

#### Value of the Week

**Innovation.** We initiate & continue to improve as individuals, teams & the school. Can you find a better, smarter or more creative way?

#### School Calendar

#### December

**18** Last day of Term 4

#### 2020

#### January

| 29 | First day of Term 1<br>Years 1-6 & Years 7, 11 & 12 |
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| 30 | First day for Kindergarten<br>Years 7, 8 & 9        |

#### **February**

- 6 Primary Swimming Carnival
- 7 Secondary Swimming Carnival

#### March

- 10-12 School Musical
- 24 K-12 School Photos



8 Meade Street, Bulahdelah 2423 Phone: 4997 4329 Fax: 4997 4512 bulahdelah-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au As a firefighter, you are one of the pillars of our community. Heroes can't be measured, they can only be thanked. Thank you for your bravery and endless hard work during the recent fires. You are truly a role model for our students to aspire to.





#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

I would like to acknowledge and thank all staff and students for their continued commitment and

hard work throughout the 2019 school year.

It's been a very busy and satisfying year for all. I would also like to thank parents/carers, volunteers, community members, and our P&C for their continued support of the school.

We are unfortunately fare-welling some Bulahdelah Central School teaching staff. I would like to acknowledge the contributions provided to Bulahdelah Central School to each of the following teachers:



**Tyson Oakley** has been a resourceful and dedicated Physical Education Teacher. We all wish Tyson all the best in his permanent appointment.

Courtney Rodgers classroom

teacher in Primary and relieving Assistant Principal. We hope to see Courtney at Bulahdelah Central School in

a teaching capacity in the

future.



Joshua McCracken a classroom teacher in Primary. We wish Joshua all the best in the future as he heads back to South Australia.



**Robyn Ryan** has been a wonderful asset to the Secondary Science Department this year. Robyn is moving on to a position in Sydney



Nathan Hanley has been our Scripture teacher at Bulahdelah Central for many years. He has volunteered his time and was highly regarded with both students and teachers.

May this Christmas be a wonderful time to share with the ones you love. I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing break. Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year. *George Frangos* 



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 2019 school year comes to a close, there are a lot of activities happening.

I would like to thank the staff and students who attended the reward excursion for Secondary students held at the Aqua- Park, Telegraph Point. This is a reward for more than 95% attendance for Term 4. A great day was had by all, with great weather and fantastic rides.

The Year 7 2019 Orientation day was held on Tuesday, 3rd December, with the incoming Year 7 students having a full day of activities and demonstration lessons. A big thank you goes out to Kate Deaves for her wonderful organisation of the day and to the other students, teachers and office staff who helped out on the day as well. I am sure that Kate will make a fantastic Year Advisor for the incoming Year 7 students.

After lunch last Thursday, students and staff participated in the annual Matt Smith Memorial Concert which was held from approximately 1:15pm in the Gym. This was an open invitation event for family, friends and the community to remember Matt in an event fitting to his nature and for some quiet reflection. Over the holiday period I remind parents/carers to collate the correct equipment for your child, especially if they are Secondary students and are doing practical lessons such as:

- Technology Mandatory
- Wood or Metalwork
- Food Tech
- Science
- Agriculture.

All these lessons require **black leather upper shoes**. In all subjects, students should have an **exercise book and pens/pencils** and any other specialised items for each lesson.

After many weeks of waiting, the Year 12 Formal finally went ahead. Congratulations to all involved, what a great night. Good luck with your HSC results on Tuesday, 17th December.

As this is the last newsletter for 2019, I would like to thank George Frangos and the rest of the staff for the help and the opportunity to experience and gain knowledge in the Deputy Principals position for 2019. I look forward to some of the changes the school have implemented for the 2020 school program.

