



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 & take responsibility for your own actions?



February

- 8-19** Years 1-4 Intensive Swimming
- 11** Primary Swimming Carnival
- 12** Kinder Primary Assembly 12pm
- 15-17** Year 7 Orientation Camp
- 18** Years 7&8 Immunisations
- 19** Scholastic LOOP Orders due
Year 7, 11 & 12 Meet & Greet (to be confirmed)

March

- 5** Year 6 Primary Assembly 12pm
- 23** K-12 School Photos
- 24** Sec. Cross Country Carnival
- 26** Pri. Cross Country Carnival
Years K/1 Primary Assembly 12pm
- 29-31** Primary Parent Teacher Meetings
(Designated Classes and times to be advised)



Connie Burges, Abbie Carter, Kalel Davis, Marley Dean, Clayton Dodd, Isaac Ford, Porsha Hosey, Keeton Lane, Charlotte Lyons, Lacie Masters, Benjamin Mercer, Wayde Morgan, Bruno Nelson-Marshall, Levi Nicholls, Sophii-Lee Parnell, Lexie Pollock, Oliver Ray, Billie Styles, Olivia Styles, Emily Swain, Ava Walkinshaw, Jett Wheaton, Calissa Williams



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

I would like to welcome back students and staff to another busy year at Bulahdelah Central School. I would also like to welcome our new families and students to Bulahdelah Central School and hope they enjoy their time at the school.

Welcome the following staff who have joined us in various roles and for different time frames in 2021:

- Alex Marshall - relieving in Special Education
- Elizabeth Brennan - Years 7-12 COVID Tutor
- Tiffany Griffis - Primary COVID Tutor.

Also we have permanent staff who will be relieving in other roles across the school:

- Chris Gladys - Relieving Deputy Principal
- Elizabeth Bate - Acting Deputy Principal
- Brent Smith - Relieving Head Teacher TAS (Technological & Applied Studies)
- Georgina Cunich - Acting Head Teacher Administration
- Robyn Grey - Relieving Learning and Support Teacher
- Michael Kiernan - Relieving Head Teacher Science/HSIE (Human Society and its Environment)
- Casey Connell - Relieving Head Teacher CAPA (Creative & Performing Arts Action 1 day per fortnight).



Our school will participate again in Best Start Year 7, an online literacy and numeracy assessment available to secondary schools at the start of Term 1, 2021.

Best Start Year 7, undertaken within the first five weeks of the school year, assesses key literacy and numeracy skills of Year 7 students.

It is designed to assist teachers to identify students who may require additional support in developing their literacy and numeracy skills. Best Start Year 7 is just one of a range of assessments the school uses to assess students.

Bulahdelah Central School has employed two teachers to support students as part of the Department of Education COVID 2021 intensive learning support program. To support the identification of students, we will use a range of existing tools and processes including :

- Information from teachers, learning and support teams, students' personalised learning and support plans and any internal or external assessment data sources gathered as part of their situational analysis when identifying the students for participation in the program.
- NSW Syllabus progress, NSW Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progression, assessments such as Check-in Years 3,5,9, Best Start, Kindergarten and Year 7, school determined assessments, personalised learning plans, attendance data and other teacher records.

George Frangos

TERM 1 ASSESSMENTS TASKS DUE

	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
Year 9	English Science	Timber (100 hour) iSTEM (100 hour) Timber (200 hour) Music
Year 10	Science PASS (200 hour)	Agriculture Timber (100 hour) iSTEM (100 hour)
SVC	Modern History ENG STUDIES (Year 12) ENG ADV (Year 12) ENG STANDARD (Year12) ENG EXT (Year 11)	Biology

Canteen Meal Deal Term 1

Wednesday, 10 February

Roast Beef & Gravy Roll - \$4.50

(orders on-line only)



