

**Value of the Week**

**Participation.** We promote participation & school spirit in an environment that values the participation of students, staff & the wider community. Are you actively involved in the life of the school?

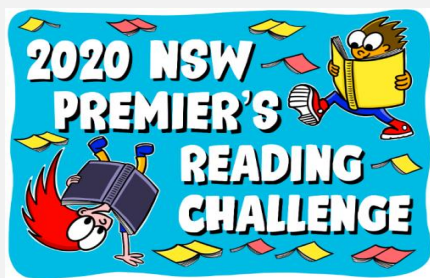
**School Calendar**

**March**

- 10-12 School Musical
- 16-18 Year 7 Orientation Camp
- 23 Primary Assembly
- 24 K-12 School Photos
- 25 Years 3-12 Cross Country

**April**

- 9 Secondary Royal Easter Show Exc. K-6 Easter Hat Parade



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

Next meeting is: 18th March (AGM)



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# Chilali Baggins-Cupitt Year 6

*qualifies for  
Regional in the  
50 metre Breast Stroke.*





# NSW Primary Schools Sport Association

Five students represented BCS with PRIDE at the Port Stephens Primary Zone Swimming Carnival recently held at Tomaree Aquatic Centre. Up against hundreds of competitors from 23 schools across the area, our students swam exceptionally well and recorded some very competitive times.

Year 6 student Chilali Baggins-Cupitt had a brilliant swim in the 50 metres breaststroke and qualified for the Hunter Regional Carnival to be held at the Lambton Pool in Newcastle this week.

Chilali, along with fellow BCS competitors Lasey Baggins-Cupitt, Indie Hope, Mia Hope and Delilah Newlin, were selected in the zone team after swimming qualifying times at the school carnival.

They are to be commended on their positive sportsmanship and outstanding participation throughout the day.

*“It was a great experience to swim in the competitive races against lots of people from different schools. This level of competition has helped me improve my abilities and confidence in the pool.”*

*Mia Hope – Year 6*





The **Secondary Zone Swimming Carnival** was held at Taree on Tuesday, 19th February.

The following students represented the school

**12Year**

Bella Taylor (100m breaststroke, 100m freestyle and 50m freestyle). Her 50m time was 7 seconds faster than at the school carnival.

**13Year**

**Corey Cunningham** (100m freestyle, 50m freestyle).

**Braiden Dvorick** (100m breaststroke, 100m freestyle).

**Josie Morgan** (100m freestyle, 100m backstroke)

**15 Year**

**Maggie Cunich** (100m freestyle, 50m freestyle).

**Dylan Brownbill** (100m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 50m freestyle). Dylan came 3rd in the 50m freestyle only 0.4 secs behind the winner. His time was outstanding and would have won the 17years event.

Congratulations to all these students for their efforts and behaviour and thank you to the parents who assisted with transport and managerial duties.  
*Robert McCann - Sports Co-ordinator*



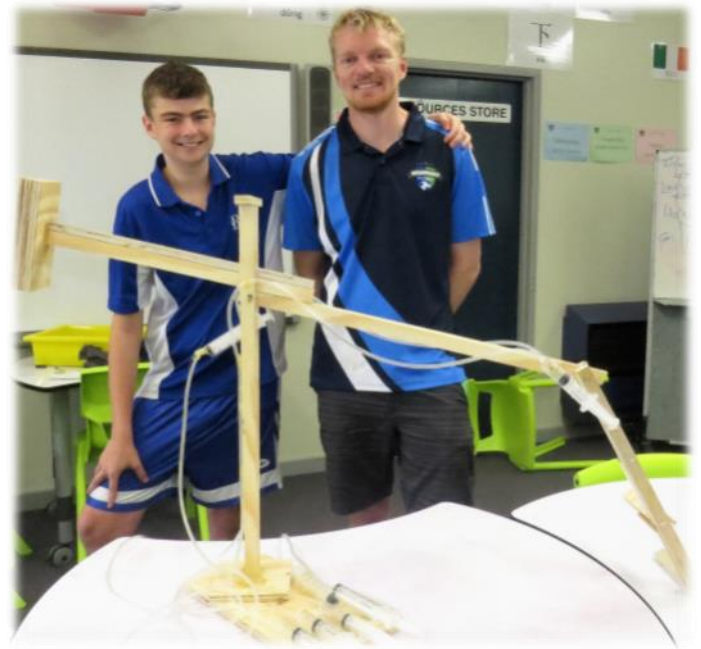


Year 9/10 iSTEM (Institute for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) students were presented with a challenge to design and construct a hydraulic robotic arm capable of grabbing, lifting and moving objects. The project provided the opportunity for the class to explore some of the challenges associated with engineering design processes.

