## Bulahdelah CENTRAL SCHOOL

Strive to Achieve Term 3 Week 4 13th August, 2018 Celebrating 150 Years

#### Value of the Week

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

#### **School Calendar**

#### August

15-16 Futsal Champion of Champions Under 16's & 19 Boys20-23 Years 9&10 SES Cadets

31 Years 9&10 SES Cadets Camp Elim

#### September

12-13 Years 8-9 Future to Work & Tertiary Education Expo

- 22-23 150th Celebration Weekend
- 26 Year 12 RSA Course Bul. Bowling Club





Meetings are held at BCS every second Wednesday of the month at 3:45pm. Next meeting is: **12th September** 



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## CHRIS HOARE CUP







#### **REL. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Education Week! For BCS staff and students, it has been a fortnight of competitions, wins, losses and learning including; Zone Athletics,

Futsal and Primary Public Speaking. As always there is a lot happening in our school for all students. One particular event, the Colour Run, last Monday. I would like to congratulate our reinvigorated P&C for their exceptional fundraising efforts. They hosted an event complete with an out of uniform day, cake stall, BBQ and the most amazing Colour Run. A special thank you to the dads, particularly Chris Dibley, for constructing the very professional looking obstacle course. It was great to see so many parents involved, some sending in baking, others spraying the colour on the students as they ran or serving at the stalls. There was an exciting, fun family atmosphere throughout the school, thanks to the hard work of a productive and supportive committee. For students who registered their sponsorship online with their code, prizes will be arriving soon. The P&C will use the fundraising monies towards replacing the blinds in the Primary classrooms, which is a priority.

At the moment, at BCS we are planning for 2019. This may sound a little early, but as we start our academic school year in November, significant decisions need to be made soon. At present we have just asked our Years 8 to 11 students which courses they would like to undertake next year. This will be reviewed with our executive to determine which courses will be running and to start our timetabling process. I am really pleased that our students have such an active voice in this process. In some schools the subjects and lines are determined first and students simply pick from them. One of the drawbacks of our process, unfortunately is that given the full range of options that must be refined within the parameters of our staffing, we do have students, parents and staff disappointed when we cannot deliver every course we offer. Our students, parents and staff will be kept informed throughout the process of the courses that can be offered.

Our current Year 12 students are also in planning mode as I start to see the applications for Principal's recommendation for early entry into universities for 2019. Some students are starting to get nervous about their trial HSC exams and I have had students popping in for a chat about their plans for next year.

For some it is an exciting time with a sense of freedom and independence from the environments which have supported them including our school. For others it is the fear of change and the uncertainty of the elements of their lives thus far. For them, the basic decisions of where they will live, how they will get to work, managing their study and how they will pay the bills are some of the worries they will have to consider for the first time of their lives. My advise to students is to trust yourself. Students need to utilise the confidence they have developed from the education opportunities and support that they have had from our school and their family. They will be OK.

We have been preparing them for this time for the past 13 years. At the end of this term and into early next year, they will be faced to make decisions on what direction their lives might be heading. They should base those decisions on the work they have done at school and in the community. Don't worry about if it will be the right choice at the time because in the future you will have to make many choices based on the changes and challenges in your life. *Deb Gilbert* 



#### Are you over 16? We need you.

The Bulahdelah Rural Fire Brigade will be holding an information recruitment night on Monday, 20th August

at 7:00pm at the fire station, (Harold Street, Bulahdelah, behind Coles Express). It's a great way to give back to the community and learn important life skills and develop friendships that can last a lifetime.

The RFS will provide you with all your training and education opportunities. Our training is nationally accredited.

**Interested?** Head to our facebook page, Bulahdelah Rural Fire Brigade for more information or simply show up on the night.

Hope to see you there.



Raises \$2500 (less expenses to be paid for).



"There was an exciting, fun family atmosphere throughout the school."

Kindergarten really enjoyed participating in the Colour Run!





Kathy Ottignon - Ex teacher When I started at BCS I was new to country living and having freshly arrived from the city I found the town rather daunting. My position at BCS became available when a group of mothers from the school realised that we were only one

or two students down on getting another teacher. They decided to dress up in student uniforms and enrol themselves, all done with lots of publicity from NBN (which at the time referred to a television station and not the internet).

