



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

- 14** Year 12 Formal
Kindergarten 2018 Orientation
- 17** K-2 Bulahdelah Show Visit
- 17-18** Bulahdelah Show
- 22-24** Year 6 Canberra Excursion

December

- 5** Year 7 Orientation Day
- 13** Primary End-of-Year Assembly
- 14** Secondary End-of-Year Assembly

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FAREWELL! Sadly, Bulahdelah Central School bids goodbye to the lovely, Mrs Caro. In the four short years that Mrs Caro has been with us, she has certainly had a huge impact on school culture. She began as a brand new teacher with bright eyes, lots of enthusiasm and an infectious smile. Don't be fooled by her short stature; in her quiet, humble and determined way, Mrs Caro won over staff and students with her amazing commitment and tireless passion for History, English and Drama.

Mrs Caro put her hand up for everything- Debating Coach, Homework Club, Breakfast Club, Colour Run, Eisteddfod, Musicals, Year Advisor, Cultural Days, Showcase Days, Debating Camp, Welfare Team, School Camps, Fundraising activities, Teacher Mentoring, Multi-Categorical Unit Teaching, BCS Writing Anthology to name a few! Nothing was ever too much trouble as Mrs Caro delighted classes analysing Egyptian poo, digging trenches and cooking culinary delights. Her breadth of knowledge has astounded and inspired us.

As a colleague, we will miss Mrs Caro's delightful laugh and cheeky sense of humour. Her genuine, caring nature and kindness, supported countless staff and students over the years. We wish Mrs Caro our very best, as she returns to Sydney to be with her family.



Ros, you are one in a million and we've been lucky to have you in our school! Vanessa Shultz - Head Teacher Humanities



➤ REL. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

This week sees the finish of the 2017 academic year and the start of the 2018 year with all secondary students promoted into their new year for learning. This is an opportunity for the students to start fresh often with different teachers and peers, so it is a great time to reflect on the last twelve months, learn from it and move on to being a better learner.

It is also a time of celebration, with our Year 12 students who have finished their HSC exams. Teachers, staff and their parents, will celebrate their years of schooling at their Formal on Tuesday night. It is a chance to see them in their splendour, reminisce and discuss their plans for their future. Some students have had exciting news with University offers this week as a part of the School Recommendation Program. It certainly is a credit to them to have these offers available and I thank our Careers Advisor, Ms Drenkhahn, for her efforts in securing these places. Whilst it is sad to see our graduating students moving out of our school, it is also rewarding to watch them move onto the next stage of their lives knowing that we have been a part of their preparation beyond school.

This week, we also farewell Mrs Caro from the English/History Department. Mrs Caro will be taking leave to be with her family and look for a job closer to her home in Sydney. We are certainly going to miss her bright bubbly personality, great cooking and her willingness to give extra time to students for Homework Club, lunch time activities and debating. We certainly wish her the best.

Last week I attended the Bulahdelah Show Public Speaking night where awards were presented for entries in the arts and crafts sections of the show and students from a variety of local schools competed in the Public Speaking. I was certainly impressed with the talent in our district demonstrated on the evening. Students from

Bulahdelah Central, Tea Gardens Primary, Bungwahl Primary, Coolongolook Primary, St Joseph's and Bulahdelah Preschool accepted their awards with pride, showed great manners and had fun together. A big thank you to the Bungwahl Primary dancers for entertaining us on the night. Also we would like to thank the Bulahdelah Show Committee for their organisation of this event. Of particular mention from BCS was Peter Poniris who won the Stage 2 Public Speaking category with a speech on '*How Much He Hates Doing Speeches*'.



At our P&C meeting last week we discussed and accepted that from 13th November 2017, parents will be asked to pay the voluntary contribution fee for the first two siblings in a family and all other siblings will be free of the voluntary contribution fee. Voluntary contribution fees at BCS have always been kept to a minimum amount, however we would like to support families further with these contributions.

I would also like to thank our P&C for paying for the costs of printing the Year 6 students' shirts as a small memento of completing their primary years at BCS. *Deb Gilbert*

You did it! Congratulations



The following Year 12 students have been successful with early entry to University. We wish you all the best of luck with your studies and the future. Well done!

