



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?

School Calendar

November

- 18-19** Bulahdelah Show
- 22-25** Yrs5&6 Wangat Lodge Camp

December

- 6** Year 7 2017 Orientation Day
- 7** Years 4-11 Merit Award Excursion
- 14** Primary End of Year Assembly
- 15** Secondary End of Year Assembly
- 16** Last Day Term 4



"That's why I love our school. Everyone gets involved. I'd want to see my child be a part of something like that,"

advocated Mrs Gollan, and we couldn't agree with her more!



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➤ MUSICAL MAGNIFICENCE:



Grease Live was a huge success and brought crowds in from across the area, some seeing it 3 nights in a row. Captivating sets, 1950's costumes, some hard-lined and hilarious accents and an overflow of talent and contagious fun kept audiences entertained for the few short hours. *"The talent displayed by our kids is what made me most proud,"* said one parent on their feedback sheet, *"if only there were more"*- and it was a view echoed by many.

Vanessa Shultz and her dedicated team should be immensely proud of their efforts. The months of hard work and dedication paid off. Directed by Sarah Rooney, Bailey Shultz and Madison Shannon, accompanied by our very own back stage crew, sound and lighting technicians, the choir, the choreographers and the actors, our hall was transformed into the very musical we all grew up with, complete with the drive-in movie theatre, "an electrifying" car garage, and a diner to "dine" for. Wow, was it a show.



It's hard to pick between the best actors or singers. Everyone did a superb job. I loved the smaller cameo roles from Maddison Boyd with her enthusiasm and gymnastic skills as Patty and Hayden Crawford as Eugene, proving that geeks really can be cool. There were the Pink Ladies all perfectly cast (Madison Shannon, Sarah Rooney, Scarlett Battle, Katie Nolan, Paris Battle) and belting out great song after song. Alternatively, the crew of T-birds, not quite the singing talent of their Pink Lady counterparts, shone through with their fantastic acting skills (Bailey Shultz, Tate Bruinsma, Hunter Bramble, Taylor Garemyn, Tim Smith) with the hilarious Red Pandas led by Timmy To. 'Battling for pink slips' on Thunder Road was hands down, a highlight scene. The facial expressions of Timmy To and Bailey Shultz were tear-jerkingly funny as they raced on the spot for the win. I doubt there was a dry eye in the house.



Olivia Newton-John would be proud to know that Paris Battle has her back, transforming from shy Sandra Dee to black leather pants-clad pink lady. As did Fairy Moncrieff, our very own super Fairy Godmother. Beautiful cheerleaders and dancers showcased their fancy footwork in some great rock'n'roll numbers.

The choir could not have been cuter and their beaming smiles, booming voices and little dance moves helped make the show. Our talented Art teachers and students were responsible for their great t-shirts.

Cleverly, local businesses, identities, towns and teachers featured in the adapted script, amusing knowing audiences. Girvan, as usual, was the brunt of several one-liners!

Technically, Mrs Kendall's stage crew efficiently weaved their magic, creating seamless set changes, ably assisted by Brandon Watt, Fletcher Barclay and Stevie Smith in the sound and lighting box. Budding young artist, Taylor Garemyn and Visual Arts students demonstrated their creativity, expertise and initiative in the quality set designs. We were definitely transported to another time!

Mrs Cunich's SRC (Student Representative Council) volunteered their services, feeding the hungry crowd. Mrs Battle donated healthy food to the cast! Parents should be commended for tirelessly transporting their children to many after school, weekend and holiday rehearsals.