As part of the project, students investigated the history of hydraulics, including Pascal's law, which defines the underlying principle of a hydraulic system.

The student's innovative designs incorporated wood, plastics and glue. Water filled syringes were used to create pressure in a series of tubes to control the movement of the models. This is similar to the actions of an excavator, the landing gear on aircraft and the mechanical arms on a garbage truck. Developing the designs required the use of critical thinking, problem solving and collaborative skills.

Each of the students created very different designs showing there are always multiple solutions to a practical problem. *Jake Kinnear - TAS Teacher*



### Assessment Tasks Due Term 1

TERM 1	WEEK 6	WEEK 7
Year 9	Agriculture Child Studies	History PDHPE
Year 10	Food (200 hour) Timber (200 hour)	
SVC	Standard Maths Chemistry Ancient History WORK PLACEMENT Construction Hospitality	Drama Photography

# UNIVERSITY ROADSHOW



University Roadshow was at BCS during Week 3. Southern Cross University, University of Newcastle, University of New England and Charles Sturt University spoke to interested students in Years 11 and 12 and provided information on:

- The benefits of attending a regional university.
- Course options.
- The application process.
- The cost of university.
- Scholarships.
- Accommodation options and more.

Students had the opportunity to ask individual questions and collect information at the end of the session. Further opportunities to engage with these institutions will be available during the year, when students will be invited to attend Open Day activities on campus. *Linda Drenkhahn - Careers Teacher*





# Student Representative Council

The Student Representative Council would like to welcome everyone back for a great year at Bulahdelah Central School.

The SRC have been very busy the last few weeks working on new and on-going projects. So far, this term we have catered at the Secondary Swimming Carnival where we made a big splash by selling 100 sausage sandwiches and many drinks. We will also be having a food and drink stall at the School's evening performances of the *Bran Nue Dae* on the 10th, 11th and 12th of March.

A number of our members will also be attending the Year 7 Orientation Camp in Week 8 to assist in Peer Support Activities and assist in the transition into Secondary School for Year 7.



Our fund-raising initiative for Term One will be hosting *The World's Greatest Shave* on Monday, 6th of April.

We have a number of students and staff already keen to support this cause by having their heads shaved, hair cut or legs waxed. Monies raised are used to fund research into blood cancers and to support families with Leukaemia. Keep your eye out for links for sponsorship which will soon be posted on the school's Facebook page. Anyone interested in participating can contact Casey Connell to join our School's Team. *Seleana Murphy* - SRC member



## Drive4Survival

This is a road safety and first aid program for interested students from Years 10, 11 and 12 and their parents/carers. It will be delivered by Allen Shrimpton in the SSC (Student Support Centre).

The course is free for students. Parents/carers can access the first aid qualification/component at a reduced cost of \$100 (was \$160). Students will be provided with important road safety information and informed about how to access a free driving lesson. The first aid component has shown to be beneficial as research indicates that students who complete a first aid qualification are at a significantly reduced risk of being involved in a serious road use accident.

Any participating students from the Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest area will be able to be transported back to their normal bus stop drop off point following each session if this is required. Parent permission will need to be given for this to occur on the note provided to the students.

Please contact Allen Shrimpton (details on the flyer following) to book a place/s in the course. For any general enquiries please contact Warren Jones at the school. *Warren Jones - Head Teacher Wellbeing*



**A four week driver education program that will raise the awareness of road safety for new drivers and their families.**

**Dates:** Wednesdays March 18th & 25th, April 1st & 8th

**Time:** 5.30 to 7.30pm

**Place:** Bulahdelah Central School

Presentation topics will include: causes & consequences of car crashes, drugs & alcohol, head & spinal injuries, strategies for safer driving & information on the free *keys2drive* lesson which is funded by the Australian government.