Madisson Callaghan-Morante	Bachelor of Education (K-6 Teaching)	University of New England
Jessica Chalker	Bachelor of Business/Economics Bachelor of Accounting	University of New England Charles Sturt University
Kiara Fardell	Bachelor of Nursing	University of New England
Shae Finch	Bachelor of Business	University of New England
Taylor Garemyn	Bachelor of Geo Science Bachelor of Creative Arts & Design	University of New England Charles Sturt University
Tamara Gooch	Bachelor of Nursing	University of New England
Kaitlyn Gregory	Bachelor of Nursing Bachelor of Paramedicine	University of New England Charles Sturt University
Darcy Harris	Bachelor of Social Science	University of New England
Chloe Haylett	Bachelor of Animal Science	University of New England
Thomas Locke	Bachelor of Psychological Science Bachelor of Social Science	University of New England University of Wollongong
Megan Markham	Bachelor of Animal Science	University of New England
Bianca Mason	Bachelor of Exercise & Sports Science Bachelor of Applied Science	University of New England Charles Sturt University
Marley Mezi	Bachelor of Zoology	University of New England
Emma Miller	Bachelor of Business Bachelor of Business	University of New England University of Wollongong
Karl Nickle	Bachelor of Exercise & Sports Science	University of New England
Isabelle Rea-Hardi	Bachelor of Environmental Science	University of New England
Bailey Shultz	Bachelor of Criminology Bachelor of Criminal Justice	University of New England Charles Sturt University
Katelyn Sibert	Bachelor of Social Work Bachelor of Social Work	University of New England Charles Sturt University
Leah Slookee	Bachelor of Criminology Bachelor of Criminal Justice	University of New England Charles Sturt University
Timothy To	Bachelor of Business	University of New England
Bonnie Webb-Hay	Bachelor of Social Work Bachelor of Social Work	University of New England Charles Sturt University



➤ **REL. DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:**

**School Students Health
Behaviours Survey**

Letters have gone out this week to parents and carers of students in Years 7-10 about the upcoming School Students Health Behaviours Survey. This survey is conducted by the NSW Health Ministry and occurs every three years. Bulahdelah Central School has been chosen, at random, to be a participating school for the 2017 survey. In the 2014 survey there were 112 participating secondary schools.

The survey takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. It is completely anonymous and free of charge but we do need parent/carers consent

for students to take part. The survey will occur at BCS on Thursday, 30th November, and I urge all parents and carers to give consent for their child to participate. The information collated is used by schools and teachers to plan effective teaching and wellbeing programs aimed at addressing any emerging trends in students' health behaviours. The results from previous surveys conducted can be viewed at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/surveys/student/Pages/default.aspx>

Signed consent forms need to be returned to the school office no later than Friday, 24th November. For further information please contact me at the school. *Warren Jones*

**YEAR 7 2018 ORIENTATION DAY
TUESDAY, 5th DECEMBER
10:00am - 2:00pm**


To assist students, parents and care givers with the transition from Primary to Secondary school, we will be holding an Orientation Day on Tuesday, 5th December. The day will provide an opportunity to find out about subjects for Year 7, uniform, equipment, bus travel and other information about the school you may require.

You will have the chance 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.

We look forward to welcoming our new students and making entry to Secondary school as happy and stress-free as possible.

Please RSVP to BCS Front office by
Friday, 1st December, for catering purposes.





Behind The Wheel Driver Education

SAFER DRIVERS COURSES - TAREE AND FORSTER

The Safer Drivers Course is available to all NSW Learner drivers between the age of 16 and 25 years. The requirements to attend the course are as follows: Learner drivers must have completed a minimum of 50 hours of actual driving recorded in their logbook (this must not include any hours accredited from professional structured driving lessons under the 3 for 1 scheme). The course cost is \$140 inc GST (cost is fixed by the RMS) which includes a 3 hour workshop and a 2 hour in car coaching session. Both parts of the course are completed on the same day. At the completion of the course you will gain a 20 hour additional credit in your logbook. Morning tea and lunch are provided for the course.

Our next courses will be held as follows:

TAREE

Visitor Information Centre

21 Manning River Drive

Sat November 25, 2017.

Sat December 9, 2017.

Mon January 15, 2018.

Tues January 23, 2018.

Sat February 24, 2018.

Sat March 10, 2018.

Mon April 16, 2018.

Tues April 24, 2018.

FORSTER

Community Centre

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Sat November 4, 2017.

Sat December 2, 2017.

Tues January 16, 2018.

Mon January 22, 2018.

Sat February 10, 2018.

Sat March 17, 2018.

Tues April 17, 2018.

Mon April 23, 2018.