On behalf of all the staff and students at BSC, I wish the school community a safe and happy Christmas break and an even brighter 2020 year. *Chris Gladys* 

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RESUMPTION DATES FOR STUDENTS TERM 1 2020 ARE:

WEDNESDAY, 29th January Years 1-6 Years 7, 11 & 12

#### **THURSDAY, 30th January**

Kindergarten Years 8, 9, 10



**Term 1** (Eastern) Tuesday, 28th January to Thursday, 9th April **Autumn vacation** Monday, 13th April to Friday, 24th April **Term 3** Monday, 20th July to Friday, 25th September **Spring vacation** Monday, 28th September to Friday, 9th October

**Term 2** Monday, 27th April to Friday, 3rd July **Winter vacation** Monday, 6th July to Friday, 17th July **Term 4** Monday, 12th October to Friday, 18th December **Summer vacation** (Eastern) Monday, 21st December to Tuesday, 26th January 2021

### SHOES AS PART OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

#### What is DEFINITELY NOT accepted

- Ballet style shoes
- Slip on / laced shoes that do not cover the full foot
- Thin canvas Raben shoes

These do not comply at all with any OH&S or chemical safety regulations about footwear. They give little foot support, sole traction, stability or protection.









# BCS Welcome students from: Booral, Bungwahl, Coolongolook, Stroud, St Joseph's & Tea Gardens schools to Year 7 Orientation Day 2019,





On Tuesday, December 3rd 2019, BCS held the Year 7 Orientation Day. It was fabulous to see so many students, family members, caregivers and friends supporting our very nervous, yet excited, Year 6 students.

The day began with an Acknowledgement of Country by members of the Koori Kids Group, Sally Curnow spoke in Gathang language and Kasey Biffin in English.

The group also performed two dances as a welcome to our incoming students, followed by an information session on the BCS Koori Kids group. The information and performances were both engaging and well received. Thank you to the Koori Kids Group.

Our Principal, George Frangos, welcomed the audience. Our executive members of staff provided information on specific subject areas. The morning session not only provided information, but was a great opportunity for both families and students to ask questions.

Our wonderful canteen staff, Sheryl Barry and Christina Watt, provided a delicious morning tea. Following morning tea, students were divided into groups and the SRC (Student Representative Council) and the Koori Kids Group escorted them to partake in taster lessons.

The students made badges with Sue Cross in Art and explored the darkroom with Tara Smith in Photography. They challenged themselves in Mathematics with Andrew Watt and were inspired in English with Casey Connell. Parents were able to visit the classrooms and see the students enjoying a range of activities, while Tara Smith and Wendy Parsons photographed the students enjoying the events throughout the day.

The senior SRC boys prepared and served a beautifully presented BBQ lunch to students and families. Well done, boys!

Following lunch, the students joined Tyson Oakley for some highly engaging sports games in the gym. There was laughter and fun and the afternoon saw some tired, yet happy, students gather to leave BCS after a very busy day. Overall, the day was a success, with positive feedback from both students and families. The student's behaviour was exemplary and many stated that they felt more confident about starting high school at BCS in 2020.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the SRC and Koori Kids Group for the mature manner in which they assisted students and family members alike. A huge thank you also goes out to those family members, caregivers and friends who were able to attend and make the day a fun and supportive experience for our 2020 Year 7 students. BCS looks forward to continually supporting our new students throughout their high school journey. *Kate Deaves - Year 7 Advisor 2020* 





On Thursday, 12th December BCS held a morning tea for our wonderful volunteers. It is our way of thanking them for all their hard work and for being so generous with their free time. We appreciate your dedication.

A big thank you as well to our Hospitality students led by Elizabeth Smith and Jessica Kelly. Well done on the food presentation.

# VOLUNTEERS



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There was a fantastic display of PRIDE at the annual Matt Smith Concert held last week. Non-stop entertainment throughout the afternoon delighted the audience as more than 50 students confidently sang, played instruments, danced and somersaulted.

A visit from Santa, the amazing talents of the performers and the energy from the audience were some of the many highlights.

The annual event was organised by the SRC (Student Representative Council) in honour of 2011 BCS School Captain Matt Smith. The concert celebrates Matt's passion for music and the performing arts. Wendy Parsons - Music Teacher









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It's a Bran Nue Musical! Bulahdelah Central School's Year 11 and 12 Drama Class has begun preparation for the 2020 school musical. This year, we are presenting a musical involving themes of coming of age, the importance of home, including a strong appreciation for indigenous culture. We will be performing Bran Nue Dae, a winner of the Melbourne International Film Festivals, Most Popular Feature Film In 2009. We have cast our roles and started rehearsals. We have begun painting sets and teaching our junior students choreography.

Our Primary students who form our choir are meeting every Tuesday and Thursday during lunch time to practise their singing and dancing. There are afternoon rehearsals on Mondays from 4pm to 6pm, in the school hall. Everything's coming together!

