COMING EVENTS

- MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS….TODAY at 3.15pm and 3.45pm (see details on page 2)
- TEXT/WORK BOOK DAY….Thursday 14th February
- DISTRICT BASEBALL TRIALS….Friday 15th February
- DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL….Monday 18th February
- P & C MEETING….Tuesday 19th February – 7pm in the Staffroom
- WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ….. Wednesday 20th February – 2.15pm – 3/4vK Class Item

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

School Discipline Policy & Anti-Bullying Plan
Parent Seminar
As I outlined in my message last week, to support the introduction of our new Discipline and Anti-Bullying policies I will be presenting a one hour seminar for parents on Monday, 25 February 2013 at 7.00pm. The seminar will provide an overview of each policy. A note will be sent home in the near future inviting parents and interested community members to attend the seminar.

Primary Ethics Classes
Primary Ethics commenced at our school towards the end of last year. It provided a special ethics curriculum alternative for students in Years 3 and 4 who had listed ‘non-scripture’ as their preference during the weekly scripture period. This year we were anticipating the introduction of a second ethics class, however, we require volunteers to be trained as ethics teachers before we can proceed with either class. If you would like to be trained as an ethics teacher please see the advertisement on the following page of this newsletter. Thank you.

Swimming Carnival
After a ‘false start’ last Friday, our Swimming Carnival proved a great success on Monday. I attended the carnival for most of the morning and recorded swimming times for students who gained first place in their respective races. I was impressed by two things in particular. The times I recorded for some of the students who placed first in their races, and the behaviour of our student body. I would like to acknowledge and congratulate all our students on their respective performances and their outstanding behaviour. Well done guys!

Text/Work Book Day is Tomorrow
Please don’t forget that tomorrow, 14 February 2013, is the only day you are able purchase your child’s text/work books at our special discounted rate directly from the booksellers.

Parent Volunteers
Towards the end of last year I had a discussion with a parent who indicated that she would like to assist students to develop their reading and comprehension skills. That is, to participate in class reading programs under the direction of the class teacher. However, this mum also expressed a degree of apprehension because she didn’t have any formal training with respect to the teaching of reading. She then asked if any such training could be organised and provided. What a great idea! Parent volunteers are a vital part of any good school based reading program. They have the capacity to work intensively with children on a ‘one to one’ basis. Their contribution is important and valuable. On this basis alone, I am going to organise a training program for parents who wish to assist students to improve their reading and comprehension skills. I will attempt to organise this training for some time next term. In the interim, please contact your child’s teacher directly if you would like to be part of their class reading program. You will need to fill out a “Prohibited Employment Declaration” which is a mandatory legal document all school volunteers are required to complete. Following this you will be able to get started right away. Thank you.
P&C Meeting
Our first P&C meeting for 2013 will be next Tuesday night, 19 February 2013 commencing at 7.00pm. If you can attend then please come along and be part of this fantastic group of people.

As always, please remember that you are more than welcome to contact me directly, at any time, if you have any school related issue or concern you wish to discuss with me.

Best wishes,
Ernest Vella

HONOUR CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following students:
4/5W ETHAN H

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following students:
K/1R Sienna T Charlotte M
Isabel C Catherine S

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS TODAY
"Meet the Teacher" information sessions will be held this afternoon, in the classrooms.
Meetings for K/1R Kindergarten, 2HT, 2/3P, 3/4vK and 4/5W will be held at 3:15pm.
Meetings for KH, K/1R Year One, 1P, 5/6B and 5/6C will be held at 3:45pm.
These meetings are an excellent opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and find out about what is happening in their class.

TEXT/WORK BOOK DAY REMINDER
Tomorrow is Text/Work Book Day. Please send a payment envelope with each child containing the amount required for the purchase of their textbooks. You may send cash, cheque or credit card slip (from the Textbook note). If you would prefer to come and pay the book seller directly, they will be available in OOSHC room from 8.40am till 9.00am.

2013 HOUSE CAPTAINS
Our House Captains for 2013 were presented with their badges at last week’s assembly. They are:

Shoobert
Captain
Alexander W
Kanesha L
Vice Capt.
Alexander S
Riley M

Ross
Korben S
Morgan H
William G
Jerusha C
Amelia H

Thank you to all students who stood for election and to the successful candidates for their excellent work at the swimming carnival.