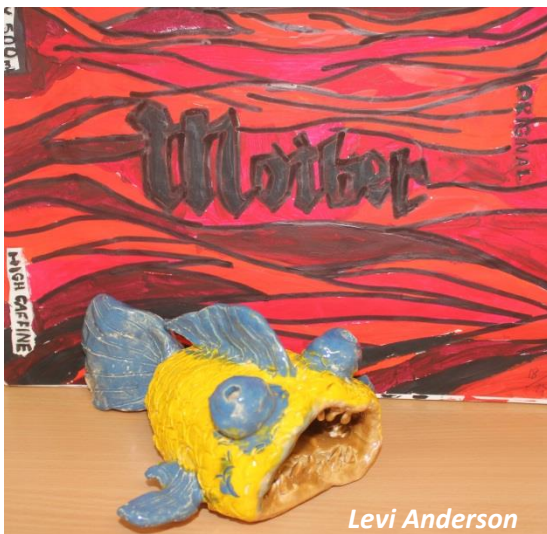
Safer Drivers Course information and registration forms are available at

www.behindthewheel.net.au



Year 8 Pop Art

Students in Year 8 have been studying sculpture and art inspired by food. These artworks are made from paper mache and clay. They snacked on food and then painted the package. It was a fun topic and the students were really inspired.





Natasha Veith



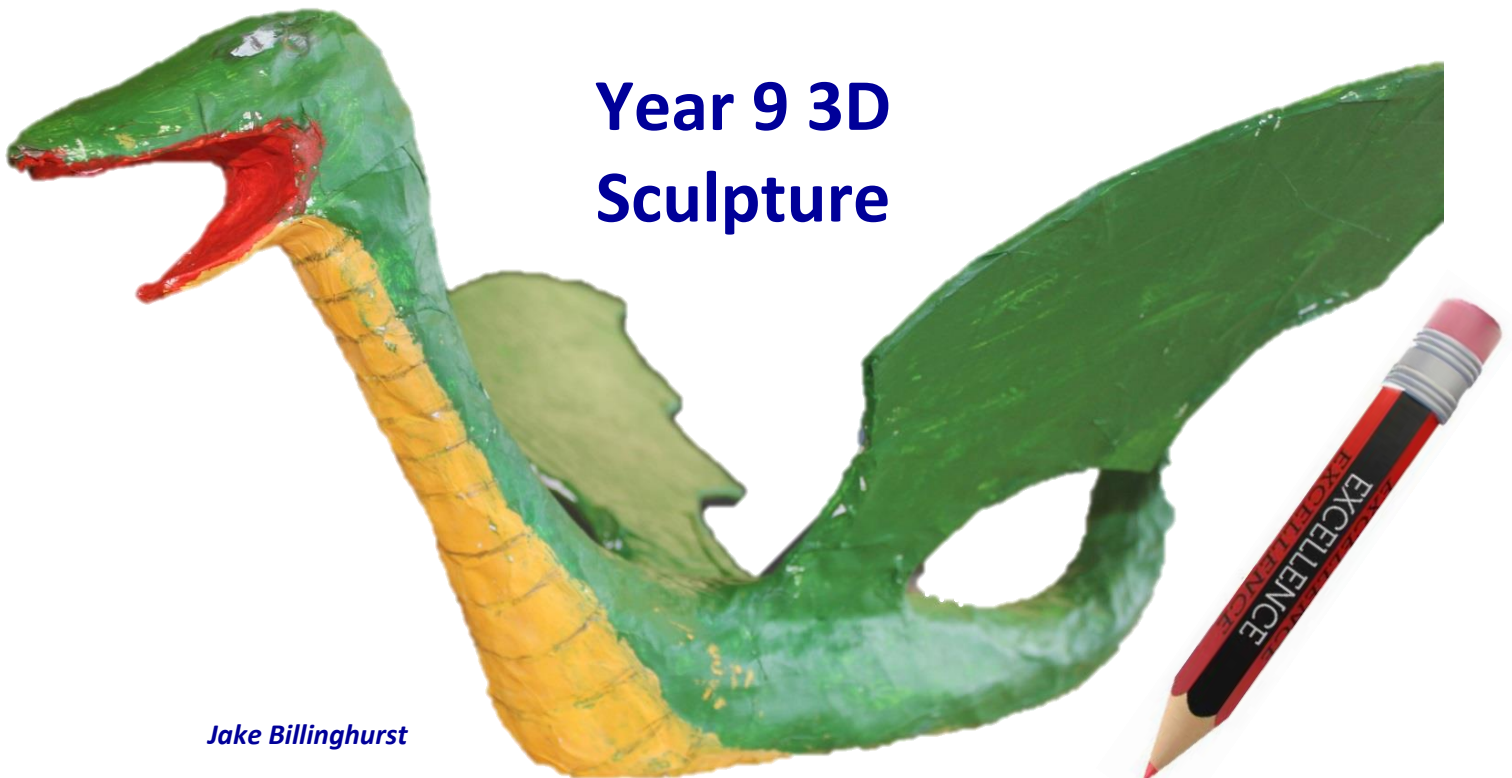
Anjoli Luxon

Students used a variety of techniques to create awesome sculptures. They studied Henry Moore and made paper clay figurines inspired by voids. Using wire, the students made sculptures inspired by insects. Recycled plastic toys were used to create fantasy sculptures. Finally students made a paper mache sculpture that was inspired by their three sculptures. Students presented their sculptures as a Body of Work.