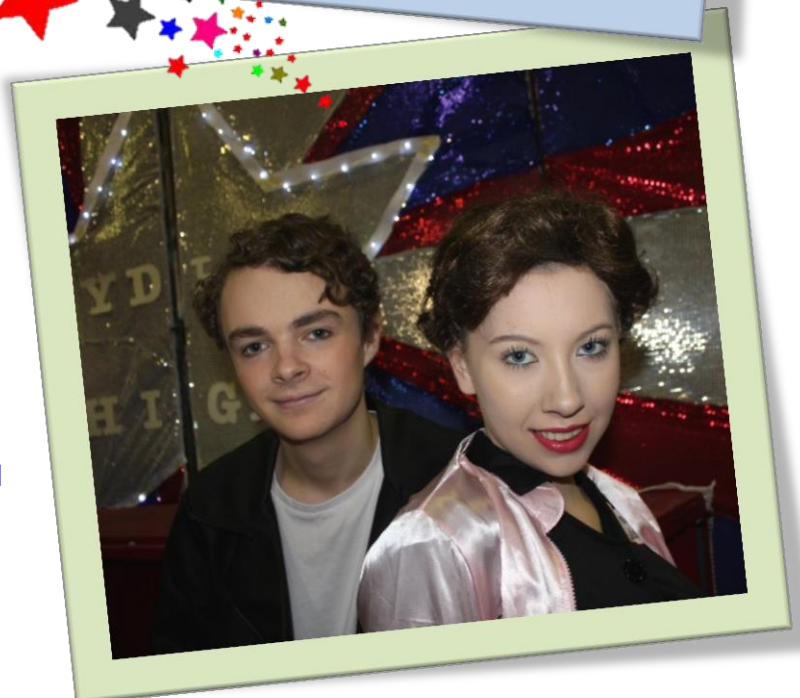
Thank you to everyone in the community who came along and cheered for the wonderful students we have in our school. It was greatly appreciated and the kids loved the support. You should all be very proud. Boadicea Luxon's programs were in demand as theatre-goers scrambled to save a memento of the extravaganza.

High fives for everyone!

Students performed to 5 shows, including audiences from Great Lakes Nursing Home and St Joseph's.

They also will delight with medley performances for the Nursing Home, the Bulahdelah Show on Saturday, 19th November at 6pm and the School End of Year Assembly!

Thank you, Mrs Shultz! Creative and Performing Arts continue to shine at Bulahdelah Central.
Hannah Archer-Lawton, English Teacher.



Audience Comments:

"The singing and dancing were amazing. The angel was amazing".

"The musical gets students out of their shell and builds confidence and creativity".

"Loved it so much came back a second night".



GREASE

is the word!

"So many talented students at BCS, let them all shine and show it".

"Script was very clever".

"I think it was fabulous - I come every year and look forward to it".

"An awesome experience! It allows children to shine in non-academic areas".





➤ PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Congratulations Darcy Harris

Darcy was selected as one of only 100 students across all schools, government and non-government, to attend the NSW Schools Constitutional Convention 2016 held at Parliament House, Sydney on Monday, 7th November. The topic for this year's convention was: Referendums and Plebiscites and consisted of a keynote speaker, and group discussions on the above topic. At the conclusion of the day, students elected 30 delegates to attend the National Constitutional Convention to be held in Canberra from 15th – 17th March 2017.



Whilst Darcy was unsuccessful in gaining a place on the NSW contingent he said that it was a great experience. The highlight was meeting and working with like-minded students from all over NSW and the opportunity to explore contemporary constitutional issues.

The Schools Constitutional Conventions program aims to increase young Australians' knowledge about the Australian Constitution and the role it plays in our democracy whilst encouraging students to become better informed about the Australian system of government and how the Australian Constitution provides the framework for our democracy.

Our students star on ABC Regional Radio School Sport program

Last week a group of our students interviewed Lilly Brown about her sport for the ABC Regional Radio School Sport program.

Mrs Deb Gilbert started the segment and was followed by Hunter Bramble, Blake Matheson, Darcy Harris and Olivia Smith who took turns to ask Lilly about her chosen sport, Western Action Shooting.

The show was recorded by producer Mark Sloane for the Mid North Coast/Coffs Coast NSW, ABC Regional Radio and went to air last week.

It was a great way to showcase our school and the talented students we have. Congratulations to all involved and Mark indicated it was fun his end and his boss loved it. I certainly know all our students enjoyed the opportunity. Thanks to Mark and his team at the ABC.

P&C President moving on

I would like to thank our P&C President, Chantel Espinosa, for the fantastic job she has done over many years. Chantel is moving on and as such has had to resign as P&C President which will be a loss for Bulahdelah Central School and we wish her well for the future. This also means we will be looking for a new President and I encourage any parent to consider nominating for this important role. We have a very small P&C group and it is important that we keep this aspect of the school functioning. If you have any questions about the position or a general question about the P&C please contact me at school.



