

Value of the Week

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School Calendar

December

- 4** Year 7 Orientation
- 13** Years 9&10 iStem - Fighter World
- 14** K-6 Primary Presentation Day Assembly
- 17** 7-12 Secondary Presentation Day Assembly



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

Next meeting is:
12th December



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BULAHDELAH SHOW!





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Attendance and absences

Parents/Carers must ensure their children attend school every day.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- Being sick or having an infectious disease.
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment.
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstances, e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents/Carers must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day time frame, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

School Uniform

At Bulahdelah Central School our school uniform is very important and students wear it with PRIDE. It was interesting speaking to students about their thoughts about wearing a school uniform. Some of the responses included: *"it's convenient, you don't have to worry about what to wear"*, *"it identifies you have PRIDE in yourself and the school"*, *"you are not judged by what you wear"*.

What are the benefits of school uniforms?

They are:

- Defining an identity for the school within its community.
- Developing students' sense of belonging to the school community.
- Providing an opportunity to build school spirit.
- Enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities.
- Promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity.
- Reinforcing the awareness of the school as an ordered and safe environment.
- Increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school.
- Promoting positive community perceptions of the school.
- Eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear fashionable and expensive clothing. *George Frangos*



BCS UNIFORM PRICE LIST 2018

ITEM	SIZE	TOTAL COST
SCHOOL SHIRTS		
School Shirt - LW Reid		\$30.00
Senior School Shirt (white)		\$30.00
SPORTS UNIFORM		
Sport Shirt		\$25.00
Sport Shorts		\$25.00
JUMPERS		
Hooded Jumpers		\$45.00
PRIMARY		
Primary Check Shift		\$50.00
Primary Hats		\$10.00
Navy Unisex Shorts		\$20.00
SAFETY GEAR & CALCULATORS		
Apron		\$10.00
Safety Glasses		\$6.00
Calculators		\$25.00
ART BOOKS		
Art/ Photography Books		\$10.00

P&C MINUTES :

Meeting Opened: 3:46pm 21st November

Previous Minutes:

Accepted: Helen Seconded: Belinda

Business Arising:

- Short courses – Term 1.
- Blinds – 1st quote done with errors.
- Christmas Catalogues – In office for collection.
- Grandparents' & Friends Day – Success, hot day.
- Shopping Trip – Organise for 2019 July?

Agenda:

Deputy Principal's Report – Deb Gilbert:

- New Timetable – Started on Monday.
- HSC Exams – Great report from Presiding Officer.
- Kindy Orientation went well.
- Year 7 Orientation – 4th December 2018.

Principal's Report – Deb Gilbert:

- Thank you to those involved in Kindy Orientation.
- Staffing.
- Primary AP, hopefully advertised this week.
- Relieving HT Science/Maths for Term 1.
- TAS, PDH, MC, Maths positions to be sorted/advertised.
- EOI will need to be advertised for Primary teachers and RFF.

Treasurer's Report:

We have not yet converted to Bendigo Bank as we used blue pen!

S14 \$7,964.

S21 \$4,942.95

Pending

\$3,000.00 Blinds.

\$350.00 Healthy Harold.

Bulahdelah Show – Belinda was on the gate and requested the donation goes to P&C.

General Business:

- Student behaviour – Maybe a Year 9 student on scooter behaving badly outside the school.
- Students at show, out of uniform. Students helped set up the entries, displays etc. Some on excursion K-2 & MC.
- Forster Fun Day – Small numbers of students.
- SRC Jackets – How are they going with it?

