

#### Value of the Week

**Respect.** We respect the rights of others, ourselves & the school in an environment of harmony & personal responsibility. Do you respect yourself, respect others and take responsibility for your own actions?

#### School Calendar October

Years 9-10 ISTEM Dragster Challenge Day

25 Kinder Orientation

**26** K-6 Day for Daniel

#### **November**

2 K-12 Grandparent's & Friend's Day

13 Year 12 Formal

16 K-2 Bulahdelah Show Year 7 Reward Day -Hunter Valley Zoo

#### December

4 Year 7 Orientation

**6-7** Years 11&12 Study Camp Toukley

14 K-6 Primary Assembly

17 7-12 Secondary Assembly



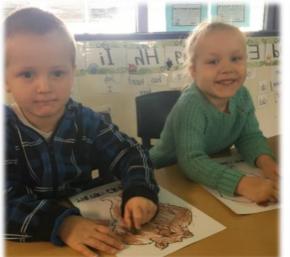
Meetings are held at BCS every second Wednesday of the month at 3:45pm. Next meetings are:

> 7th November 12 December



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

Welcome to Term 4! This will be a term of many changes our first being our new Principal, Mr George

Frangos, will take up the position on Monday, 22nd October. I am sure you will join me in congratulating and welcoming Mr Frangos to our school.



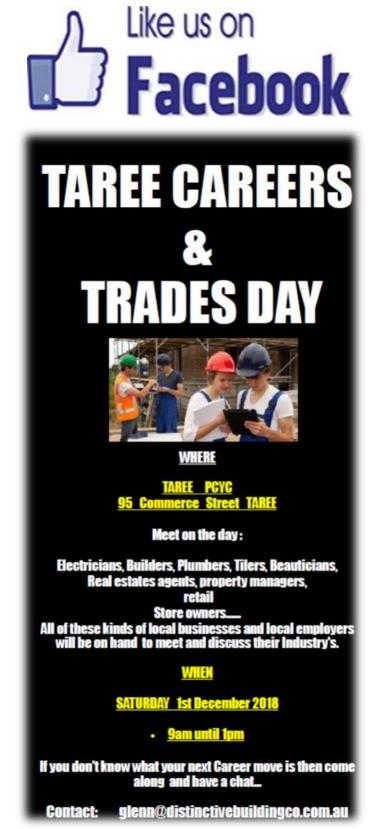
With the shuffle of staff to their substantive roles within the school, I would personally like to thank Mr Jones and Ms Cunich for their commitment and willingness to take on higher duties. They have both exceeded in all aspects; fulfilling the challenges of working in higher duties, clearly demonstrating their commitment to lifelong learning and our school community.

Last week the HSC examinations commenced. I would like to wish our senior students the very best for their exams and thank our staff for preparing them. We await their results at the end of the term.

Just a reminder that a change also is pending for our secondary students.

Following our Vertical Senior Curriculum, all secondary students will be moving to the next year level and starting their coursework on Monday, 19th November.

I am also advertising for Short Courses for Term 4. If you would like to offer a short course or attend one, please keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details. *Deb Gilbert* 



## PARENTING MASTERCLASS

#### MIDCOAST COUNCIL AND MISSION AUSTRALIA PRESENT



#### Keeping children and young people safe in an online world

An informative and entertaining sessions for parents and carers is delivered with Susan's famous 'no-nonsense' approach and will cover the positive benefits of technology, as well as what parents need to be are of.

#### What are kids doing online?

You know Facebook, Twitter, snapchat, Instagram and Skype but what about Omegle, Musically, Yubo, melon or KiK? These other apps are also used as live streaming sites. What are the age restrictions and why are they important? What are they exposed to and why can this be a problem?

#### **Online Grooming**

What is it and when/how does it occur? What are the warning signs and what to do if you suspect this is happing to your child?

#### Cyber bullying

What it is, where it happens., what it loks like, how to prevent it and what to d if it occurs? Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.

#### Sharing nudes and sexting

The taking and sending of explicit images. The social and emotional consequences as well as the Law.