This led to the appointment of another teacher who decided that Bulahdelah was not for her and refused the offer. Consequently, with lots of string pulling from Betty Bramble, I acquired the position and from there on it was history.

I have taught from K-6 Primary classes in my time, but my favourites have always been Years 2 and 3/4.

Things were done a little differently in those days. There were fewer forms and formalities. In Betty's office was "*The Bickie Tin*". From this bottomless pit of funds came cash for small everyday needs around the place. If a child forgot his lunch you would just get cash from "*The Bickie Tin*" etc.

Betty was often the recipient of bunches of flowers brought in by a particular student. She always said she knew he had stolen them from gardens on the way to school that morning. She nonetheless accepted them graciously.

One year my class of Year 4 students spent a year in a demountable near the secondary music room. It was a very memorable year. We had the run of the verandas and the grassed area under a beautiful Bauhinia tree which was covered in flowers when in season. It was a magic place under which to have our daily read. Sadly it is no longer there.



Kathy Ottignon pictured 2nd from left in 1st row - 1982

The same year we were studying the early Australian explorers. We wrote letters of our exploits to folks back home. Of course we had to make the letters look well-travelled so we dirtied the edges and I set fire to some of the corners resulting in lots of stomping on flaming letters on the concrete and needing a few re-writes. I don't know how we thought the letters would be delivered from the wilds of central Australia. Maybe by pigeon!

That year, as in previous years, there were out of uniform days. One little girl wore a T-shirt with 'Babe' emblazoned on the front. I happened to mention to her that "Darling, wasn't Babe a pig?" If looks could kill!

Again in the same year there were two boys in the class from different cultures. They often called each other dreadful names, but if anyone else dared to do the same they would stick together against all others.

Another year I really enjoyed was a group of Year 2 students known collectively as 'The Monsters'. Anything less monster-like would be hard to imagine!

Having been at the school for so long I started to get the children of some of my previous students in my class. I remember one mother was totally devastated when told that her daughter had glued together the covers of all the books in the writing tray. I thought privately it was hilarious and showed a bit of creativity, but mum was not amused. As I had taught her mother previously and she had been good friends with my daughter I mentioned that she had been no angel in her time either.

I always consoled worried parents by saying that all children turn back into *'real people'* eventually.

I remember many school concerts and percussion performances. Some highlights were repetitions of *'Old MacDonald Had a Car'* and a great rendition by my Stage 2 class of the song *'Horror Movie'*.

At school discos all the younger students wanted to do was slide around the floor and see how much food they could consume.

When you deal with children you have many laughs but also sad moments when things happen that are beyond the control of families. I still have to smile when I look back on the many years when school was a major part of my life. *Kathy Ottignon* 





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In 2018, Bulahdelah Central School will be celebrating 150 years of quality teaching public education. As part of the celebrations we will be creating a commemorative garden with these pavers as the border. This is your opportunity to purchase a personalised paver to acknowledge your time at Bulahdelah Central School.



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Nancye Ireland - Ex teacher I came to Bulahdelah School at the beginning of 1970. Mr Bill Miller was headmaster at the time and the school only went as far as Fourth Form (Year 10). It was the only school at which I ever taught because I only trained after my 3 children were

at an independent age. Indeed, Kay (Smith) was still a pupil of the school at the time. This fact caused some merriment because she insisted on calling me 'mum'! I must note that I also taught Carolyn Barry who was to go on to become my daughter-in-law.

I began teaching Science, but soon changed to maths which was my favourite subject, but alas, not the favourite subject of most of my pupils.

I am reluctant to admit how much time has changed our expectations of our school students. When I first began my teaching career, the class used to stand when I entered the room and said 'Good Morning'. I always have thought that it was a mark of respect one for the other, but younger teachers did not approve of the practice and it ultimately died. I really enjoyed teaching and remember many of my students. Some were talented and found school work easy, some were not as talented, but worked very hard to make the most of their ability - I really admired them. There were some who found the whole experience far too difficult and some determined to upset the system at any opportunity. On the whole, girls coped with the school system better than boys. I would be very happy to see many more apprenticeships, mainly for boys but also for girls who are not suited to more academic pursuits.