- P&C Minutes in newsletter? Can this happen?
- Question re; extension tasks in assessments – Parents to ring staff.
- N Award Letters – Not accurate information, letter sent out 6 weeks after the due date. Creates anxiety at home. Monitoring – subject was not listed as a concern.
- Cooling fans for hall – George is following this up but is worried about the noise.
- New Academic Year – Do we want new books? Up to individual teachers.
- School Banking – Where is it up to? Refreshing for 2019, targeting Year 7 and Kindergarten.
- Exam Rosters – Need date.
- Year 6 – Graduation? Not what we do. What are we doing? Excursion?
- Congratulations for students' entries in the show.
- Certificate – Selection panel training.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 12th December

Meeting Closed: 4:35 pm



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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

Students and staff are settling into their new classes in the Secondary Department. They are setting new goals and are enjoying the challenges, choices and high expectations for the new 2019 academic year. Students are able to sample how their next year's classes will operate and have the school holidays to prepare homework and study programs, set goals and prepare routines for success.

150th Sesquicentennial Anniversary

Last week we celebrated the actual 150th anniversary of our school. While we acknowledged this major milestone with our community in September, we had the pleasure of a lower key event with our current students on Friday.

Staff and students enjoyed cake, a small assembly, a commemorative tree planting and were presented with a pen. *Deb Gilbert*







Madison Jego-Rolfe completed one week of work experience at Taronga Zoo in week 5. Applications for 2019 work experience at Taronga and Western Plains Zoo close at the end of February. For more information, Year 10 students should speak to Ms Drenkhahn, Careers Adviser.



MATT SMITH MEMORIAL CONCERT:



Plans are well-under way for this year's Matt Smith Memorial Concert which will be held following the Secondary Presentation Assembly on Monday, 17th December. The annual event is being organised by the Student Representative Council to honour the memory of 2011 BCS School Captain, Matthew Smith.

More than 50 students both past and present, staff and community members will perform during the two-hour event which will include instrumental performances, singing and dancing in recognition of Matt's talents and passion for Music and Drama.

As usual, a visit from Santa is bound to be one of the many highlights during the afternoon.

The concert will commence at 1:00pm in the school gym and parents and community members are most welcome to attend.

"The afternoon concert is always a lot of fun and a great way to finish the school year," Year 10 SRC member, Seleana Murphy said.

Matt Smith was a Year 12 student at BCS in 2011. He thoroughly enjoyed performing and played in many bands, both at school and out of school. Through his love of music, he developed many strong friendships with his peers and younger students. He was generous with his time and always supported other students in their performances.

Matt was also an excellent public speaker, a keen and capable student of Drama, a successful member of the Senior Debating Team and a talented writer. One of his proudest moments was being elected School Captain by his peers.

Matt's life was tragically taken in an accident in 2011. He will always be remembered for his commitment and talent in the creative arts, his good humour and leadership. *Wendy Parsons - Music Teacher*

YEAR

2018, spent their last days as Year 7 students at the Hunter Valley Zoo and Flip Out at Thornton. They enjoyed a keeper talk and up close encounters with a wombat, snake, crocodile and lizard, as well as feeding the white lions, emus and kangaroos. Afterwards, they enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch cooked by Mr Gladys and Mr Watt.



They spent the afternoon jumping on the trampolines and performing tricks at Flip Out.

Many thanks to Mr Gladys for driving the school bus and to Mr Watt for accompanying us on this excursion. *Linda Drenkhahn - Year 7 Advisor*



FORSTER FUN DAY:

Students from Years 8, 9 and 10 with 95% and above attendance over the designated weeks attended the Forster Fun Day excursion on Thursday, 15th November. This was a great way to mark the end of the students' previous year of academic study prior to commencing their new academic year in Week 5.

Mr Oakley and students travelled to Forster/Tuncurry and undertook Aqua Golf at Tuncurry and then swimming at the Forster Ocean Baths. The weather was perfect and everyone seemed to have a really enjoyable day.

Zac Watt was the MVP on the day, scoring not one, but two free buckets of balls at aqua golf thanks to his enthusiastic and accurate ball striking.

Another attendance reward excursion (this time to a different venue) will be offered for 95% and above attendance throughout all of Term 1 2019, the excursion to take place on the last day of term.