#### Potential dangers and safety tips

How to assist the children in your care to stay safe online via parental controls and restriction pass codes.

Problematic Internet use and faming issues



Susan
McLean
Australia's
premost expert
n cyber safety
or children and



Also featuring a live Q&A with local young people and a pop up resource library courtesy of MidCoast Libraries

> BYO device for hands-on support

When: Thursday, 29th November

Where: Club Taree, 121 Wingham Road, Taree

Start: 5:00pm registration (light refreshments)

Close: 8:00pm Cost: Free Register: https://

www.stickytickets.com.au/70287 More information: (02) 6539 2003





#### **REL. DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:**

## End of course examinations/ assessments

Students will be concluding

assessments in all of their subjects over the next few weeks. This will present as either a final course examination or an assessment task. Teachers will also be finalising their end of year reports for each student and these will be completed and provided to students in November. A reminder that on Monday, 19th November the new academic year commences for all secondary students. This means that all students effectively 'go up' a year. Year 10 students that enter Year 11 are expected to have their white shirt organised as part of their senior student uniform. If this is not possible students can continue to wear the junior uniform shirt until their senior uniform can be

#### Attendance reward excursion

organised.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, I will be providing an attendance reward excursion for students in Years 8, 9 and 10. At the end of week 3 student attendance data will be reviewed to establish students that are eligible for this 95% attendance or above reward excursion. Eligible students will be provided with a permission note for the excursion to Forster and will have until Tuesday, 13th November to return the permission note and money to the school office.

This is my final newsletter item for the time being as relieving Deputy Principal. It has been a great experience working in this role in the school for the past 14 months. I would specifically like to thank Mrs Gilbert for her strong and dedicated leadership throughout this time and also her ongoing support for me whilst in this role. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the SASS office administration staff. After working with them closely in the main office I have gained a further appreciation of the amazing work they do to assist teachers, students, parents/carers and our community each day. Warren Jones

#### **School Matters!**



## Junior Referee of the Year Zac Fletcher (Bulahdelah Central School)



On Saturday, 22nd September Zac's family attended a Presentation night for Football Mid North Coast where Zac was awarded 2018 Junior Referee of the Year.

Zac officiated in his third season this year and made the progression into the senior ranks. He centred 6 Ladies matches early in the season along with various WPL (Women's Premier League) and NPL (National Premier League) games. Zac was always available to officiate junior games on a Saturday morning in Bulahdelah before he would then travel to afternoon senior appointments. Zac was an Assistant Referee for 6 Premier League fixtures during the year, and centred 2 Men's League matches, performing well on both occasions. He also was an Assistant Referee on the Southern Men's Grand Final and finished his season with a centre in the U15 Zone Championship match on the 15th of September. Congratulations on a great year Zac, look forward to seeing you progress further into senior appointments in season 2019. Karina Fletcher







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Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

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As we LOVE books so much, parents who place their Issue 7 order via LOOP will have the opportunity to select a FREE book to help keep their children reading over holidays.

While we're speaking of gift-giving, we're so excited that on Issue 7 we have turned on our Gift Function in LOOP!

The Gift Function allows parents to place a separate order as a surprise gift for their child. Items marked as a gift will be delivered to your school, along with all your other Book Club orders. They will be marked accordingly as a gift (not gift wrapped), so they can be set aside at the school office for parents to collect.





A formal graduation assembly was held at the end of Term 3 to mark the final day of school for our Year 12 Class of 2018. Proud parents, invited guests, staff and students attended the special ceremony, which was a celebration of achievements, determination and friendships.

During the assembly, the HSC Drama class performed their group play.

The Matt Smith Award winner, Catharine Nolan-Slattery performed one of her HSC songs, "Dear Mr President". What a stirring performance.

Major awards were also presented which recognised commitment, excellence and leadership across many areas.

To conclude, special guest, Doctor David Gillespie presented each of the students with their academic certificates and portfolios.