I have been most fortunate to see many of my ex students continue into their later lives. I have seen some marry and have children of their own, those children (and grandchildren) are now students at a much bigger Central School. I also have a sadness for some who died much too early.

I taught with a lot of other teachers and enjoyed a friendly relationship with them all, especially Diane Burns and Don Lansdowne who were on the staff all the time I was there.

I do hope that the school has a very happy celebration at the end of the year. *Nancye Ireland* 



Nancy Ireland pictured 2nd from left in 2nd row - 1979

#### **Changes Through the Years**

Naturally the shape of the town has changed down through the century. Originally Crawford Street was the main street of Bulahdelah. In the late 1870's, the first Bank of Australasia opened for business. Next to this was our first post office. The School of Arts, which has always stood in Crawford Street, was rebuilt in the 1920's.

The reason for the shifting of the main business centre to Stroud Street can be found in the construction of the bridge, which was originally intended closer to where Newman's wharf stands giving immediate access to Crawford Street. Several anonymous people wanted the bridge to lead immediately into Stroud Street, and, by devious means, the Government contractor was persuaded to change the position of the bridge.

The butter factory overlooking the river at the end of Jackson Street, and the milk barges, have disappeared. The Boxing Day barge, loaded with people, picnic baskets, a piano and pleasure, no longer floats down the river to Mungo Brush, but is a pleasant memory in the smiles of all those who travelled on it. *100th Centenary Booklet* 



Bulahdelah Bowling Club Time: 6:00pm for 6:30pm Dinner

Bookings are essential, limited seats. Tickets are \$30 each and will be on sale till Monday, 3rd September. Tickets are only available from Bulahdelah Central School. If you are purchasing a number of tickets we will need the following details:

From

Name:	

Maiden Name:

School Year:

To



# CHRIS HOARE CUP

Gloucester High School made the trip to the Jack Ireland Sports ground this year, where Bulahdelah put on a splendid show of weather for the Annual Chris Hoare Cup. After the event was postponed due to weeks of rain, with the sports ground sodden at the end of last Term. This alternate date provided a dry ground and a great day for participants and community spectators.

Our SRC (Student Representative Council) and the MC (Multi Category) class, led by the very capable Nicole Depater at the BBQ hot plate, worked well together to provide sausage sandwiches, and cold drinks to the flanks of sports people and supporters.

The day kicked off in Bulahdelah's favour with our Under 15 Girls Soccer team securing a dream result against their fierce counterparts. This Bulahdelah team has strengthened over the years with many of the players playing in the town soccer competition. Amber Cunningham set the pace, scoring the first goal. Raylee Kierens was on the attack, scoring the second goal. Gloucester didn't stand a chance with Emma-Rose Carruthers as the stopper, creating a brick wall you couldn't get past. With Amber scoring a third goal, we arrived at the final end result of 3-1 to Bulahdelah.



Regrettably we weren't so lucky in the boys soccer this year, Gloucester simply proved to be too strong. However, it is important to mention memorable performances by Bailey Middleton who lead the attack and the good job done by our goal keeper Josh Little who did pull off some spectacular saves.



Unfortunately our Girls Touch Football team were no match for the highly polished Gloucester Open Girls team. The Gloucester team outshone us, but it was clear their team had been playing together for many years. However, our girls were heroic in their attempts and displayed solid sportsmanship qualities in the wake of defeat. This can be said of all our Bulahdelah School students. The players were gracious in their victories and defeats, both on and off the field. Even though we had injuries inflicted on our players and some results that didn't go our way, it was the display of sincere sportsmanship from our Bulahdelah students that was the most noticeable and commendable on the day.



We started the day well with an outstanding performance from our highly polished, well-oiled, try scoring, Under 14s Rugby League team. Even though the Gloucester boys proved to be hard hitters, they simply could not even get a single point on the board. The team worked extremely well together, with many of the players, Tommy Keen, Khye Brown and Tyson Haenschke scoring tries. Zachary Watt scored two tries for us, with the remaining of the ten tries in total being scored by Angus Devon and Billy Watt, who played exceptionally.

Our Open Boys Rugby League team unfortunately proved unsuccessful against the Gloucester boys from the bush. The Gloucester team was mainly made up of senior students, contrary to our slightly more junior based side. Our team was spirited, tough and committed, with many playing with niggling injuries, but simply could not rattle Gloucester's strong defence.

