



#### Value of the Week

**Excellence.** We do our best to achieve excellence. Have you done your best?

#### School Calendar

##### December

- 13** Primary End-of-Year Assembly
- 14** Secondary End-of-Year Assembly

##### 2018

##### February

- 9** Primary Swimming Carnival
- 14** Secondary Swimming Carnival

##### March

- 13-15** The Wacky Wizard of Oz Performance



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**BCS welcomes students from:**

**Booral, Bungwahl, Coolongolook, Karuah, St Joseph's, Stroud & Tea Gardens**



**to orientation day for Year 7 2017.**



### ➤ REL. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

This being the last newsletter of the year, it is appropriate to say a huge thank you to all the people who make our school great. Thank you to our students, parents, staff, volunteers and supporters - way too many to mention individually, but please know that your efforts have been noticed and valued. We hope you have a well-deserved break over the Christmas holidays and we look forward to seeing you again in 2018.

We do ask that we are notified of any students not returning to our school in 2018 who are currently on our rolls. A significant number of funding areas are dependent on the number of students enrolled at our school at the start of the 2018 year, including the number of staff and facilities within the school. It is also important for families after the holidays to inform the school so that students can be counted in/out of our numbers.

Remember it is a legal requirement that all children aged from 6 to 17 years attend school. Students can leave school earlier if they provide evidence of attending alternative study environments such as TAFE, a permanent job of 25 hours per week or an apprenticeship.

Over the break we will have a number of staff and trades working on school grounds and I would just like to remind everyone that the school grounds are not a place for students throughout this time. It creates both safety and security risks.

I will continue to report on the School Plan Survey and our response on planned actions in next year's newsletters. Stay tuned for some exciting ideas to continue to improve our school and learning outcomes.

On a final note, I hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday break, filled with family, friends, laughter and fun. *Deb Gilbert*

**Merry  
Christmas**



Recently our 2018 Statement of Accounts was mailed to each family. Previously students in high school started their new courses at the beginning of each calendar year but now students start their course 5 weeks before the end of the current year.

Please ensure payments for all course fees are processed by the end of Term 1, 2018. Parents can pay using Parent On-Line Payments (POP) or Credit/Visa Cards, Cash/Cheque at the Administration office.



*This Christmas we wish that all your hopes and desires come true. May the Christmas magic make all your aspirations and dreams real.*

*As you relish the goodies, decorate every nook and corner of your home and enjoy the get-togethers...*

*May the joy and festivities continue to radiate in your lives,  
long after Christmas is gone.  
Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!*

*From the staff of Bulahdelah Central -  
Merry Christmas!*





### ➤ REL. DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

As the school year comes to a conclusion, it is natural to reflect on the year that has passed so that we can learn the lessons we need to learn and improve on in 2018.

As part of this reflective process myself and other school staff, under the leadership of Mrs Gilbert, have been working hard to progress the development of our school's 2018-2020 School Plan. Key staff across the school are each responsible for leading targeted initiatives or programs as part of the schools three strategic directions.

I am looking forward to my role in enhancing and broadening the leadership capacity and work of staff by coordinating the provision at BCS of targeted professional learning for both leaders in our school and teachers who see themselves as

taking on leadership roles in the future. The aim is to have a broader range of executive and teachers leading programs and initiatives across the school. In order to access and make the best possible use of the expertise and leadership already present within our school, we will be providing focused professional development opportunities for executive and teaching staff.

The first step in this process started with teaching staff being asked to indicate their areas of professional learning needs. The feedback received will be used to plan the delivery of the required professional learning throughout 2018. This will then be evaluated at the end of the year and directions determined for 2019.

I wish all students and their families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday break.

*Warren Jones*



## Year 7

### Orientation

Students in Year 6 from Bulahdelah, Booral, Bungwahl, Pacific Palms, Tea Gardens, Rutherford (Maitland) and Coolongolook came together on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, for the Year 7 2018 Orientation Day.