I have just started my second practicum for teaching and was lucky enough to get placed at Bulahdelah Central School. When I heard that I was taking over the Year 10 Food Technology class I was excited. I was informed by their teacher, Mrs Smith, that they were a wonderful class and that she has not been able to beat them with a recipe yet!

To test the students' skills I challenged them with making profiteroles, a pastry filled with crème patisserie and drizzled with chocolate. The traditional choux pastry that is used to make profiteroles is known for its difficulty, so this was

going to be the perfect test. The students have also been working on food styling and photography, so they were also charged with the task of presenting their profiteroles in a stylish way.

The students worked hard and within their limited time frame. They made mouth-watering profiteroles, and presented them uniquely on a range of plates and wooden serving boards. The students proving again that they cannot be faulted! Well done Year 10! *Ms Dalton, Prac Teacher.*

PERIOD Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 (9:00—9:50)					
2 (9:50—10:40)	IMPORTANT NOTICE				
3 (11:20—12:10)	Years 7, 8, 9 & 10				
4 12:10—1:00)	Will be changing to the 2017 timetable				
5 (1:40—2:30)	WEEK 6				
6 (2:30—3:20)					



➤ DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

Happy New Year – well in sorts. On the 14th November all of our Secondary students will start their new academic year curriculum. Our new Year 11 will be beginning to study under our new Vertical Senior Curriculum model where they will be studying 3 courses, but completing both their Preliminary and HSC courses in the 12 months, enabling them to sit the HSC exams for these courses next year. Whilst the first year of implementation will create specific challenges, we do believe the model will create a greater range of subjects for our senior students thereafter.

Another flow on effect of this model will be that staff and students will be focusing on their new course content and we will not have the 'end-of-year wind down'. We have unfortunately noticed a number of students truanting their lessons and from school grounds of late. This is of concern on many levels, particularly regarding safety and learning. Starting our new curriculum will hopefully re-engage students in their studies as research does clearly demonstrate that attendance is a significant factor in academic success. Truancies are marked on the official rolls as an unjustified absence.

The BCS Attendance Team has also noticed a decrease in notes from parents to explain students' absences. It is a legal requirement for children aged 6 years to 17 years to attend school every day and for all absences to be explained. We do have procedures that involve the Home School Liaison Officer to address poor attendance and it has been necessary for some students to repeat a year of schooling as their absences have not allowed them to meet the DoE (Department of Education) requirements for that year. In short, attendance at school is not only a requirement but will also allow maximum achievement.

Last week we acknowledged the achievements of the 2016 Year 12 cohort. Every year we hold our Year 12 formal dinner after the students finish their HSC exams to celebrate their achievements and the educational partnerships with the staff, students and parents. The young men and women no longer looked like students with suits and gorgeous gowns instead of uniforms, huge smiles and relief instead of the building stress on their faces and conversations about travel destinations rather than curriculum cramming. A great night was had by all.



Reading At Home



Tips For Improving
Fluency And **Comprehension**

Home Reading Focus Cards - Stop and Catch

The reading partner reads, stopping randomly. The reader must be watching because they must immediately start reading from that point. The reader can randomly stop and the reading partner must immediately start from that point. Continue as agreed.

Purpose: The reader, while having the task shared must pay attention to the text in order not to be 'caught'.

BULAHDELAH CENTRAL SCHOOL

Year 7 2017 Orientation Day

Tuesday 6th December

10am to 2pm

An Orientation Day for the incoming Year 7 students and their parents and guardians will be held on Tuesday 6th December beginning at 10.00am.

The day will provide an opportunity to learn about subjects for Year 7, as well as uniform & equipment required, bus travel, and any other information about the school you may require. You will have the opportunity to meet staff and tour the school and the students will attend mini lessons and a treasure hunt.

The day will conclude with a BBQ lunch.