The Chris Hoare Cup trophy itself was presented graciously by Jenny and Steve Hoare, to Gloucester with the most wins from various events on the day.

A special and most honourable mention, of our very own John Barry (General Assistant) and a friend of BCS and member of the Tea Gardens Hawks Rugby League Club, Neil Reynolds the day would not have run without their unexpected involvement. Both these great blokes had the opportunity to display their inexhaustible sporting prowess when they rose to the occasion, replacing our referee, who had to pull out at the last minute. The gentlemen were energetic, fair and spoke highly of the students *'sportsmanship'* which they witnessed firsthand on the field.

Thank you John Barry for your assistance on the field. Thank you so very much Neil Reynolds for his hard work on the field. This is also extended to the other members of the Hawks Rugby League Club who supported our players by attending urgently to injuries inflicted on the field.

A huge thank you also to Mr Oakley, John Barry and Dave Sibert for transporting and organising equipment. The teachers, Ms Chapman, Mr Oakley, Ms Smith, Mr Kinnear, Mr Kelly and Mr McCann, for their time spent coaching and refereeing various sporting teams. Thank you to Sheryl Barry for assisting in organising the catering.

We also appreciate Steve and Jenny Hoare's involvement on the day along with the community members who took the time out to come and support our local teams. Last, but certainly not least thank you to the Gloucester teams for travelling and providing such quality competition. *Michaela Sawtell* - *Chris Hoare Cup Co-ordinator* 





#### **Work Experience**

Year 10 students have been participating in the optional Work Experience program during the year. Most recently Caitlyn Swain spent a week with Lisa at Myall Hair and Beauty in Bulahdelah learning all about hairdressing and what it's like to work in a salon. Caitlyn has also realised the education and training required and lots of other 'behind the scenes' tasks the customers don't always see. Many thanks to local employers who invest their time and expertise to give students an invaluable hands-on opportunity in the world of work. Well done Caitlyn!



#### **Future Options Careers Expo**

Last week saw over 40 students in Years 9-12 travel to Chatham High School in Taree to attend the annual Future Options Careers Expo that was organised by our local network of Careers Advisers including Ms Drenkhahn (President).

Over 60 exhibitors attend each year, and include a variety of universities in NSW, both public and private, UAC (Universities Admissions Centre), TAFE, Defence, NSW Police, Australian Apprenticeship Centres and Group Training providers, private colleges such as AUVAIR, accommodation options such as Iglu (Sydney) and student support services such as Homebase and Mid Coast Connect. It was an ideal opportunity for motivated students to speak directly with representatives of these institutions and collect current brochures full of current information. *Linda Drenkhahn - Careers Advisor* 





On Thursday, 2nd August BCS held our annual World Cup Soccer day, which was organised and ran by the Year 11 SLR (Sport, Leisure & Recreation) class. Eighty students from Years 7 to 12 were put into 8 teams representing Italy, Ghana, Brazil, Spain, Portugal, Australia, Liberia and Croatia. Teams played a round-robin competition and then knockout finals until a winning team was decided. After some very close games, Brazil and Portugal made it through to the World Cup Final. In a hard fought and dramatic game, Brazil emerged victorious after a tense penalty shoot-out.

The Brazilian team consisted of the following players: Kynan Barclay, Hunter Bramble, Guy Armstrong, Blake Richardson, Seleana Murphy, Brooke Towers, Bella McNamee, Harry Cole and Sophia Stubbs Each of these players received a soccer ball as a reward for winning the World Cup. Balls were also presented to the best and fairest players on the day;

Georgia McKillop-Davies, Tyler Manefield, Bailey Middleton, Maddison Hurtado.

Congratulations to these players and to all the students who competed with such enthusiasm and effort throughout the day. *Bob McCann - World Cup Soccer Organiser* 







#### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER:

#### Only for the Very Young Picture books are often seen as literary baby food, the stuff we feed

children until they have the teeth to eat real food. I would argue, however, that picture books are not baby food. They are not just for young children. In fact, I would argue that picture books are perhaps the most important literary format that we have. Here are 10 reasons why:

1. They are the first books that children fall in love with that turn children into lifetime readers. Lifetime readers become lifetime learners. Lifetime learners become lifetime contributors.