Students and parents were given information regarding subjects, uniforms, class requirements and they also had the opportunity to meet the



Head Teachers from all the faculties. Students participated in 4 mini lessons in Art, History, English and Physical Education. Our SRC (Student Representative Council) students assisted with a BBQ lunch and acted as tour guides for the day. We are expecting a cohort of about 54 students, and are looking forward to working with them in the new year. *Linda Drenkhahn - Year 7 Year Advisor*



**SENIOR DRAMA STUDENTS FROM BULAHDELAH  
CENTRAL SCHOOL PRESENT..**

# **THE WACKY WIZARD OF OZ**

**By Patrick Dorn**

## **WHEN?**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Primary Matinee 11-1pm** Evening 6-9pm

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Secondary Matinee 11-1pm** Evening 6-9pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018** Evening 6-9pm

## **WHERE?**

**Bulahdelah Central School Hall**

**8 Meade Street, Bulahdelah**

## **TICKETS**

**Students**

**\$8.00**

**Adults**

**\$15.00**

**Family**

**\$46.00**

**Join us for an evening of fun-filled, magical entertainment. An old family favourite with a modern twist!**

**Refreshments and a BBQ will be available by the SRC.**

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## STAGE 6 CAMP TOUKLEY



At the end of Week 8, Stage 6 students attended Camp Toukley for an overnight study/recreation camp. The purpose was to cover some HSC Crossroads curriculum including study skills, learning styles, note taking, essay writing, time management and stress management.

It was also an opportunity to work together as teams to solve problems, working out how to balance a giant see-saw.

They also got to challenge themselves and try new things such as abseiling and stand up paddle boarding. Students conducted themselves in an exemplary manner and were an absolute pleasure to take away on this excursion.

*Linda Drenkhahn - Careers Advisor*





Year 10 Art students showed off their cake decorating skills in their last art lesson for this year. They were inspired by art works such as Andy Warhol's 'Campbell's Soup', Vincent Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' and 'Impressionist' by Claude Monet.

Miss Caro bought her Year 9 students along to judge the best decorated cake and to do a taste testing. She liked the Starry Night cake best but also enjoyed the yummy taste of the brightly coloured icing. *Sue Cross - Visual Art Teacher*



**CAKES 'R' US**



**POP ART  
ICRECREAMS**

For their last lesson this year, students in Year 8U had to design and decorate their ice cream with lollies, cream and flavouring. After taking photographs of their creations they had to draw the image in their Visual Arts Diaries. Then they were allowed to eat their delicious creations. A great fun way to end the year! *Sue Cross - Visual Art Teacher*



### ➤ ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:

The last week of school for 2017 has arrived very quickly and it is a busy week this week as students and classes complete what has been a busy year of learning and education for Bulahdelah Primary students. I do hope that you are able to join us this week at the Primary Presentation Day Assembly on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. This formal celebration of students' achievements and accomplishments begins at 10:00am. On Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, Mrs McDonald is taking the Year 6 students on a graduation excursion to Forster to enjoy a final day together as a class and to celebrate Year 6 students' completion of Primary school.

Teachers have been busily assessing and reporting on students' achievements recently and writing Semester Two student reports for all Primary students. These reports will be sent home this week.

A sculptural art display has been installed at school at the edge of the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) that showcases the talents and efforts of our Year 4, 5 and 6 students. Ms Vella led this pottery project and students involved were proud to see their clay designs come to life after a series of workshops in designing and making. There is a full report and some wonderful photos on the following pages.

The COLA is a central part of where Primary students eat their recesses and lunches. For students without a school hat, the COLA is a shaded play area. As the school year ends, it is an opportune time to check whether your child has a labelled school hat, in order to be able to join in outdoor physical activities as well as join in lunch play outside on the oval.

I do thank all students, parents and volunteers for the many wide and varied efforts you have made throughout the year.

As the last school days of 2017 come to an end, our school continues to be a busy place of learning and educational activities. It is through the many different efforts of all members of our school community from which our students benefit. Thank you for your contributions at school this year.

Students this week are being reminded about holiday safety in the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus. I wish our students a safe, restful and happy holiday break from the busy year. Our Year 1 to 6 students will be welcomed back on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and the Kindergarten students will start their first day on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January. *Rod Pye*

## KIDS IN CARS

### Tips When Travelling In Cars With Children:

- Dress your children appropriately in loose natural fibres and remove sun hats once in the car - especially for long journeys. If possible, try to travel in the cooler parts of the day such as early in the morning or later in the day.
- Take plenty of drinking water in suitable containers for children to drink from.
- Children should get in and out of the car through the left rear door - the 'safety' door.
- Sleeping children should remain buckled up into the appropriate seatbelt or child restraint.
- Plan regular breaks in rest areas or other safe places well away from the road. Physical activity will make the journey less tiresome for all the family.
- Gather a selection of 'special' toys or other activities that are safe for use in the car such as storybooks, a book of word games, story CDs or soft toys.
- Talk with your child as you drive, discussing things that can be seen out of the window. Play 'I Spy', or games where children spot items in the environment.