YEAR 7



Jayden Aberhart	James Conroy	Kyesha Jobson	Aiden Miles	Isla Sinclair
Sam Alchin	Ella Driver	Calais Johns	Delilah Newlin	Peter Smith
Abigail Alderton	Darcy Ellicott	Gwen Keenan	Jack Nolan	Levi Szkopkowski
Isobel Antes-Higgins	Beau Fodeades	Charlie Kilroy	Cameron O'Brien	Bao Tran
Chilali Baggins-Cupitt	Charlie Garemyn	Matthew Kirby	Dallas Pease	Azra Uzun
Mark Beattie	Bailee Gleeson	Sheena Lamborn	Seth Rawlings	Elijah Went
Amethyst Bishell	Andrew Gorton	Matthew Lee	Brianna Richardson	Sophie Whitby
Katrina Brougham-Delaney	Xannah Harrison	Alex Lucas	Frankie Roberts	Ruby Whitelaw
Riley Burnet-Hay	Malcolm Hestelow	Alexander Males	Chelsea Schoppema	Elidjah Wolfram
Jordin Cole	Mia Hope	Finn Matenga	Travis Sievers	Jedidiah Wright





REL. DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

Welcome to our new and returning students and their families for 2021. We trust that our students have enjoyed their first two weeks back at school and have started to get into their studies and hopefully a Covid-19 free year.

We welcomed approximately 50 new Year 7 students with the guidance of Year Adviser Casey Connell. Alex Wills and Warren Gibbs welcomed 23 new Kindergarten students and so far they seem to be settling in. Welcome to our other new students across all years. It has been a smooth transition for most after a nervous start, settling into classwork and finding their way around their new environment. We look forward to building our educational learning partnerships to achieve great results together.

Last Wednesday and Thursday our staff had their Staff Development Days and undertook various professional development tasks and Orientation of new Kindergarten and Year 7 students.

We have already had a very successful Secondary Swimming Carnival with all students either competing or dressing up and supporting their sporting Houses. Hopefully the weather will be kind for the Primary Swimming Carnival on Thursday, 11 February.

Various Passes:

This is also the time of the year to renew lunch passes contracts. Application forms are available in the front office student foyer and can ONLY be used for Bulahdelah town students to go home for lunch. These lunch passes can be revoked any time if they are used incorrectly or if the student does NOT sign out and back in on return. The school has adopted a policy that we will not be using any flexi-passes at this stage for our senior students.



Parent/ Teacher Meet:

On Tuesday, 23 February (Week 5) we are conducting a Parent/ Teacher Meet and Greet from 4:00pm for Year 7, 11 and 12 students, as well as any new secondary students. This afternoon is also open for all other year's parents to attend and meet their students teachers. To be confirmed due to COVID restrictions.

I am looking forward to a fantastic 2021 school year.
Chris Gladys



The NSW Health/Community Health vaccination team will be visiting the school again this year to provide free HPV (Human Papillomavirus) and d'Tpa (diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) immunisations for students in **Year 7**. Information packs about this program have gone home with students.

The immunisations will be administered at school during 2021 on Thursday, 18 February.

Parent /Carer consent forms are located within the information packs and need to be returned to the school office by Monday, 15 February.

If you have any questions about the program please contact Desley Tiedeman, School Immunisation Program Co-ordinator, on 6592 9322.
Warren Jones - Head Teacher Wellbeing



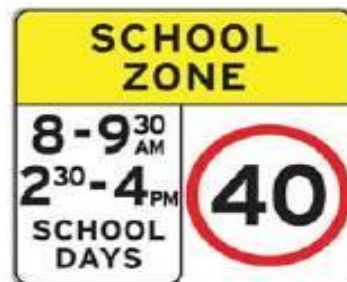
Did you know that by law you must slow down to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing? As our students start the 2020 school year, the NSW Government and your local school bus operator Busways is reminding parents, teachers and other motorists about this law which is designed to keep our kids safe. Lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors open, and they keep flashing for 20 seconds after the doors close.

Children are most at risk in the minutes after they get off the bus as they can be unpredictable in their movements. Fines and demerit points apply if a motorist is caught going over 40km/hr when passing a bus with flashing lights. Motorists can help reduce the risk of an incident and keep children safe by:

- Slowing down to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing,
- Looking out for children crossing the road near bus stops, in school zones or along bus routes, and
- Giving way to buses when they merge back into traffic. For more information visit <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-busaware/bus-flashing-lights.html>.

Kids look to you to keep them safe...

Know the signs.
Know the rules.



40km/h School Zone

The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed during school zone operating times.