There is a very clear link between good school attendance rates and learning outcomes. Student attendance is monitored regularly and attendance reward incentives (such as the Forster Fun Day) have been shown to improve student attendance at school with net gains in student attendance.
Warren Jones - Head Teacher Wellbeing



Lilly Brown, Year 11, reconfirmed her place amongst Australia's top shooters after finishing second in the junior section of the National Single Action Shooting Championships recently held in Queensland.

Dressed in period clothing, the sharp-shooting Year 11 student who competes under the alias of 'Lethal Lilly', used a pistol, lever action rifle and a double barrel shotgun to knockdown 24 targets in each of the 12 Wild West themed stages in the competition. The overall winner was determined by speed and accuracy.

Lilly had 6 clean rounds, shooting all targets in the stages in the correct sequence. Her times were also impressive, taking just 30 seconds to shoot her best round.

Lilly is a member of the Gloucester Rifle Club and became involved in the sport many years ago after watching her father compete. She has since won numerous state and national titles including the CASS (Cowboy Action Shooting Society) Australian Shooter of the Year Award in 2015.



National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Information Afternoon for Families, Parents, Carers

Presented by: Tracey Winfer, Coordinator NDIS Transition. DoE

When: Thursday, 13th December

Time: 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Location: Student Support Centre – Bulahdelah Central School

Presentation will consist of:

- ◆ What is NDIS?
- ◆ How to access NDIS?
- ◆ Roles, responsibilities and obligations of schools, providers & parents.

There will also be time to ask Tracey any questions relating to NDIS.

Light refreshments will be available for those in attendance. Please contact Lisa Jago (Learning and Support Teacher) on 49974 329 if you are interested in attending and/or require further information.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new way of providing support for Australians with disability, their families and carers.

The NDIS will provide about 460,000 Australians under the age of 65 with a permanent and significant disability with the reasonable and necessary supports they need to live an ordinary life.

The NDIS gives all Australians peace of mind that if their child or loved one is born with or acquires a permanent and significant disability they will get the support they need.

The NDIS supports people with disability to build skills and capability so they can participate in the community and employment.

The NDIS helps people with disability to:

- Access mainstream services and supports.
- Access community services and supports.
- Maintain informal support arrangements.
- Receive reasonable and necessary funded supports.



**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER:**

Importance of Practical Skills

Over the past fortnight I have had the opportunity of visiting various Year 7 to 12 classes and I was most interested when I stopped in to see Year 7 completing a woodworking task with Mr Gladys. It was wonderful to see a mixture of male and female students working alongside each other, sanding, cutting, gluing, measuring and listening to the conversation of students engaged in their task. Whilst I am not that aged, I wished that I had had the opportunity to participate in practical woodworking tasks when I was at school, but alas ‘back in my day’ only girls did sewing and cooking and boys did woodwork, metalwork and technical design.

It got me thinking about how important these practical skills are in assisting to prepare our students for life beyond the school gate. It also allows students to apply their theoretical knowledge from other key learning areas to these more practical tasks. It also showed me how students take pride in their finished products and that sense of achievement.

Many top educational researchers believe that our students are generally sent into the world with plenty of education. Unfortunately most students have a lack of practical knowledge to help them navigate everyday life. As Technological and Applied Studies becomes one of the fastest growing learning areas in education, these researchers list the following advantages for our students. TAS allows students to:

- Consider design problems (usually the problems other people face).
- Develop a range of practical skills associated with modern industry.
- Develop an understanding of drawing as a method of communication.
- Work as a team to solve design problems.
- Develop an understanding of aesthetics and its role in the design of everyday items and architecture.
- Learn about functionality in design.
- Develop practical skills that aid them in everyday life.

- Learn the importance of budgeting when costing projects.
- Develop communication skills through designing and group work, and provides a framework for learning and formulating ideas.