Please RSVP to BCS Front Office by Thursday
1st December for catering purposes.
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➤ **REL. DEP. PRI. PRINCIPAL:**

The final student session of Kindergarten Orientation was held last Wednesday. Visitors enjoyed another fun opportunity to get to know 'big school' and a chance to meet teachers and students. The 2017 Kindergarten students enjoyed a discovery walk around the school grounds with buddy students. Tomorrow, Tuesday 15th November, includes a parent session of the Kindergarten Orientation program. Parents have an opportunity to learn more about Kindergarten 2017 as well as the opportunity to find out more about Bulahdelah Central School.

'Swimming for Sport' was held last Wednesday for the first of five sessions. 46 students from Years 3 to 6 enjoyed the opportunity to swim at the local pool. Students have been sorted into swimming ability groups for a range of swim activities over the next month. Students involved will need separate swimming attire from their sports uniform, a towel and a bag to put wet swimming gear into after their swimming lessons. Having our school bus has made this event practical and convenient in transporting students to and from the pool.

The Year 5/6 camp will be held next week from Tuesday, 22nd to Friday, 25th November.

27 excited students will enjoy the four day outdoor activities at Wangat (near Chichester Dam in Dungog). Students have been given camp notes of things they will need for their four-day excursion. I will be attending the camp along with Mrs McDonald and Mrs O'Connell to lead the students on the camp.

Last Thursday the Primary Debating Team (Bridie O'Connell, Amber Cunningham, Olivia Smith, Annee-Rose Perry and Raylee Kierans) debated Mitchells Island Public School Debating Team in the Lower North Coast Debating Competition.

In taking the negative stance in the topic, '*Our sports stars make good role models*', Bulahdelah was awarded Runner Up medallions as Mitchells Island were awarded the debate by just a point. Our team spoke brilliantly and certainly debated exceptionally as both Mrs O'Connell and I observed. Our Primary Debating Team will participate in the Tea Gardens Rotary Debate to be held on Monday, 28th November, against Tea Gardens Public School. Well done to these students involved in 2016 Primary debating.

In the ever-ongoing busy schedule of providing the best opportunities for our students, teachers this week are updating their qualifications for CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and Anaphylaxis. All staff at school are invited to attend this essential training.



Rewards System Review

Over the past few weeks I have consulted with staff and students about our behaviour rewards system. The discussions have been very enlightening and will result in changes to the behaviour rewards system which will make it more meaningful to students and therefore more supportive of positive behaviour. Key aspects of the changes include notifying the students more often of their current level of attainment of merits and also awarding prizes of greater value by having eligible students enter a prize draw for each level of merit attainment.



The new system comes into effect today. The traditional merit award cards and certificates will remain a part of the new system.

Year 7 Immunisation Clinic

The final round of immunisations for this year will take place on Thursday, 24th November. Immunisations will occur in the SSC as usual. Any students who will be unable to receive their final immunisation will be able to access a catch up dose in Term 1 2017. *Warren Jones, Head Teacher Welfare.*

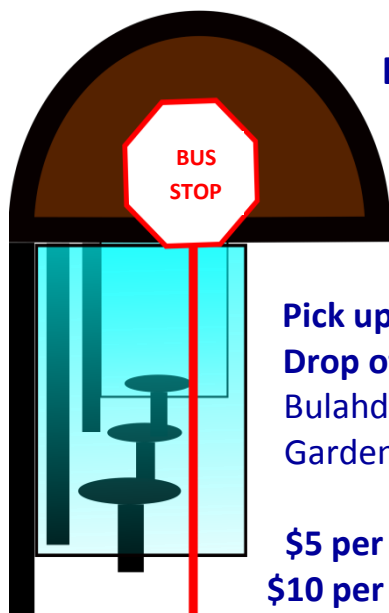
Believe it
or Not!
or Not!