Bus Zones
Stopping is not permitted during the times shown on this sign.



No Stopping Zones
Stopping is not permitted at any time.



No Parking Zones
Drivers may drop off or pick up children during the times shown, but note:
• The maximum stopping time is 2 minutes
• The driver must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle.

Fines and loss of demerit points apply.

A road safety initiative from MidCoast Council

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BCS SECONDARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL



The first carnival of 2021 was held on Friday, 5 February at the Bulahdelah Pool. Two hundred students and staff were greeted with a sunny day and a sparkling pool – ideal swimming conditions.

All students got involved in the spirit of the day with lots of participation in the novelty events and the competitive racing. House points were on offer for all races, as well as the continuous swim, belly flop and noodle race.

The ‘dolphin’ made regular appearances throughout the day and kept everyone searching when it disappeared.

The final house point score is listed below, along with the age champions. Congratulations to the winners and to all the students and staff for their efforts and positive attitude. *Bob McCann - Carnival Organiser*





1st



2nd



3rd



4th

Congratulations to the following age champions for 2021.

SECONDARY SWIMMING AGE CHAMPIONS 2021

Girls	Age	Boys
Xannah Harrison	12	Levi Szkopkowski
Delilah Newlin	13	Andrew Gorton
Isabella Sumner	14	Corey Cunningham
Kaitlyn Smith	15	Reef Mirish
Maggie Cunich & Ruby Roberts	16	Tyler Manefield
Amber Cunningham	17	Brayden Ford

2021 House Captains/Vice Captains

Bradman	Kenny	Melba	Wentworth
Angus Devon	Brayden Ford	Tom Mclerney	Oscar Sasse
Madison Dixon	Amber Cunningham	Annee-Rose Perry	Kalani Minns
Taj Witherow-Strutt	Saxon Bramble	Patrick Nickle	Kurtis Barry
Annie Sullivan	Shona Miller	Sally Whitelaw	Kiera Bentley-Baker







DEPUTY PRINCIPAL INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER:

Successful and Busy Start in 2021

From all K-6 staff, a big welcome to all our students in 2021, particularly to our new Kindergarten students and new families who have enrolled at our school. We look forward to sharing your child's/children's learning journey throughout the year and into the future.

Last Monday, 23 Kindergarten students began their educational journey. Thank you to the staff at Bulahdelah Pre-School for their work with our school last year in difficult and different circumstances, to ensure the best possible transition to 'big school.' I'm glad to report that there were only a few tears from the new students. I think a few parents were feeling somewhat emotional – not easy for us parents when children 'don' the school uniform. They are no longer considered 'your babies' but are now young children/students.

This year our Primary staff is:

Kindergarten	Alex Wills
Year K/1	Warren Gibbs
Year 2	Sofie Dorney
Year 3/4	Jackie O'Connell & Danielle Davy
Year 4/5	Rod Pye – Assistant Principal
Year 6	Hayley Nicholson

We will be capably supported by Courtney Rodgers and Tracy Fenning. They will provide our release from face-to-face for teachers.

Due to COVID 19 interruptions we have also been funded for an extra teacher to assist with student improvement strategies. This position is being filled by Tiffany Griffis. Welcome to the K-6 team. I will also be supporting students in my role as Early Action for Success as well.

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order for Sofie Dorney, who received her Proficient Teacher Accreditation from George Frangos last week. Sofie has been with our staff for the last few years. Congratulations! Well done Sofie.

Pick Up and Drop Off

I would just like to remind parents that students in K-6 should not be arriving at school before 8:30am, as the playground area is not supervised before this time.

We are now back to picking up and dropping off our children at the front of the school. I would like to thank parents for their understanding and cooperation with this procedure.

Best Start Kindergarten and Year 7 Assessments

Last Wednesday, Year 7 students completed their Best Start Year 7 assessment in literacy and numeracy on-line. The teachers involved were highly complimentary regarding the diligence and behaviour that the year 7 students exhibited throughout the assessment. Well done!

Thank you to Kim Rigley and the Year 7 middle school teachers for their support in this process.

Kindergarten Best Start assessments have commenced. The Kindy students also complete a one-on-one assessment to determine their levels of literacy and numeracy to assist teachers to plan their programs, ensuring the best possible start for every kindergarten child. Individual reports will be sent home to parents at the end of Week 5.