I hope I’m not spoiling any Christmas surprises but below are some examples of the lovely boxes made by Year 7. Well done! *Debbie Booth*



Following on from my article on poetry in the last newsletter, here is some poetry written by Year 3/4 after reading the book “Fire” by Jackie French. I am very proud of these students and their efforts.

*Fire flickered
as blue sky disappeared.
Fire winding
like a black snake.
Fire brigade hosing fire down,
grieving people now safe and sound! by Charlize*

*Leaves lay limp,
singd and subdued.
Koala crawling
escaping the flickering fire.
Homes fell as chimneys still stood.
The helicopter hovered and poured
Death was left behind! by Preston*



Bee-Bots Create a Buzz in learning at BCS

It was great to see our students excited and engaged in learning.

Jody Mostyn - Librarian

Bee-Bots are an exciting programmable floor robot that BCS Primary students have been using during Library lessons this week. The Bee-Bots were recently purchased with funds raised from our annual Book Fair. They are perfect starting point for teaching control, directional language and programming to our younger students.

Kindergarten students loved programming the Bee Bots and learning about the life cycle of frogs at the same time. Students were required to program their Bee-Bot and it was good to see them developing their positional and directional language.

Students from Years 1 and 2 worked in small groups as they programmed their Bee-Bots through a series of challenge mats and obstacles. These activities required students to learn about sequencing and control, positional and directional language as well as learning how to detect and correct errors in their programs.



BULAHDELAH SHOW!



Kinder, Year 1, Year 2
and the Multi Category Classes
visit the Bulahdelah Show!



Once again, Bulahdelah Primary students made the annual visit to the Show. The weather was overcast and comfortable for our visit. Our school, the preschool and St Josephs wandered through the various attractions and pavilions which display students work. We also saw a performance by Captain Crackers which was a fun new experience for all of us.

The 'package combo' that our students are given allows many students to afford a visit to the Show and enjoy a community event. A Spiteri bus ride, free entry, sausage sandwich, drink and ice tube and a ride on the bumper cars, all for \$7 is great value.

Thank you to the Show Committee and in particular the Show Secretary, Mrs Bernadette Newton for organising the schools visit.

I would also like to thank the staff in the Show Canteen who supplied our food.

We all arrived back at School by 1:00pm, tired and inspired by our visit or maybe it was the \$5 lolly show bag that many students acquired.

Thank you to all the school staff and parents that made this visit a safe and enjoyable event.

We look forward to this annual event and the students really enjoy this fun excursion. The 2019 Bulahdelah Show will come quicker than we think. We can't wait! *Warren Gibbs - Primary Teacher*



BULAHDELAH SHOW STUDENTS' NIGHT:

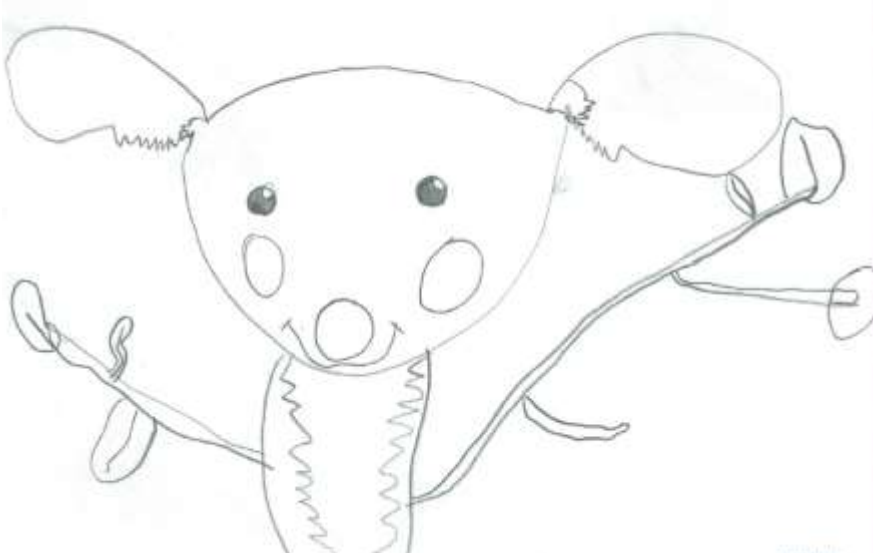
On Wednesday, 7th November, the students' night for the Bulahdelah Show was held in the Mervyn Richards Pavilion. Students from Bulahdelah Central, Tea Gardens, Coolongolook, Bungwahl and St Joseph's Bulahdelah all competed in the art, creative writing and public speaking competitions.