*Women blink nearly
twice as much as
men.*

BULAHDELH SHOW Saturday 19th November TEA GARDENS BUS SCHEDULE

Pick up: 11:00am Coles Tea Gardens
Drop off: 9:30pm (approx. leaving
Bulahdelah after fireworks) Coles Tea
Gardens

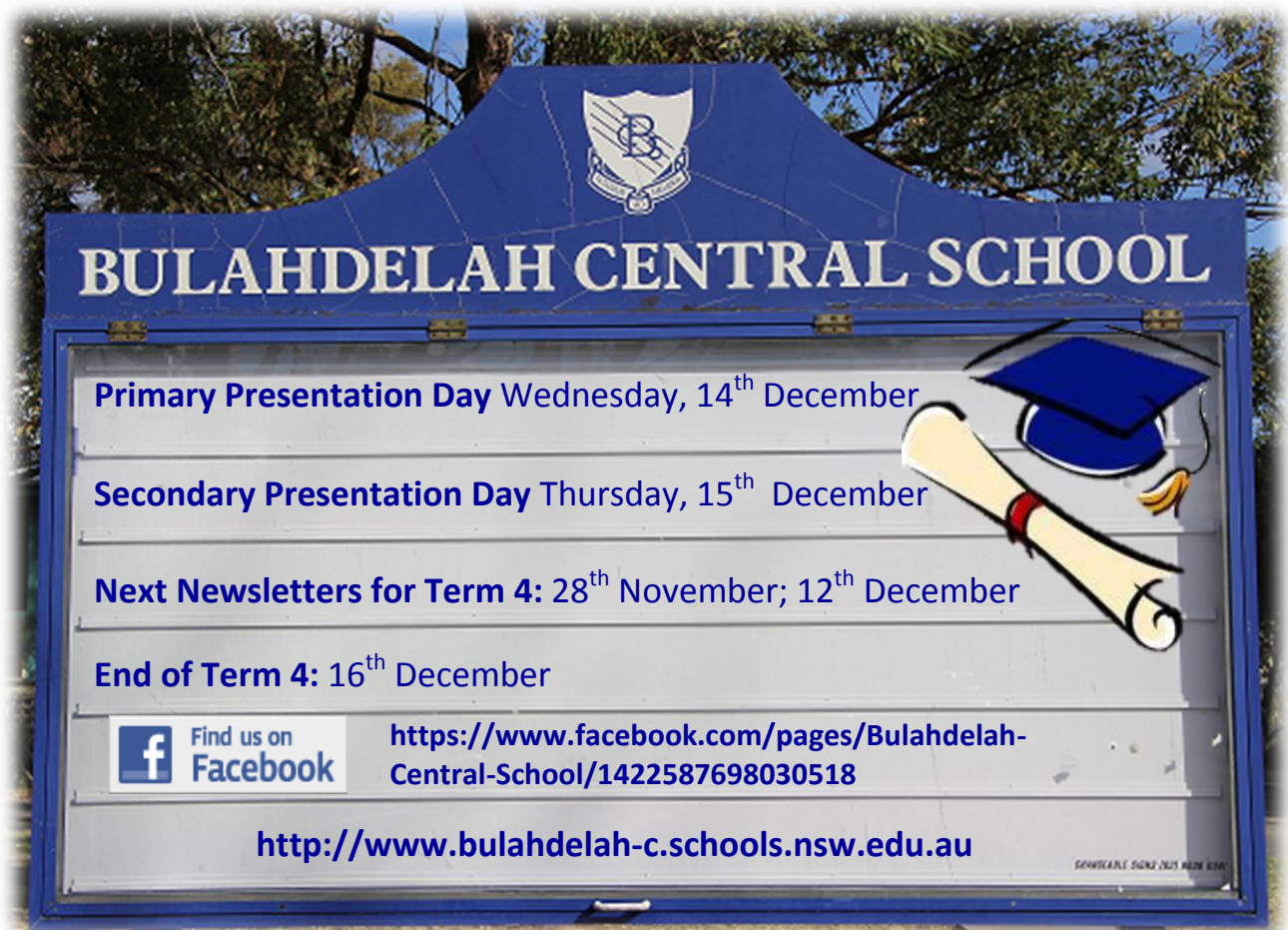
\$5 per student return
\$10 per adult return



ON THIS DAY

1927:

Bart Cummings
"the cups King"
was born (died
2015).



“Your job titles may be **TEACHER** but in reality you all are the **ARCHITECT** who is shaping humanity’s future.”

