Bulahdelah CENTRAL SCHOOL

Strive to Achieve Term 4 Week, 10 14 December, 2020



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School Calendar December 16 K-12 Last day of Term 4





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Primary Captains

Salome Reitsma (Vice Captain), Lasey Baggins Cupitt (Captain), Grace McRae (Captain), Jaydah Cassar (Vice Captain)



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

I would like to acknowledge and thank all staff and students for their continued commitment and hard work throughout the 2020 school year. You all have been

incredible and positive considering the enormous challenges we have experienced during this unprecedented year.

As the impact of COVID-19 evolved during the year, maintaining the health and well-being of our staff, students and school community was of utmost importance. We dealt with a series of disruptions including a returned phased approach back to school. This allowed our school community to balance the varied needs of students and staff, their families, personal circumstances and workplaces during the pandemic.

Learning from home or remote learning was an integral component of teaching and learning during the year which provided new challenges for students, staff and parents/carers. The school supplied laptops and mobile broadband dongles to students as required to ensure they could access classwork from home. I would like to acknowledge the incredible support the community and parents have provided to the school during these difficult times.

I express my regret to students who have missed out on many events and activities, and their disjointed and varied learning experiences during the year. Parents/carers have missed out on many special occasions including sporting events and assemblies. Through modern technology, we have been able to record most of these events and upload them to social media for you to be a part of.

Currently we have draft planning guidelines for Term 1, 2021 in relation to school operations due to ongoing COVID procedures. The Department of Education should receive advice from NSW Health in January before approved guidelines are provided for Term 1, 2021.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing break. Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year. *George Frangos*



Congratulations Zahli Conroy of Year 9 who has been awarded her Medallion for the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Only students who are in Year 9 and have completed the Challenge every year from Year 3 to Year 9 (inclusive) are eligible for a Medallion.

Zahli has actually completed 11 years of the Challenge (K-Year 9). The challenge requires you to complete:

Challenge	Number of books you must read	
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3-4	20	Γ
5-6	20	Ľ
7-9	20	L





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!



Welcome Year 7 to BCS!



On Tuesday, 1 December, Year 6 students from Booral, Tea Gardens and Bungwahl, as well as a number of other schools, joined with BCS Year 6 students to begin their transition into High School. Led by SRC (Student Representative Council) students and student volunteers, initially the Year 6 students undertook a tour of the school - including the completion of a quiz. Even current BCS students found this a challenge!

Following the tour, Year 6 undertook a series of mini -lessons with their Year 7 teachers. Activities included some exciting science experiments with Jess Amos, a play dough challenge with Michael Kiernan and personalised badge making with Sue Cross.





Students also enjoyed a sausage sizzle hosted by the SRC and finished the day with Physical Education activities in the Gym with Tyson Oakley. All students were provided with a 'Show Bag' containing important information about starting Year 7 at BCS as well as a few supplies to help with their transition to high school. Hopefully, Year 6 students are feeling more confident about their next stage of their educational journey and are looking forward to joining us as much as we are looking forward to having them here at BCS. *Casey Connell - Year 7 Advisor*







Last week's annual Matt Smith Concert was capably organised by the Student Representative Council (SRC) and showcased the musical talents of more than 40 young musicians.

Although things were a little different this year due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, a little innovation from the SRC ensured the show was a huge success. Among the many highlights were the enthusiasm of the performers, the energy from the audience and the much anticipated visit from Santa.

The Matt Smith Annual Memorial Concert

The concert also provided the opportunity to acknowledge the winner of the 2020 Matt Smith Citizenship Award, Khloe Middleton. The award recognises kindness, compassion and support to others, qualities consistently shown by Matt during his time at BCS.

The annual concert is held in memory of the former BCS Captain and celebrates his talents and achievements in the performing arts. *Wendy Parsons - Music Teacher*











BCS Students share their Christmas Spirit on Well Being Day

Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 students demonstrated their kindness and love of Christmas by handmaking Christmas cards for our Nursing Home residents at Bulahdelah's Cedar Lodge. Students enjoyed personally addressing their cards to some of our community members who have had a difficult year and limited visitors due to the pandemic. Engaging in the creative arts is a wonderful way to bridge the communication divide and the 5 and 6 year old children loved experimenting with paint, tinsel and stickers. Our students look forward to meeting the residents when safety allows, hopefully next year.