Primary Assemblies

Primary assemblies will be held each term on a Friday during Weeks 3, 6 and 9. Unfortunately parents are not yet permitted to attend, so we are hoping to take photos to put on the school Facebook page.

Primary Sport

Primary sport will be held every Friday, please ensure your students wear the appropriate uniform and shoes for maximum participation. Our beautiful Aboriginal shirts can be worn on Wednesdays and Michelle Gray has already been around to gather the sizes of the Kindergarten and new students to distribute new shirts.

Class Newsletters

All primary parents should have received a class newsletter. These newsletters provide an outline of what your children will be learning and experiencing at school throughout the term. Please let us know if you did not receive one. *Debbie Booth*

How to Get into the Back to School Routine



School Routines

Kindergarten children can get very tired at night because they are doing so many new and exciting things. For this reason, it helps if you keep routines like bath time, meals and reading routines as regular as possible.

Getting to and from school safely

How you choose to get your child to and from school is your responsibility. Your child's school wants this to happen safely every day.

Pick the safest way to school and practise travelling the route with your child. Talk about how to be a safe road user.

Keep our school community safe by:

- modelling safe road use to your child
- always holding your child's hand when walking on the footpath, through carparks and across the road
- using the safest spot to cross the road
- never calling your child from across the road
- parking legally even if it means being further away and walking the rest of the way to school.

Share this information with your child's carers such as grandparents, nannies and friends who may be taking your child to or from school.

Picking up children at the end of the day

When school finishes each day, your child's class will gather at a regular place. Your child's teacher will wait with the children. Make sure your child and their teacher know who will be collecting them each afternoon. This could be a parent, a carer or an after school care worker. Children can get upset if the person picking them up comes late. Check with their teacher about the best time to arrive in the afternoon and where to stand.

Attending school

Going to school every day is important, and Kindergarten sets children up for the rest of their school.

What your child learns each day builds on what they learned the day before. If your child misses school, their learning routine is broken, so they can lose confidence and miss out on building their friendships. You have a legal responsibility to send your children to school every school day.

If your child misses school due to illness, religious reasons or family circumstances, talk to your child's teacher and remember to send a signed note explaining the reason for their absence. If your child arrives at school late or needs to leave early, you will need to go to the office to sign your child in or out.

If you're having difficulty getting your child to school every day and on time, talk to the teacher or principal.

School Morning Routine

Get dressed

Go to the bathroom

Eat breakfast

Brush teeth

Brush hair

Put shoes on

Grab lunch and backpack

HAVE A GREAT DAY AT SCHOOL!

ATTENTION!

We will be no longer accepting cash payment for purchases for Scholastic Book Club. Don't worry it is still easy to order and saves the worry of sending cash with your child to school.

How do I order? You can access the LOOP (Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents) via the scholastic website (instructions on how are displayed on page 13). Your order will be delivered to the school and we will pass it on to your child to take home.

If you have any trouble accessing this site, please contact Jody Mostyn (Librarian) or Sheree Robards (Library Assistant) for assistance. We encourage you to support Book Club as for every dollar spent we receive in rewards, which are used to purchase resources for students.

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ORDERS DUE BY: Friday, 19 February

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What is **Book Club** ?



Ordering books through Book Club is the easiest and most affordable way to offer students the best in children's books for the home and to encourage independent reading for fun.

Book Club offers students a wide range of titles in each issue, from popular and award-winning fiction series and charming new picture books, to fascinating nonfiction titles and hands-on activities that stimulate creativity and encourage problem-solving.

Plus every order you place earns the school **FREE** books and learning resources. Book Club catalogues arrive to school up to twice a term, so make sure you keep an eye out for when it arrives home in your child's school bag!

HOW TO ORDER ON **Book Club**



1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school

2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read

3. Order online via the Scholastic Australia **LOOP** website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (**LOOP** orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)

4. The books are delivered to your child's classroom.



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Log in, or create a new account at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

- 1.** If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
- 2.** Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
- 3.** Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- 4.** Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
- 5.** Make payment via credit card.

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Book Club rewards your school!