Mahala Hawkins

Year 9 3D Sculpture



Jake Billinghamurst



ART

Year 10 Selfies

Students have been working on selfies all year.

These photographs show their final submission, 'Body of Works' for the year.



Etchings, sculptures,
paintings, photographs
were presented.



Charlotte Collins

Self-portraits
showed physical
features, likes,
personality and
the influence of
some of their
favourite artists.

Sue Cross - Visual Arts
Teacher



Kya Morrison



➤ ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:

As we pass the middle point of Term 4 the next five weeks hold a busy and fun schedule for Primary students. In the past two weeks over 60 students participated in a busy daily swimming program, guided by swimming instructor, Mrs Karen Baker. Students encountered a range of weather conditions in their two-week swimming lessons. Thank you to Miss Wills, Mrs O'Connell and Mrs McDonald for their constant rushing to and from the pool each day making sure they arrived on time for their lessons. I saw these dedicated teachers many times eating on-the-go during the past two weeks as they managed daily teaching duties with this important swimming program. Funding for this swim program was provided by the New South Wales Department of Education. I plan to source funding again in 2018 for students to have access to the vital skill of swimming and water safety. Thank you to these teachers and to staff involved in making this swimming program a success.

Kindergarten to Year 2 students recently enjoyed a visit from Midcoast Water and heard from 'Whizzy the Waterdrop'. This animated character spoke to students about practical water saving measures around the home and at school.

Eight Year 5 students spoke last Monday at the Primary Assembly in the lead up to the 2018 Primary Captains elections. All eight students spoke positively and highlighted their attributes for being a 2018 student leader. Students voted last Tuesday and two Captains and two Vice-Captains will be announced at the Primary Presentation Day Assembly on Wednesday, 13th December. I do hope you will join us at this special Assembly (starting at 10:00am).

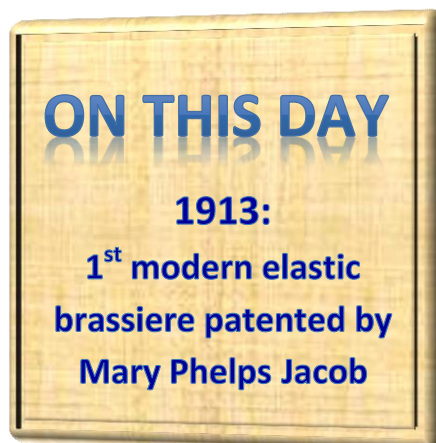
I had the privilege last week of attending the student night for the Bulahdelah Show. Congratulations to the Bulahdelah students who participated in this annual event. It was terrific to see the art and written talents of our students.

I joined the Principals from Tea Gardens and Bungwahl schools in judging the Public Speaking Competition for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students. Congratulations to Peter Poniris who was the overall winner of Stage 2 speakers. Peter spoke without notes and finished his 2 minute speech at the two minute mark. Well done Peter!

This week K-2 students will enjoy an excursion to the Bulahdelah Show with Mr Gibbs and Miss Adams. Miss Adams has now completed the Kindergarten Orientation program for 2018 Kindergarten Students. Today, Miss Adams is busy meeting parents of these students at an afternoon information session. She will be discussing the many routines of 'big school'.

Mrs McDonald has been busy preparing her travel suitcase for the upcoming Year 5/6 Canberra excursion. Year 5/6 students have been given an information note for this terrific excursion. The class will be joined by University practicum student, Miss Georgia Rose, who is currently working with the Year 5/6 class. We welcome Miss Rose to our school as she pursues her studies in Primary education.

Primary teachers are currently evaluating students' semester results as they complete Semester Reports. The on-going process of evaluating and planning each student's learning progression is busier at this time as reports are created. Students' Semester Reports will be sent home in the last week of school. Rod Pye



KINDY 2018 ORIENTATION

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Mums and dads and carers are invited to an information session on:

Tuesday, 14th November

1:45pm - 2:45pm



*What do I need to bring?
Student enrolment forms
and relevant documentation.*



Parents/Care givers

Please be aware since the implementation of our new finance and students' administration program, **LMBR** (Learning Management and Business Reform) there are a few changes regarding refunds.

In future, if an excursion has been cancelled or your child was unable to attend due to sickness, any amount that has already been paid will be stored as a credit on your child's school account. This credit can then be used for either outstanding fees or future excursions.

We are no longer able to reimburse via cheque or EFT unless a request form (available from Office) is completed which will take up to 4 weeks to process. If you have any further queries please contact our Office Manager.



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knowledge and education.”***