Entries for the art and creative writing were chosen by each school and submitted earlier for judging. First, second and third place winners in each section were presented with their awards on the night. The following students gained a place in the art competition.

Line Drawing

Early Stage 1

1st - Savannah Dawes



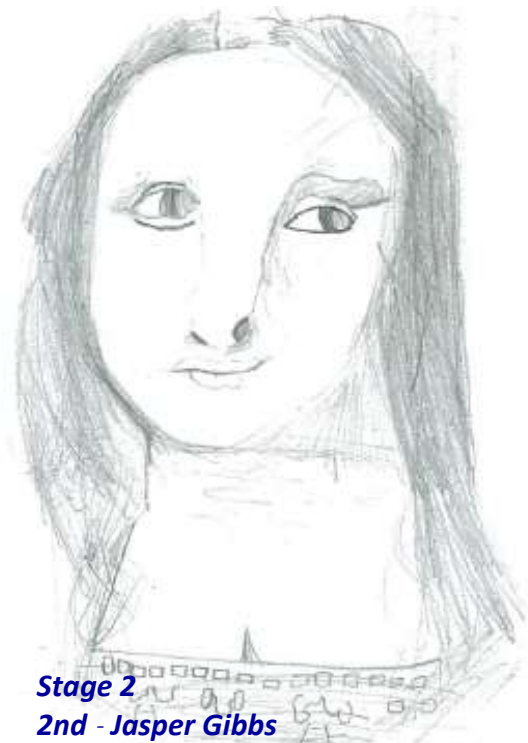
Early Stage 1

Highly Commended - Josiah Reitsma



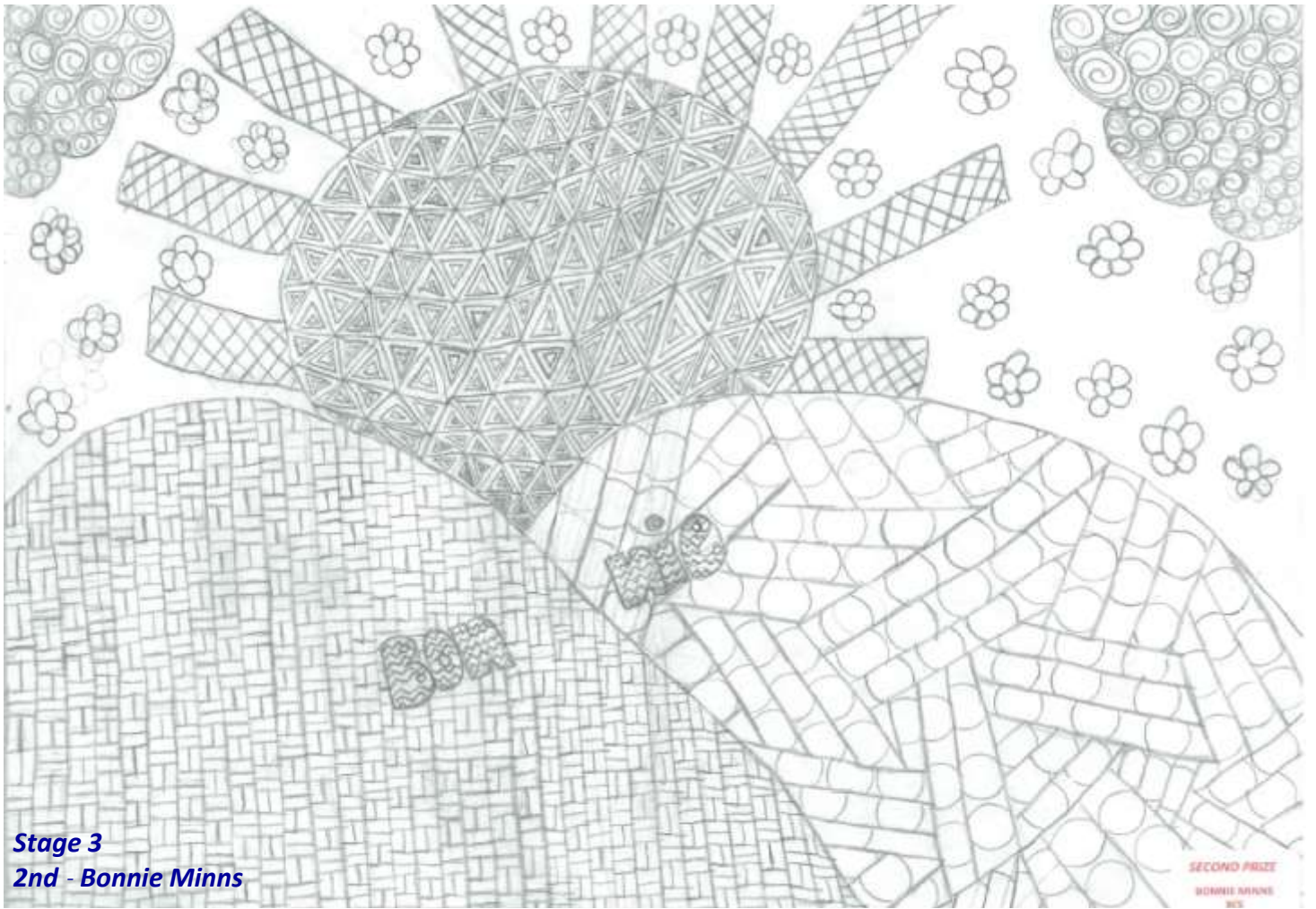
Stage 1

3rd - Annabelle Smith



Stage 2

2nd - Jasper Gibbs



Stage 3
2nd - Bonnie Minns

SECOND PRIZE
BONNIE MINNS
BES



Stage 3
Highly Commended - Bethany Shepherd

HIGHLY COMMENDED
BETHANY SHEPHERD
BES

Painting



Early Stage 1
1st - Josiah Reitsma



Early Stage 1
2nd Xara Sumner



Stage 1
3rd - Danielle Hall

Collage



Early Stage 1
1st - Samuel Raines



Early Stage 1
3rd - Indy Watling



Stage 1