2. Picture book language is often more sophisticated than the first chapter books that children read, and therefore an excellent way for children to learn language. It is here that children, and others, can learn vocabulary, imagery, rhythm, shape, structure, conciseness and emotional power.

**3.** The picture book is the most flexible of all literary formats. You can do almost anything in a picture book. This flexibility encourages creativity, in both writer and reader. It broadens the mind, and the imagination. Given today's challenges, we desperately need more creativity, broadened minds and imagination.

4. The picture book, with its interaction between text and illustration, with its appeal that the reader analyse that interaction, helps develop visual intelligence. It helps us look for meaning in the visual. And since most of us are surrounded by, and inundated by visual images our whole lives, visual intelligence is an important skill.

5. Some of the best art being created today is found in picture books. Picture books are a great resource for art education.

**6.** The picture book appeals to more learning styles than any other format. It is read out loud for audible learners. It is written and illustrated for visual learners. It often asks you to interact with it physically for 'hands-on' learners.

7. In fact, the picture book, of all formats, is probably the best format for teaching an idea and getting a point across. Because picture books are short, all messages, knowledge, ideas expressed in a picture book must be boiled down to their essence. They must be presented in a way that is impossible to misunderstand. If you want to learn a difficult subject, start with a picture book. If you want to express a powerful message, a picture book is one of the most powerful media for doing so, as they say 'a picture paints a thousand words'. Many middle, upper grade and even university instructors have recognised the value of using picture books in their teaching.

8. The picture book does more than any other literary format for bonding people one with another. As a child is read to, by a parent, grandparent, teacher or a librarian, extremely important connections are made, bonds are formed, generations are brought together.

**9.** The picture book also has the broadest possible age range of audience. Few four-year-olds will appreciate a novel, but many grandparents enjoy a good picture book. I have read picture books for upwards of an hour to groups including toddlers, teens, parents and grandparents, where all were engaged.

**10.** The picture book is short, and can fit easily into the nooks and crannies of our lives. Five minutes here, 10 minutes there, plenty of time for a complete literary experience.

#### **Overall:**

- Picture books are poetry, adventure, imagination, language, interaction, precision, and so much more.
- \* Picture books are not books that children should be encouraged to 'graduate' from.
- \* Picture books have something important to say, they give to all ages and all generations.
- \* Picture books are not just books for young children. They are books for everybody.
- For you as adults, reading a picture book may take you away from the ordinary events that occur every day in our lives for even a just a moment.

So take time to read a picture book. What do you think? Some of my favourites are:





A story of friendship, loyalty, risk and betrayal.



A story of animal cruelty by people.



NSW now!



A story to cope with the death of a loved one



#### MYALL COAST LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE 2018/19 SEASON

Join us for a Parent Meet and Greet

When: Thursday, 16th August Where: Tea Gardens Country Club (Café area)

Time: 6:30pm

This is a great chance to meet the Committee and other parents before the season begins on Monday, 15th October 2018. Let's talk through all the questions you have about our:

- \* Competition nights.
- Registration including new early bird, registration bonus offer & how to redeem your Active Kids vouchers.
- \* Uniform requirements.
- Volunteer/sponsorship/fundraising Opportunities.
- Regional/state competitions.
- Coaching plus more!

For all other enquiries please call Melisa Brown 0457 671 400

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#### SCHOOL CANTEEN CONTACT DETAILS

The School Canteen contact number has changed anyone wishing to contact the canteen will now need to call the school number 49974329 and you will be transferred to the canteen.





#### **PRIMARY PUBLIC SPEAKING RESULTS:**

Our Primary Department held their Public Speaking competition during Education Week Thursday, 9th August. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participated in the competition. Each of the stage divisions were represented by a group of grand finalists. To reach the final round of competition, students had already competed within their class and then against other classes within their stage.