The cost of the program is \$20 a family. This includes a FREE First Aid Certificate (conditions apply).

**BOOK NOW!** for info & booking: [www.facebook.com/Drive4Survival](http://www.facebook.com/Drive4Survival)

Contact: Allen Shrimpton 0438 922 091 or Lisa Bungay at

Dungog Shire Community Centre 4992 1133

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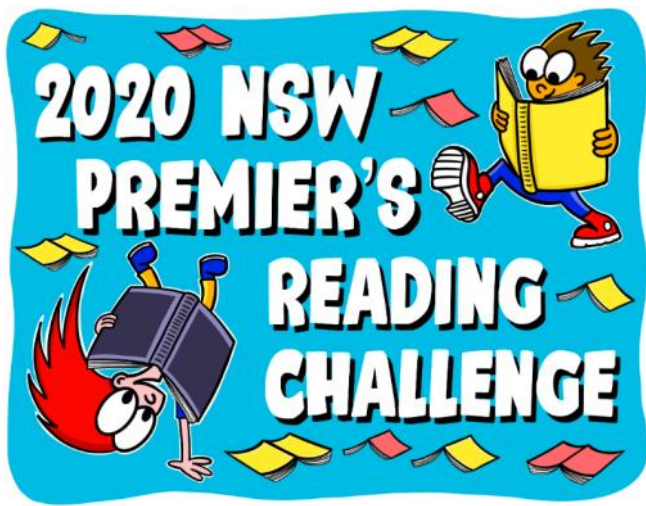


"...together a stronger community."



Lions Club of Bulahdelah





## Welcome to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. If you need help using the website and the answer cannot be found on the PRC Support site, please contact us at [prc@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:prc@det.nsw.edu.au)

The 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge opens on Monday, 2nd March. Don't forget you can keep track of books you have read over the summer to be added to your reading log once the challenge opens. Anything you have read from 31st August, 2019 can be counted towards the 2020 PRC.

### Key dates:

Challenge opens for student entries: Monday, 2nd March

Challenge closes for student entries: Friday, 28th August

### Rules

**PLEASE NOTE: There have been updates to Challenge Rules 2, 5, 7 and 14 effective for the 2020 Challenge onwards. Please make sure you have familiarised yourself with these rule changes.**

**1.** The Challenge opens on Monday, 2nd March 2020. **You must complete your online Student Reading Record by Friday, 28th August 2020 (11:59 pm) to complete the Challenge.**

**2.** You must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

**3.** Books you read after the Challenge closes can count towards the next year's Challenge.

**4a.** K-2 Challenge: you can read the books on your own, read them with someone, or someone can read them to you.

**4b.** 3-4, 5-6 and 7-9 Challenges: you must read the books on your own, but someone can help you choose them.

**5.** In an approved series on the PRC booklist, you can read any three books as PRC books. You can read up to five other books from the same series as Personal Choice books.

**6a.** K-2 Challenge: you can read books or have them read to you in your home language.

**6b.** 3-4, 5-6 and 7-9 Challenges: you must read all PRC books in English. You may read Personal Choice books in your home language.

**7a.** K-2 students only - If you can read simple chapter books on your own, you can attempt the 3-4 Challenge. You need to get your Student Reading Record changed to Challenge level 3-4. See your PRC coordinator for help with this.

**7b.** 3-4, 5-6 and 7-9 students only: students with special needs who would experience difficulty completing the challenge at their grade-appropriate level can take part in the 3-9 Challenge. Students on the 3-9 Challenge level will complete the challenge by reading 20 books from any challenge level (including K-2) with whatever levels of support are appropriate to their needs. PRC coordinators should submit requests for changes to the 3-9 challenge by Friday, 31st July.



**8.** 3-4, 5-6, 7-9 students only - If your teacher thinks you need extra help, you can listen to unabridged audio versions of the books as long as you read along.

**9.** If you complete your online Student Reading Record by Friday, 28th August 2020, and it is validated by your school by Friday, 11th September (11:59 pm), you will be eligible for a PRC certificate in Term 4.