Our inter-generational journal writing continues as 10 of our lovely Year 5 students exchange their stories with 10 elderly residents of Cedar Lodge. Students volunteered to have a pen pal and write fortnightly about their lives and families in journals which are transported to and from Cedar Lodge. They have been learning a lot about their pen pals who have been sharing their histories and hobbies. Jasper Gibbs shared his love of art, Henry O'Connell wrote about his adorable dogs, Salome Reitsma discussed her hopes and dreams, Lasey Baggins-Cupitt and Grace McRae confessed their passion for music. Nikita Wheaton, Mindy Sullivan and Scarlet Ray described their weird and wonderful families, Jaydah Cassar and Sophie Whitby wrote 'all about me.'

Our students are excited each week about what their pen pals reveal about their favourite things and about their lives when they were young. Life has certainly changed! This group of bubbly students love reading aloud together, their resident's stories and can't wait until they can share morning tea with their pen pals in the future. *Vanessa Shultz - Head Teacher Humanities*







The School to Work Go-Getters BBQ/Pizza oven garden is almost complete. The team has been working really hard all semester and the area should be completed by the end of Term 4.

I would like to acknowledge Tim Loveday for his time and expertise designing the BBQ and Pizza Oven, and teaching the students the art of brick laying and rendering. Many others have been involved, including our local Police Officers Ash Ray and Trevor McLeod. Dave Rose and John Barry have been huge contributors to the project in both time and expertise, working alongside students each week guiding and encouraging them. They have been supported by Dave Sibert, Chris Gladys, Brent Smith, Jake Kinnear and Michelle Gray.

Many students have been involved in addition to the 'core' team, including the senior Construction class, Year 9/10 Agriculture classes and the Koori sports group students who designed and painted a series of murals as part of the project.

I would like to thank the Bulahdelah CWA and the Dorney family from Newell's Creek Timber Mill for their generous donations towards the project. Grants were also received from NSW Department of Education and Charles Sturt University.

We plan to have an opening ceremony in the new year when restrictions are eased enough to invite parents of the Go-Getters and community members into the school to celebrate the student's achievements. Finally, I would like to thank George Frangos, Principal of BCS for his ongoing support of the project. He has provided additional funds when needed, as well as loads of encouragement for students and staff. *Linda Drenkhahn - Careers Adviser*

Bulahdelah Skate Park



Unfortunately there were a number of impacts on the project relating to COVID which has caused completion timelines to regularly change. As it stands now, I have been informed that the skate park itself will be fit for use by Christmas – a huge plus for young people in the region!

The signage process we were hoping to include students in will go ahead in Term 1 of 2021. This signage will be focused on skate park etiquette and usage, with the regulatory signage being installed prior to Christmas to enable the community to utilise the space. *Russell Ingram - Community Strengthening Officer - Youth*



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER

Thank You

What a year we have had! In these unprecedented times I am sure we are all looking forward to returning to some sort of pre-COVID

normality. I would particularly like to thank the staff, students and parents for adapting to so much change throughout the year – particularly those families who embraced the online learning. Having had access to all classes I certainly enjoyed looking at the students work posted daily into Google Classroom. It has certainly taught us all to have more resilience and not to be frightened about venturing outside our comfort zones.

As the holidays approach it is important to ensure your child's academic skills stay sharp through the holidays. Five weeks is a long time in a young person's life. So, what can you do?

- If you are away how about taking an opportunity to visit a museum. Some are unique, different and downright strange.
- Have a family game night. Games such as Boggle and Scrabble can beef up vocabulary and spelling, whilst games such as Cribbage and Rummy 500 help build quick mathematical skills.
- Get cooking and enlist your child as the sous chef! Get them reading the recipe, measuring ingredients and setting the times.
- Don't stop reading. Yes! You've heard this before, but reading is the success to every child in the classroom. Don't let their good reading habits break down. Carve out a few extra minutes at bedtime to read with your child and encourage them to use some of their downtime to pick up a good book.