Congratulations are extended to all of our grand finalists and to the winners on the day. Carol Wills - Primary Teacher







POSITION	NAME	ΤΟΡΙΟ
EARLY STAGE 1		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sebastian Chatfield	My Holiday to Bali
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mia Garemyn	My Pets
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Josiah Reitsma	Penguins
STAGE 1		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ruby Dibley	Penguins
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jada Hall	School
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fenix Roller	My Devon Calf
STAGE 2		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Aiden Miles	Nanna's Rules
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Henry O'Connell	Dreamworld
3rd	Charlie Matheson	The Best Christmas Present Ever
STAGE 3		
Equal 1 <sup>st</sup>	Elise Miles	If I Were a Mind Reader
Equal 1 <sup>st</sup>	Nate Reitsma	Stuff
3rd	Caily Aberhart	Why You Would and Wouldn't Want to be Me





If you're 14 - 24, we need your help!

We're developing a Youth Strategic Plan, and while we're still young-at-heart, our plan will lack meaning and relevance unless we capture the ideas, opinions and concerns of local young people.

The first step involves a survey which takes around 30 minutes to complete. Make sure your voice is heard by heading online before 31 August, to take the survey. Visit

https://unesurveys.au1.gualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_egufxfh3T55XGgl

or scan the QR code.

For more info visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/ vouthink



Help us support our local youth by telling us what youthink Input from parents/guardians also welcome.

midcoast.nsw.gov.au

MidCoast Council have partnered with the University of New England to conduct a region wide consultation of young people, parents, community members and service providers to inform the development of a Youth Strategic Plan. The survey will encourage participants to reflect on the experience of being a young person living in the MidCoast Council LGA (including parents and the wider community's perceptions). Surveys will close on Friday, 31st August and more information can be found at www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/vouthink.



Friends Day Friday, 26th October



## Sunday, 9th September, 2018

### 10:00am till 3:30pm

Please come and help assist our struggling Aussie Farmers. Entertainment for the whole family.

Live Music

Stalls

#### Raffles

Face Painting Beauty Shop Novelty Events/Games for the Kids Guessing Competition Closest to the Pin Car Show 'n' Shine & Swap Meet BBQ Steak & Snag Sandwiches, cold drinks available at the canteen \*Please No Alcohol or Glass\*

## FREE ENTRY

## Children under 16 are now legally allowed to ride on footpaths in NSW.

As students return from the winter holidays, many teenagers will no longer have to navigate traffic on busy roads while riding their bikes to school.

Children aged up to 16-years-old are now legally allowed to ride on footpaths.

This change is also a great opportunity to discuss the rights and responsibilities of riding on the footpath, consideration for others and the dangers of driveways.

Encourage your students to discuss why this change has occurred - what are the benefits and issues for pedestrians.

The level of assertiveness and aggression that is needed to hold a steady path as a NSW bike rider on the roads is not something a 13-16-year-old can do.

Coogee MP Bruce Notley-Smith, a Liberal, campaigned internally for the reform and lobbied ministers for the age limit to be lifted to 18-yearsold.

He welcomed the new regulations, which came into effect on Friday, 20th July, but said he would continue to push for the restrictions to be relaxed further to include adults "in certain circumstances". Under the current changes, only adults supervising children under 16 years are also permitted to use footpaths.

Mr Notley-Smith took up the issue after one of his constituents, Callum Gordon, started an online petition which quickly gathered thousands of signatures.

With Mr Gordon's help, Mr Notley-Smith created a video to promote their campaign for the regulatory change, which was viewed over 30,000 times, "The support was overwhelming," Mr Notley-Smith said. "I knew that we would get the support, I just had to demonstrate it to the minister."

Mr Gordon said he was really pleased that his daughter Macy, who turned 12 in April, would no longer be breaking the law when she cycles to school on the footpath this week.

"I am aware the police would never have charged her, but it sent a really strong anti-cycling message to people and actively discouraged our children forming a healthy habit," he said.

Roads Minister Melinda Pavey said the government agreed to raise the age limit to 16 to help keep children safe "until they are better equipped to deal with riskier road environments".

In the five years to 2017, two children under 16 were killed while cycling on NSW roads and 1,770 were seriously injured. *Sydney Moring Herald 21st July,* 





Saturday, 22nd September School Activities & Dinner at Bowling Club Sunday, 23rd September

P&C Meeting: Wednesday, 12th September

Next Newsletters for Term 3: 27th August; 10th, 24th September

End of Term 3: 28th September

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"A well prepared and engaging teacher is a catalyst... a spark that creates the desire to learn in our students."

Robert John Meehan