We wish the Class of 2018 all the best for their HSC examinations over the next few weeks and look forward to seeing them all at the Year 12 Formal, Tuesday 13th November. *Brent Smith - Year Adviser* 

## **Award Recipients:**













# Congratulations







## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER:

Spelling Rulz

As an old children's song goes "I can spell cat, c-a-t; I can spell mat, m-

a-t; I can spell dog, d-o-g; but I can't spell hippopotamus!" More than often, in the classroom, teachers hear "how do I spell this or that?"

Spelling is an exceptionally important tool for writing. Reading, writing and spelling are all interconnected. Readers and writers are constantly building up images of how words look within books and the environment.

Good spellers are resourceful. When they notice that a word does not look right, they experiment and substitute other letters. Find the word in a book, the environment, the dictionary, ask someone, or even use spell check. (Although spell check is only successful if you roughly know how the word looks when spelling it, in the first place or it is not a homophone, e.g. to, two or too).

Our children constantly need encouragement to use words they cannot necessarily spell. Spelling should not be a deterrent for writing. This morning I was working with a Stage 2 student who wanted to use the word 'hypnotise' in her writing. Unsure of how to spell the word she asked me to spell it for her. My reply was for her to 'have ago' first. The result was 'hypnotize'. What a fantastic effort - showing me as an educator that this young student can hear sounds in words, has knowledge of common spelling patterns and can chunk words into syllables in order to attempt to spell unknown words. After letting her know the strategies I had observed, making her a speller in her own right, the smile exuded the confidence that I needed to build within her. Let's face it, it is desirable for our children to become independent spellers, rather than to rely on us to spell words they don't know.

#### What are school year expectations?

Kindergarten, should be able to recognise the letters and sounds within the alphabet; write high frequency words, e.g. at, in, boy and write CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words such as cat, dog, lit etc.

Years 1 and 2 spell high frequency words, e.g. went, there; see small words within big words, e.g. cowboy= cow+boy; blend sounds, e.g. spl, str, sh, ch; recognise silent letters, e.g. the *b* in lamb, the *k* in knife; recognise letter clusters, e.g. *ee*, *ea*, *ai*, *er*, *ay*; and recognise prefixes and suffixes that can be added to words, e.g. 'de' as decompose, 'er' as in faster.

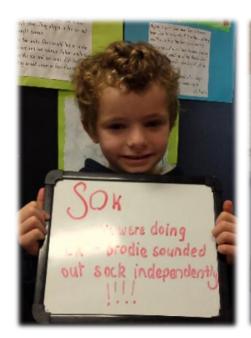
Years 3 and 4 spell nearly all high frequency words; uses most letter combinations including double letters, letter patterns and sound sequences to spell unknown words; and become familiar with the various ways of representing a particular sound in writing, e.g. meat, meet, metre.

Years 5 and 6 use a variety of strategies to spell multisyllabic words, e.g. disregarding; use known base words to spell new words, e.g. heal-healthy, sign-signature and develop a knowledge of less common letter patterns and spelling generalisations/rules, e.g. rough and bough, 'i' before 'e' except after 'c'; and edit their work by competently using spell check and a dictionary. By the time your children reach secondary school, it is assumed that they should be able to spell or attempt to spell most words.

#### What can you do to help with spelling?

- Draw attention to words in the environment and in books your read, e.g. 'Look at those two words. They are nearly the same except for the letter in the middle; This is a long word; That word is French; Those words rhyme; That word has three syllables in it.'
- Play games with spelling in it, e.g. Scrabble, crosswords, making words from number plates, letters in your name to make new words etc.
- Play word games, e.g. I Spy; What's the opposite of; what rhymes with, etc.
- Point out unusual words in the books you read together.
- Look for words in the environment.
- Show that you care about spelling. Ask 'who knows how to spell...' and write it down.

Children learn to spell by writing and noticing words when they read. So come on, make reading and writing an integral part of your child's day and encourage them to 'have ago'. *Debbie Booth* 





Brodie (left) demonstrating hearing sounds in words. Sebastian (right) showing some high frequency words he can write independently.



