directing and staging the event. On Thursday 15th October, BCS welcomed our feeder schools to watch the performance and they said they enjoyed the production very much. An interesting part of the musical was the BCS staff performance. There were some very interesting performances and I suggest that none of you should give up your day job!

The Secondary executive members of the school are still working through the process of curriculum offerings for 2016. This should be finalised in the coming weeks.

The school day structure for Years 11 and 12 for 2016 is well underway. There will be a contract and an explanation of the process of the 9 day fortnight pattern to follow before the end of the year.

Displays for the Bulahdelah Show are coming together and I had the pleasure of viewing some of the cakes being decorated by Year 9 students. Well done to those students and to Mrs Smith. *(See full report on page 10)*

A reminder that Year 7-10 exams are scheduled for Week 6 and 7 of this term (9th – 20th November).



Date for P&C Meeting Term 4:

Monday 9th Nov

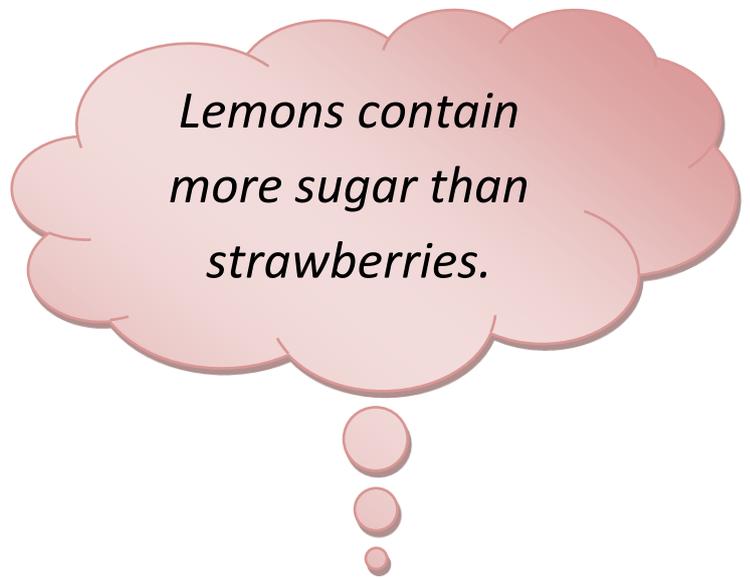
3.45pm Tea Gardens

Good for Kids good for life

Cool & Healthy Summer Snacks

The weather is warming up so here are some healthy snacks to keep you cool this summer:

- Frozen fruit such as berries, orange quarters and fruit kebabs
- Use moulds and low fat yoghurt to make frozen yoghurt shapes
- Make your own icy poles using 99% fruit juice and fresh pieces of fruit
- Make your own 'ice cream' using mashed up bananas (it's deliciously creamy!)
- Use fruit, vegetables and low fat milk or water to make a delicious smoothie and top with plenty of ice. There are heaps of different combinations to try!



Believe it
or Not!
or Not!



Health
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Bulahdelah Bowling Club

3rd November 2015

Melbourne Cup

Free glass of Champagne on arrival
Canapes throughout the day
Ladies expo displays from some of the
Best consultants available
\$22 entry
This event is a fundraiser for the Great Lakes Nursing Home

Best dressed lady
Best dressed man
Best hat

From 12 midday
Please contact the club for further details
Courtesy bus will be available
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➤ LET'S PARTY:

Year 9 Food Technology students have completed their "Let's Party" unit of work. The final task was to design and create a decorated cake. As you can see from the photos, the students did a wonderful job!

It was a delight to see the students so motivated and skilled with their work.

The students are now contemplating which baked products they will enter in the Bulahdelah Show.



Elmo
Alannah Moore



Adventure Time
Anika Gore



Star Wars
Zac Fletcher



Cupcakes
Ryan Cohen



**Earthmoving
Savannah Williams**



**Farm
Dean Buck**



**Jake & Finn
Rachel Billingham**



**Spiderman
Cherise White**



“I never teach my pupils, I only attempt to provide the conditions in which they can learn.”

Albert Einstein