1st - Banjo Edwards



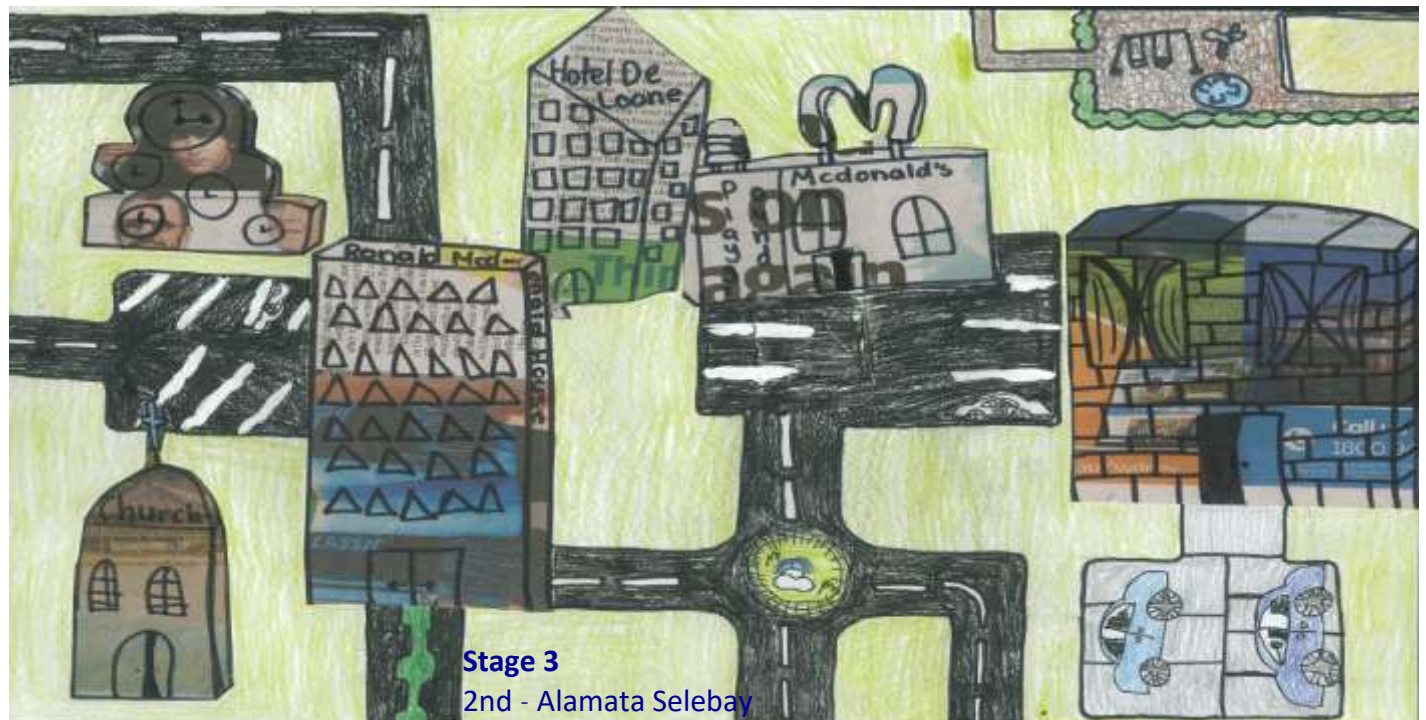
Stage 1
2nd - Diesel Case



Stage 2
1st - Sheena
Lamborn



Stage 2
3rd - Henry O'Connell



Stage 3
2nd - Alamata Selebay

Creative Writing & Bush Poetry

Students from each school were chosen to compete on the night in the public speaking competition.

The following students were chosen to represent Bulahdelah Central:

Stage 2

2nd Aiden Miles

Stage 3

2nd Elise Miles

HC Nate Reitsma

A fantastic effort from all of our speakers!

In creative writing, the following students were awarded with prizes.





**PRIMARY
ASSEMBLIES
TERM 4**

Week 9: Monday, 10th December
(K-6 Merit & Pride Assembly 1:50pm)

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

BCS P&C are holding a toy fundraiser from 'Parents Direct'. If anyone is interested, catalogues can be picked up from the office from either students, parents or friends.

Orders will need to be returned to the office by Friday, 7th December (payments can be made online or money sent in with order). Goods will be back for collection on Friday, 14th December, 2018.



YEAR 7 2019 ORIENTATION DAY

TUESDAY, 4th 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, 4th 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.





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Strive to Achieve



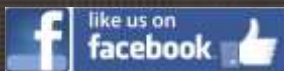
Primary Presentation Day: Friday, 14th December

Secondary Presentation Day: Monday, 17th December

P&C Meeting: Wednesday, 12th December

Next Newsletters for Term 4: 17th December

End of Term 4: 19th December



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“Teachers who love teaching, teach children to love learning.”

Robert John Meehan