 Once the Christmas celebrations are over and the presents have all been unwrapped, have your child make a list of family and friends they would like to write a thank you note to. Set them up with some stationery and help them compose their thoughts!

In closing the Primary staff would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a safe, happy holiday period. We look forward to seeing you all in 2021. And in the year we have had, here is some words of wisdom from Ashton Sinclair and Ryder Wheaton- Year 3/4 about what is magical in life!

Magic to me looks like people sharing with others and not being selfish. You should always be nice to others and others will be nice to you. Magic is also keeping the environment clean and being helpful to mother nature.

Magic can be donating things to charity or donating your own blood to save lives.

That's the magic that you should all use every day. Ashton Sinclair

Magic to me looks like people enjoying things around them and working together – not leaving others behind and giving up things you don't need. Magic is fun because I see people playing with each other, being kind and sharing things. Magic is spending time with your family and friends. To me magic is everywhere including home. Sometimes I feel that I have magic in me. Magic truly looks like flowers in the summer sun. Ryder Wheaton

Just shows how perceptive young people can be! *Debbie Booth*



Pictured below: 98% Attendance Award Recipients



Bronze & Silver Awards

Kindergarten/Year 1 Year 1/2

Jasmine Carter Florence Dawes **Riley** Dixon James Gairns Jordana Gordon Connor Guthrie (+Silver) Brodie Guthrie Charlie Hopper Harlow Johnston Ella Kent Kaius King J-Lee Lawrence Gemma Lucas Adam Mohring Wade Pringle Nelly Raines Sophia Smith Trinity Stafford

Jaxon Styles

Issac Swain

Kaden Walkinshaw

Aleah Stokes

Lola Styles

Year 2/3 Brooke Callaghan **Ruby Abraham** Lilly Baughan-Carpenter (+Silver) Savannah Dawes Abbie Cassar Mia Garemyn Mercedes Godoy-Wootton Cody Loveday Noel Green Jaida Morgan Abbiegail Ray Mathew Haley Josiah Reitsma Kaylee Hearne **Anna-Lynne Styles** Madison Lyons (+Silver) Cruz Wicks-Hope Stella Nelson-Marshall Sebastian Stafford Year 3/4 Alissa Stokes

Zachariah Chatfield Carly Green (+Silver) Nikita Wheaton Indie Hope (+Silver) Alexis King Lucy Mohring Ashton Sinclair

Lachlan Murray **Emmett Sinclair** Annabelle Smith Joseph Whitby

Year 5

Lasey Baggins-Cupitt Jaydah Cassar Charlie Matheson (+Silver) Joseph Mohring Scarlet Ray Salome Reitsma (+Silver) Mindy Sullivan

Year 6 Chilali Baggins-Cupitt James Conroy Isla Sinclair **Olive Whitelaw**

Primary Presentation Day

The Primary Presentation Assembly was last Friday. Unfortunately, parents, family and friends could not attend due to restrictions, so the assembly was limited to an hour for videoing limits. This, however did not impede the students providing strong accolades to their fellow peers who received awards. Congratulations to every student at our school for your commitment to learning through a difficult year.

During the Principal's address, George Frangos thanked the staff for their ongoing learning around technology and online learning. He also congratulated students and their families for embracing a totally new way for young students to learn.

A very big thank you to Rod Pye for his organisation; to Jody Mostyn and Sheree Robards for their collation and presentation of the awards. They looked absolutely amazing.