# Bulahdelah Carols in the Park

Join us for a Christmas Celebration with entertainment and a sausage sizzle.

**Date:** Saturday, 16th December, 5:30pm

**Venue:** Wade Park

**Featuring:** Prominent Sydney Choir, Local Artists and the St Joseph's School Choir

**Activities:**

Audience carols

Kids Entertainment, balloons and face painting

Santa visiting via the Rural Fire Service

**Alcohol and Pet Free Zone**

*May this Christmas be a wonderful time  
to share with the ones you love.*



back to  
School



COMMENCEMENT DATES  
FOR STUDENTS  
TERM 1 2018 ARE:

TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> January  
Years 1-6  
Years 7, 11 & 12

WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> January  
Kindergarten  
Years 8, 9, 10



## Clay Totem Sculptures

As the school year ends it has been a busy time here at Bulahdelah Central, with Primary teachers, staff, students and parents all working together for the greater goal of the Visual Arts project, the Daintree Rainforest Totem Sculptures.

These totems have enhanced and showcased the students' work from Years 4, 5 and 6.

Overall, 45 Primary students worked together and enjoyed the skills and processes involved with such a long term project and also the tactile nature of 'getting your hands dirty' with clay making.







The display provides ownership and pride of place as you walk towards the Primary COLA and see the sculptural pieces within the Primary grounds.

A huge thank you to: Mrs McDonald, Mrs O'Connell, Ms Sawtell, Ms Young, Mr Gibbs, Mr Gladys, Mr Barry, Mr Sibert and the parents who helped out with the project.

*Angie Vella - Learning & Support Teacher*







In Week 7, Years 5 and 6 students went to Canberra with Mrs McDonald, Ms Vella, Miss Rose and Ms Drenkhahn. We visited Parliament House, Questacon, National Museum, Dinosaur Museum and the Electoral Commission where they learnt the history and importance of voting and how to cast a vote in an election.

Our visit to the Australian War Memorial was very moving when we participated in The Last Post ceremony at 5pm where we paid tribute to Private Herbert Byrne 39<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Our Primary Captains, Oliver Gibbs and Charlise Luxon, laid a wreath on behalf of the school. We also had an evening tour and viewed Canberra by night at the Telstra Tower. Students were very well behaved and participated in all the activities and tours with enthusiasm.

The teachers agree that it was a pleasure to spend 3 days away with the students.

*Linda Drenkhahn - Careers Adviser/Year 7 Year Adviser*







## BULAHDELAH NEWSAGENCY

situated in Stroud Street, now stocks the BCS girls uniform - navy skirts, shorts and long pants.

### Opened:

Monday to Friday 6am – 5pm

Saturday 6am – 12noon

Sunday 6am – 12noon

Navy Skirts	Sizes 2-18	\$25
Navy Shorts	Sizes 2-18	\$35
Navy Long Pants	Sizes 4-18	\$44

BCS UNIFORM PRICE LIST 2017/18		
ITEM	SIZE	TOTAL COST
<b>SCHOOL SHIRTS</b>		
School Shirt - LW Reid		\$25.00
Senior School Shirt (white)		\$25.00
<b>SPORTS UNIFORM</b>		
Sport Shirt		\$25.00
Sport Shorts		\$20.00
<b>JUMPERS</b>		
Hooded Jumpers	4 - 14Y	\$40.00
	14 - 24	\$45.00
<b>PRIMARY</b>		
Primary Check Shift	4 - 8	\$40.00
	10 - 12	\$45.00
Primary Hats		\$10.00
Navy Unisex Shorts		\$20.00
<b>SAFETY GEAR &amp; CALCULATORS</b>		
Apron		\$8.00
Safety Glasses		\$6.00
Calculators		\$23.00
<b>ART BOOKS</b>		
Art Books		\$9.00
Photography Books		\$9.00
Hanging Emblem		\$4.50

All other school uniforms and supplies are available, including shirts pictured below, from the BCS office after 10am from Monday to Friday. We have included a price list of various uniforms and school equipment that your child may require, for your perusal.