Our performances will be held in Week 7, Term 1. There will be night time performances from the 10th-12th of March, 2020, starting at 6pm, so keep your calendars clear ladies and gentlemen!

If any parents or community members would like to assist by helping paint sets or sew costumes we would be really appreciative. If you are interested please contact Vanessa Shultz at the school! The 2019/2020 Drama Class hope to see you all there! Vanessa Shultz - Head Teacher English



#### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER:

**Students of the Week** 

Congratulations to Jaida Morgan (Year 1) and Isabella Sumner (Year 6), who were selected as the pizza voucher winners for the past fortnight.

Both Jaida and Isabella are two students who always display exemplary behaviour at all times and are very quiet achievers. They demonstrate the PRIDE values and promote strong respect for others at school.

As this is the last pizza draw for this year, I would personally like to thank Phillip Nelson-Marshall from the Lady Jane Motor Inn, who sponsor these weekly awards.

#### **Primary Assembly**

Our final K-6 assembly was held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Led by Year 6, we were entertained by them, with the Birds of Tokyo song *"Lanterns."* Axel Case certainly did a wonderful job leading his classmates in this rousing performance.

During the assembly the PRIDE Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates were presented. It was wonderful to see so many students receiving these awards for demonstrating Pride, Respect, Innovation, Determination and Excellence.

Let me introduce you to our Primary Captains/Vice Captains for 2020. Congratulations!

#### 2020 Primary Captains





Chilali Baggins-Cupitt

Aiden Miles



**2020 Primary Vice Captains** 



Olive Whitelaw



Alex Lucas



#### **Trax and More Trax**

Since the last newsletter publication Rod Pye's Year 3/4 class completed a fascinating activity, whereby they had to work as a team to build a "trax-like" wheel and move it along the COLA area without it breaking.

The students had to co-operate to measure their lengths of paper to ensure it was the correct size for their team. They also had to construct strong joins to ensure that when the trax rotated with them guiding the rotation the paper would not disintegrate or rip. The key was definitely in the design and measurements needed to be accurate to make the ease of movement. It was wonderful to see student's engaged in working mathematically to solve this task.

#### **Holiday First Aid**

I had the wonderful opportunity to work with Years 5 and 6, to teach them some basic first aid in time for the holidays, as part of their PD/PE/Health unit of work.

Students had the opportunity to practice CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and bandaging. We talked about snake bites, bleeding, burns, choking, asthma, anaphylaxis and the importance of knowing the difference between a minor and a major first aid. We practised what to say if we had to report an incident to the emergency services. The students did a wonderful job performing given tasks and I was particularly impressed with their bandaging skills.



As holiday time rolls closer, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C, parents and volunteers for supporting the school throughout the year. Successful education can only occur when open communication and support is evident.

With five weeks away from school I can't emphasise the importance of keeping your children reading. As the old saying goes *"The more you read, the more you know – the more you know, the more you grow."* So let's keep the children growing through the holidays.







# BULAHDELAH NEWSAGENCY

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

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

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| ITEM                        | SIZE       | TOTAL<br>COST |
| SCHOOL S                    | HIRTS      |               |
| School Shirt - LW Reid      |            | \$30.00       |
| Senior School Shirt (white) |            | \$30.00       |
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| Sport Shirt                 |            | \$25.00       |
| Sport Shorts                |            | \$25.00       |
| JUMPE                       | RS         |               |
| Hooded Jumpers              | 4 - 24     | \$45.00       |
| PRIMA                       | RY         |               |
| Primary Check Shift         | 4 - 12     | \$50.00       |
| Primary Hats                |            | \$10.00       |
| Navy Unisex Shorts          |            | \$20.00       |
| SAFETY GEAR & C             | ALCULATO   | ORS           |
| Apron                       |            | \$8.00        |
| Safety Glasses              |            | \$6.00        |
| Calculators                 |            | \$25.00       |
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| Art Books                   |            | \$10.00       |
| Photography Books           |            | \$10.00       |
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All other school uniforms and supplies are available, including shirts pictured below, from the BCS office or on-line as per attached form. 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 ARE YOU 'TECH SAVVY'? WANT TO GIVE YOUR CV A COMPETITIVE EDGE AND BE REWARDED HELPING THE ELDERLY IN YOUR COMMUNITY? NI

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