We also need to thank our ICT (Information & Communications Technology) guru Murray Wade and Wendy Parsons for her photography, videoing and her editing skills to ensure the video presentation was professional. As they say a picture paints a thousand words. A video link will be sent shortly, to allow parents to watch this very special event with their family. *Debbie Booth - Deputy Principal Instructional Leader*







PRIDE Medallions



Connor Guthrie Year K/1



Ruby Abraham Year 1/2





Mia Garemyn Year 2/3



Annabelle Smith Year 3/4



Lasey Baggins-Cupitt Year 5



Charlie Garemyn Year 6

Special Awards



James Conroy Citizenship Award



Azra Uzun CWA Award





Charlie Garemyn Best All Rounder Award



Chilali Baggins-Cupitt Jack Ireland Award



Aiden Miles Numeracy Award



Frankie Roberts Bulahdelah Lions Club Award



Charlie Matheson NSW Premier's Sporting Award



Jordin Cole Literacy Award



Scarlet Ray Indigenous Student of the Year

Book Awards 2020



Year 1/2	Year 2/3	Year 3/4	Year 5	Year 6
Ava Masters	Joshua Gordon	Alexis King	Charlie Matheson	Chilali Baggins-Cupitt
Jaxon Styles	Abbiegail Ray	Lucy Mohring	Salome Reitsma	James Conroy
Abbie Cassar	Josiah Reitsma	Lachlan Murray	Mindy Sullivan	Frankie Roberts
Stella Nelson-Marshall	Indy Watling	Ashton Sinclair		

Certificate of Merit Awards 2020

Year 1/2	Year 2/3	Year 3/4	Year 5	Year 6
Mercedes Godoy Wootton	Savannah Dawes	Zachariah Chatfield	Jaydah Cassar	Jayden Aberhart
Brodie Guthrie	Ruby Dibley	Jacob Galea	Henry O/Connell	Amethyst Bishell
Madison Lyons	Samuel Raines	Ryder Wheaton	Fenix	Calais Johns
Alissa Stokes	Laura Whitby	Henry Whitelaw	Riley Smith	
Vivienne Whitelaw			Mark Whalan	

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 - The surcharge for PayPal is 3.8%
 - When placing an order there is a small booking fee per transaction per student.

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> UNIFORMS:



All school uniforms and supplies are available, including shirts, Primary dress and jumpers, from the BCS office.



ITEM	SIZE	TOTAL COST			
SCHOOL	SHIRTS				
School Shirt - LW Reid		\$30.00			
Senior School Shirt (white)		<mark>\$30.00</mark>			
SPORTS U	NIFORM				
Sport Shirt		\$25.00			
Sport Shorts		\$25.00			
JUMF	PERS				
Hooded Jumpers	4 - 24	\$45.00			
PRIM	PRIMARY				
Primary Check Shift	4-12	\$50.00			
Primary Hats		\$10.00			
Navy Unisex Shorts		\$20.00			
SAFETY GEAR &	CALCULAT	ORS			
Apron		\$10.00			
Safety Glasses	C	\$6.00			
Calculators		\$25.00			
ART B	OOKS				
Art Books		\$10.00			
Photography Books		\$10.00			

BCS UNIFORM PRICE LIST 2018/19



Opened: Monday to Friday 8am - 5pm Saturday 8am - 1pm Sunday 8am - 12pm BCS girl's skirts & shorts can also be ordered at BT's For Fashion located in the Coles complex in Tea Gardens (prices may vary).



situated in Stroud Street, also stock the BCS girls' uniform.

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

Opened: Monday to Friday 6am – 2.00pm Saturday 6am – 1pm Sunday 6am – 12noon



Shoes 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.



New South Wales School Holidays

service for parents, teachers and students

TERM	START DATE	FINISH DATE
TERM 1	Friday, 29 January 2021	Thursday, 1 April
TERM 2	Tuesday, 20 April 2021	Friday, 25 June 2021
TERM 3	Tuesday, 13 July 2021	Friday, 17 September 2021
TERM 4	Tuesday, 5 October 2021	Wednesday, 15 December 2021

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RESUMPTION DATES FOR STUDENTS TERM 1 2021 ARE:

> Friday, 29 January Years 1-6 Years 7, 11 & 12

Monday, 1 February Kindergarten Years 8, 9, 10

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"May this Christmas end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright New Year. Here's wishing you a **Merry Christmas**."