BCS uniforms are also available from **BT Fashions** located in the Coles complex in Tea Gardens (prices may vary).

### Opened:

Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm

Saturday 9am - 1pm

# Port Stephens students invited to sheflies Drone Camp

## January school holidays

### Want to learn how to fly a drone?

Girls in Years 9 and 10 are invited to attend a two day school holiday camp to learn drone piloting

#### The event will teach you:

- Manual flight tutorial and practice (hands-on)
- Scenario based flight practice activities (hands-on)
- Real-life applications of drone technology
- Australian regulations, safety considerations, flight briefing

You will work in teams of three throughout the sessions and swap between the roles of Pilot in Charge, Co-Pilot, and Air Traffic Controller. You will learn by undertaking 'real life' scenarios.



She Flies generates conversation around gender equality in STEM, using the world of drones to inspire and provide a platform for change to occur. She Flies builds high quality STEM leadership and learning opportunities through drone education.

We believe that gender equality in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) careers builds stronger economies [www.sheflies.com.au](http://www.sheflies.com.au)

#### Details:

Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th January 2018

8.30am—4pm

PCYC Port Stephens (7 Austral Street, Nelson Bay)

\$50 per person total cost including two day drone course, lunch and snacks

#### Details:

Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th January 2018

8.30am—4pm

Bini, Hunter School Performing Arts (109 Lambton Rd, Broadmeadow)

\$50 per person total cost including two day drone course, lunch and snacks

**TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT [shefliesnewcastleevent](http://shefliesnewcastleevent)**

**For more information contact Rick Evans on 0434 489 609 or [rick.evans@rdahunter.org.au](mailto:rick.evans@rdahunter.org.au)**





## January School Holiday Program

### Workshops - Movies - Games



**GAME ON!**  
Register for the Summer Reading Club now  
[www.summerreadingclub.org.au](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au)

## Games

### PUZZLES, GAMES & COLOURING IN

Come along with the kids and enjoy puzzles, board games together or colour in a master-piece!

Taree, Harrington & Hallidays Point Libraries

Each day in the holidays starting January

10.00am - 4.00pm

Wingham Library Mon. 8 & 22 January 2.30 - 4.00pm

**NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

All ages. Supervision required.

### VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCE

Come along and enjoy a virtual reality experience!

Taree Library

Each Wednesday in the holidays starting January

2.00 - 4.00pm

**NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

All ages. Supervision required.

### KIDS BINGO

Enjoy the fast-paced game of bingo.

Harrington Library Wed. 10 January

11.00am - 12.00pm

Hallidays Point Library Thurs. 11 January 2.00 - 3.00pm

Taree Library Mon. 15 January 11.00am - 12.00pm

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Ages 5yrs+. Supervised activity.

### BOARD GAMES ELIMINATION!

Who will win the gold medal for memory, scrabble, dominoes, snakes & ladders and checkers?

Hallidays Point Library

Fri. 5 January 10.30am - 12.00pm

Tues. 16 January 2.30 - 4.00pm

**NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

Ages 4 - 12yrs. Supervision required.

### INDOOR RELAYS

Hallidays Point style of the Commonwealth Games.

Lots of fun with some challenging relays!

Hallidays Point Library Wed. 17 January 10.30 - 11.30am

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Ages 5 - 12yrs. Supervision required.



#### Taree Library

242 Victoria Street

6592 5290

#### Forster Library

4-12 Breese Parade

6591 7256

#### Gloucester Library

27 Denison Street

6538 5258

#### Wingham Library\*

Wynter Street

6553 4555

#### Hallidays Point Library\*

Village Centre, High Street

6559 3066

#### Harrington Library\*

Harrington Community Village

6556 1652

#### Old Bar Community Library

Cnr. Old Bar Road & Cross Street

6553 6535

#### Nabiac Library

44 Nabiac Street

6554 1355

#### Bulahdelah Library

63 Stroud Street

4997 4764

#### Stroud Library

6 Church Lane

4994 5204

#### Tea Gardens Library

135 Marine Parade

4997 1265



*“At Christmas and always,  
may peace and love fill your heart,  
beauty fill your world, and  
contentment and joy fill your days.”*