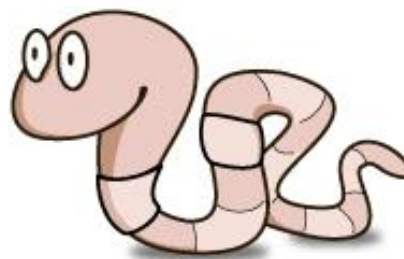
**10.** The certificates you can receive for completing the Challenge are:

Year of completing PRC	Award received
First year	Challenge completion certificate
Second year	Challenge completion certificate
Third year	Challenge completion certificate
Fourth year	Gold certificate
Fifth year	Challenge completion certificate
Sixth year	Challenge completion certificate
Seventh year	Platinum certificate
Eight year	Challenge completion certificate
Ninth year	Challenge completion certificate
Tenth year	Challenge completion certificate
Every year from Year 3 to Year 9 (inclusive). Therefore only Year 9 students are eligible.	Medal

**11.** You can only receive one certificate each year.

**12.** Gold and Platinum certificates will be sent to your school in Term 4 with students' names printed. Your school is responsible for downloading and printing your Challenge Completion Certificate from the PRC website.

**13.** Your school needs to make sure your parent or carer knows that by entering the Challenge, you may receive a PRC certificate with your name and school printed. The Premier's Reading Challenge no longer lists student names on an Honour Roll. However, there may be opportunities for students to be recognised through media publications or through the school's own newsletters and communications. No student names and/or details will be published publicly without prior consent from parents/ carers.



**For any further enquires and permission notes please contact Jody Mostyn - Librarian/PRC Co-Ordinator.**

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) will be held on Friday, 20th March 2020.

The NDA 2020 marks the 10 year anniversary of Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools. The theme for 2020 is Take Action Together.

The NDA is a catalyst for Australian schools to take a stand together against bullying.

The day brings together more than 60% of schools nationwide, involving more than two million students in finding workable solutions to address bullying and violence.

Everyone has a role to play in saying Bullying. No Way! Start thinking about how you can show your support for the NDA.

**Let's get ready to Take Action Together**



The new school bus has had the BCS logo and signage applied last week. The bus is not only fitted with all the latest safety equipment, but it now looks great as well, promoting a positive image of our school.

It replaces the original school bus which had been in use since 2006. Representatives of our school P&C and school representatives all played a significant role in securing the valuable asset for the school many years ago.

The bus quickly became a familiar sight around the region and further afield, transporting students to the Snowy Mountains, Dubbo, the Gold Coast and everywhere in between.

The new bus will ensure staff can continue to provide a wide variety of learning experiences for students outside the school environment. *Wendy Parsons - Teacher*



## PRIMARY DEBATING:

Debating has once again proven to be a popular activity in Year 5 and 6 with many students trying out for a spot on the team last week.

Each of the hopeful candidates had one minute to prepare a response to a given topic and then present their ideas in a short speech. Selection in the team was based on a range of criteria including; confidence, public speaking skills, ability to think quickly and co-operation.

Congratulations to the successful students who will form two teams to compete in the zone competition. The teams will train under the guidance of Year 6 teacher Rod Pye and Hayley Nicholson. They now have a few weeks to hone their skills before the inter-school competition kicks off.

We look forward to watching the progress of both teams over the next few months. *Wendy Parsons -*



**Wed 20th May 3.30 - 5.00pm**  
**Student Support Centre (SSC)**

**NDIS Parent**  
**Information Session at**  
**Bulahdelah Central**  
**School**

Come along to our Parent Information Session and find out about the NDIS and the range of supports available including supports which assist young people to transition to post-school life and employment.



# Bulahdelah Central School

## Works notification

**6 February 2020**

Dear parents/carers,

Upcoming planned maintenance works at Bulahdelah Central School will require the removal of asbestos containing material. Testing conducted by an independent hygienist has confirmed that the material is bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

This material will be removed in accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and SafeWork NSW regulations. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos removalists, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The material is scheduled to be removed on Saturday 29 February 2020. No asbestos containing material will be removed during school hours.

Testing will be completed to ensure the site has been fully remediated. We will keep you informed if further material is found which requires removal.

The health, safety, and well-being of the school and the local community is our highest priority. Please be assured that the removal of this material will not pose a risk to the local community.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

**For more information contact:**

School Infrastructure NSW  
Email: [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Phone: 1300 482 651  
[www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au)

The removal of the asbestos material was completed last Saturday. If any further action is required parents will be notified.