Every purchase you make earns your child's school Scholastic Rewards that can be used to purchase valuable educational resources that benefit your child.



Families order from Book Club.



School earns Scholastic Rewards.



School redeems Scholastic Rewards for additional resources.

The Importance of 10 Minutes a Day

Did you know that just 10 minutes of reading a day will change your child's life?

While that may seem like a big statement to make, numerous studies have consistently shown that 10 minutes exposure to reading materials each day is all it takes to positively shape your child's future.

And this doesn't just include complicated educational texts—any reading materials, be it comic books, novels, picture books, recipes, magazines or the back of food packets, all count towards your child's daily reading goal.

Reading any of these materials for 10 minutes a day exposes your child to more than 600,000 words in one year—interestingly, that's more than double the word exposure of a child who only reads for 5 minutes or less each day.

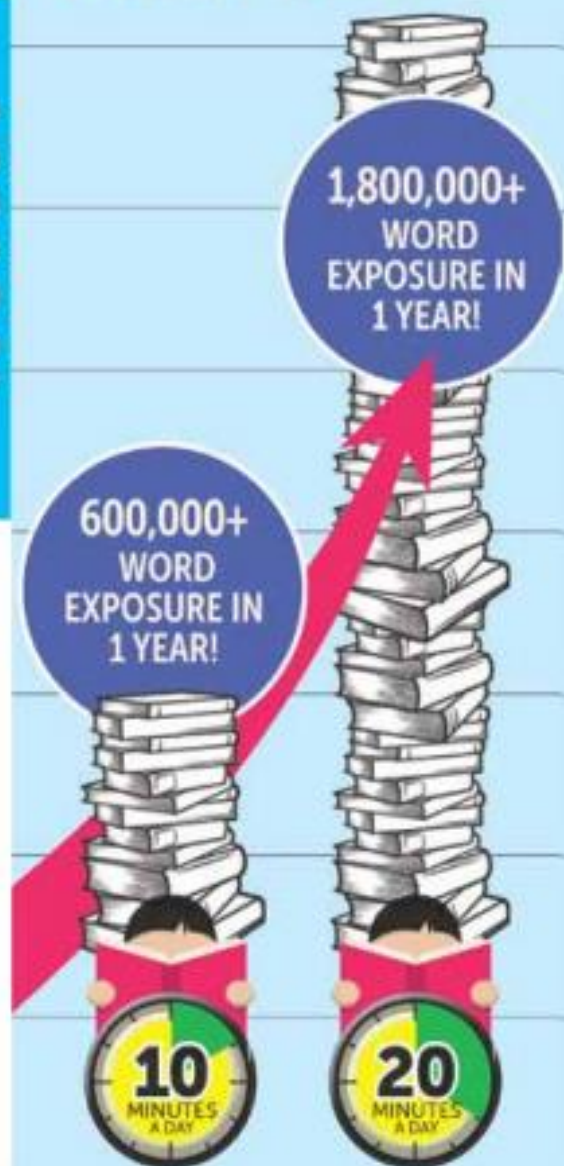
How can you ensure that you can comfortably set aside some time each day to help your child reach their reading goal?


We've put together a few reading tips to help:

- Look through Book Club catalogues with your child and talk about the books you would like to read together. Discuss what you think the books might be about.
- Be a reading role model and let your child see you reading for enjoyment, for news and for information in cookbooks, magazines, online etc. This way they see that reading is important for many reasons.
- Assign a place in your home for your family's books to show your child that books are special and deserve an organised storage space. Fill your home with lots of reading materials.
- If space allows, create a special area for your child to dedicate to reading. Make sure your child puts aside phones, tablets and any other devices that may form a distraction.
- Tie books and TV/movies together. For example, read about sea life after watching a nature documentary on the ocean. Or, connect books and experiences together. For example, after a school excursion to the zoo, read books about animals.

"Be a reading role model and let your child see you reading."


**ADDING 10 MINUTES OF
READING
EVERY DAY
MATTERS**





BULAHDELAH Central School



Strive to Achieve



Primary Swimming Carnival
Thursday, 11 February

Next Newsletters for Term 1: 22 February; 8, 29 March

End of Term 1: 1 April

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we influence, or when, or why.”***

Stephen King