**Primary Captains for 2019** 

### **Timetable for Voting**

- Week 2. Nominations due back on Friday, 26th October.
- Week 4. Primary Leadership Advisory
   Committee meeting with Primary Staff.
   Endorsement of standing candidates on Tuesday,
   6th November and interviews with the Primary
   Leadership Advisory Committee.
- Week 5. Speeches delivered at assembly on Monday, 12th November. Voting on Tuesday, 13th November.
- **Week 6.** Nominations published in the newsletter, Monday, 19th November.
- Week 9. The 2019 Captains (2) and Vice-Captains (2) announced at Primary end-of-year assembly, Friday, 14th December.

Rod Pye - Primary Teacher



#### PRIMARY ASSEMBLEY TERM 4

Week 5: Monday, 12th November

Week 9: Friday, 14th December (Primary Presentation Day)



Bulahdelah Central School is very excited to begin our Kindergarten Orientation Program to welcome our incoming 2019 enrolments. This is a nurturing way to get your child ready for starting school and will commence with our current Kindergarten students visiting the Preschool on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> September (9:30am – 10:30am).

We will be having five consecutive sessions in Term 4, designed to help transition future students by familiarising them with fellow students, the school environment and slowly introducing them to staff and school routines. These sessions will take place in the Kindergarten classroom at Bulahdelah Central School.

Session 2 Thursday, 25th October
 Session 3 Thursday, 1st November
 Session 4 Wednesday, 7th November
 Session 5 Thursday, 15th November (Teddy's Bear Picnic)

All sessions will be from 9:30am to 10:30am. Your child will also need to bring a hat, drink bottle and a Teddy Bear to the picnic.

An information session for parents and carers will be on our last orientation session (Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am to 10:30am). This will take place in the school library. During this session, parents and carers can discuss any concerns they may have about their child starting school.

We look forward to getting to know our future students and their families.

If you have any questions regarding orientation you can contact Mrs Hayley Nicholson, Kindergarten Teacher and Relieving Assistant Principal, at Bulahdelah Central School.



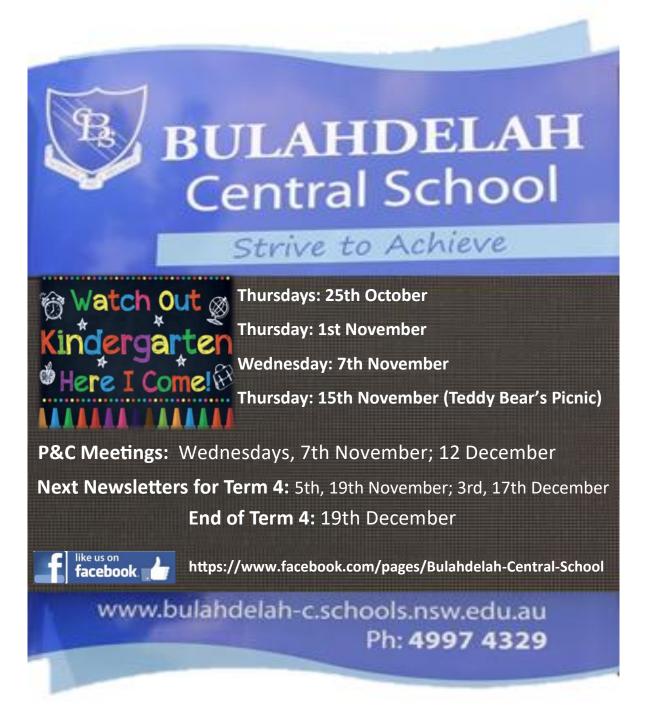




Grandparents & Friends Day Friday, 2nd November



Canteen Meal Deals Term 4		
Monday	Chicken & Cheese Vol au Vent	\$6.00
Tuesday	Chicken Tender & Brown Rice Salad \$6.50	
Wednesday	Pizza	\$5.00
Thursday	Noodle Salad	\$5.00
Friday	Schnitzel Burger	\$6.00
	Meals must be ordered by 9:00am	-



# "The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."

BB King