# 2020 Tell Me a Story Writing Competition for Year 3 to Year 6 students

Organised by *Tell Me a Story Writers*, Great Lakes - a local independent group of writers and ex-teachers

**Closing date: Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
**Term 1, week 9**

**Entries are sought in the following categories:**

**SECTION 1:** Years 3 & 4 Up to 500 words

**SECTION 2:** Years 5 & 6 Up to 750 words

**Each student will receive feedback from our Writing Competition judges. Short-listed stories will receive awards as follows:**

**SECTION 1: Years 3 & 4** special trophies

**SECTION 2: Years 5 & 6** trophies and four \$50 prizes.

This is an open theme competition. Students may choose to write fiction or non-fiction stories on any topic that appeals to them.

It is our intention that for students, this competition is about having fun, discovery of own creativity and feeling good about their own stories.

**We hope to see many students embarking on this exciting writing adventure.**

1. Entries should be typed on A4 paper, in 12 Times New Roman font, with pages numbered.
2. Entries should include: student's name, school, Year at school, best contact, followed by the writing with a clear title.
3. Entries must be student's own work, unpublished and not having won any other competition.
4. Entries should be sent by email to: [tell-me-a-story@ozemail.com.au](mailto:tell-me-a-story@ozemail.com.au) Subject: *Writing Competition*.
5. All entries need to be submitted as separate Word documents, and not as scanned documents.

**The 2020 Tell Me a Story *Illustration Competition* will follow this *Writing Competition* from June.**

Any student interested in entering 2020 the *Illustration Competition* will be asked to illustrate one of the short-listed stories from the 2020 *Writing Competition*.

**Schools will be informed about the results of the writing competition in June.**

**Please note:**

**Awards for both competitions will be presented at the Closing Ceremony in September 2020.**

Further information about these competitions is available on the *Tell Me a Story* website:

<http://www.tell-me-a-story.org.au>



# CLAIM TWO \$100 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS



All NSW school-enrolled children are eligible for **two \$100 Active Kids vouchers** each year. The vouchers can be used with any approved Active Kids provider, to help cover costs towards registration or membership fees for sport and active recreation. **Voucher one is valid January to December** and **voucher two is valid July to December**. After 1 July 2020, the second voucher can be claimed immediately after the first voucher.

## HOW TO CLAIM YOUR VOUCHERS



Active Kids

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- 1** Visit [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au) and login to your MyServiceNSW Account
- 2** Click on the Active Kids icon found in your SERVICE tab
- 3** Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)
- 4** Print a copy of each voucher or email it to yourself

Visit [sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids](http://sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids) for terms & conditions and FAQs

## HOW TO USE YOUR VOUCHERS

- 1** Find a provider by visiting our website: [sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids](http://sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids)
- 2** Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider, or log onto your provider's website and enter the voucher number



\*Vouchers can always be found in your MyServiceNSW account by looking in the My Applications tab



# PRIMARY ASSEMBLIES

## TERM 1

Monday @ 2:00pm

Week 9: 23rd March

Mon	Schnitzel & Salad	\$8.00
Tues	Pizza	\$6.50
Wed	Works Burger	\$7.50
Thur	Chicken Stir Fry	\$6.50
Fri	Fish & Salad	\$6.50

Orders need to be in by 9:00am



**Need assistance with  
your homework? Join us:**

**BCS Student Support Centre**

**Monday Lunch Weeks A&B**

12:56pm - 1:36pm

Also

**Tuesday Lunch Week A**

12:56pm - 1:36pm

Primary and Secondary students welcome.

We also offer help with assignments and all other designated school work.

*Kim Rigley - Teacher*

**OR**

**Tea Gardens Library**

**Wednesday** afternoons

3:15pm - 4:45pm ??????

Primary and Secondary students welcome.

*Carol Johnson - Librarian*



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**Central School**  
*Strive to Achieve*

**K-12**  
**School Photos**  
**Tuesday, 24th March**  
**P&C Meetings: 18th March AGM**  
**Next Newsletters for Term 1: 16th, 30th March**  
**End of Term 1: 9th April**

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knowledge and education.”***