P & C NEWS
Next Tuesday we will be holding the first P&C meeting for 2013 at 7.00pm in the staffroom.
All parents a invited to come along to have their say and get to know other one another.

Ethics Classes at Bulli Public School
Primary Ethics was launched at our school late last year, delivering the stage 2 curriculum to students from year 3 and 4 who opted for Special Ethics Education. There are now sufficient numbers for two classes, however we need teachers.

Would you like to become a volunteer Ethics teacher?

An Ethics Teacher
✓ Engages children in learning about ethics;
✓ Is a good listener with a genuine interest in helping young people;
✓ Commits to teaching one class a week on Wednesdays from 11:45am to 12:15pm.

Ethics Teachers undertake
✓ Police and Working with Children checks
✓ Full free training in Primary Ethics curriculum delivery
✓ Ongoing online training

For further information about the content of the philosophical ethics curriculum or to see a short video, ‘What happens in Ethics Classes’ go to www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Allyson Pazos, Ethics Coordinator for Bulli Public, at bulliprimaryethics@gmail.com
CANTEEN NEWS
The canteen reopened today and will only be opening on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday until further notice. If you are able to help in the canteen please contact the office as soon as possible.

New Menu
The new menus were sent home yesterday, please note there are many changes. Additional copies are available from the office.

Roster
Wed 20/2    Jenni & Ania
Thurs 21/2   Lisa & Debbie
Fri 22/2     Sally & Simone

Kym Brown – kymbrown5@bigpond.com
Canteen Co-ordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS
Breakfast Club is a free service run by Northern Illawarra Community Connections. It operates out of our School canteen from 8.00am until 8.45am every Monday morning except for the first Monday of the term. They offer our students a choice of cereal, toast, yogurt, juice and milo. Everyone is welcome.

This year do something different...
do Rhee Taekwondo!

Self Defence, Fitness & Fun
for all ages and levels

Classes: Bulli SLSC
Wed 6.30-7.30pm
Fri 6.00-7.00pm

1st week & uniform FREE this month only

WOONONA NETBALL CLUB

Players from ages 6 and up welcome!

Registration Day
Where: Woonona Bulli RSL
When: Wednesday, 13th February
Time: 3:30 - 7pm
Cont. Netball: 10 yrs $115
Thurs - Inter $135
Seniors $150

GIRL GUIDES MEET IN YOUR AREA!

When: Guides (Ages 10-14)
    Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm
Jr. Guides (Ages 7-9)
    Tuesdays, 5:00-7:00pm

Where: Thirroul Scout Hall, Surfers Parade
Please Contact: Elaine Bell, District Leader
Ph: 4267-2127; Email: e.bell1@bigpond

Northern Suburbs Netball Club registration dates are:
Saturday, 16 February 2013  10am to 1pm
Saturday, 23 February 2013  10am to 1pm
To be held at Thirroul Bowling Club.

Mt Ousley Physie Club
Dance, exercise, fitness and fun for girls and ladies
Classes at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School
Tuesday afternoons for girls 3 to 8 years
Monday afternoons for girls 9 to 12 years
Classes also for senior girls and ladies
First three lessons free for new members
Check our website www.mtousleyphysie.com
Or call Elizabeth 0411 288 291 or Kellie 0413 249 707
or see Miss Hill

PCYC

Now enrolling Teams from year 2 to year 12
• Junior Division - 2nd class to 4th class: Tuesday from 4.00pm:
• Senior primary : 5th and 6th class: Wednesday from 4:00pm:
FEES: Team nomination fee is $20.
Game fee is $40 per team per game.
Adult mixed social comp: Fridays from 6:00pm.
16 yrs & over. $8 per night.
All players must have current PCYC membership
$10 for juniors and $20 for over 18’s.
To enter a team or if you have any enquiries please contact the club on 4284 3878 after 4:00pm or email: bulli@pcycnsw.org.au.

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ASTHMA?

ALERT: EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT presentations for asthma increase dramatically when children return to school in February.

REFER to CHILDRENS ASTHMA EDUCATORS: 1300 792 755

Make your child “Ready for School” by:
1. Regular review by GP before school starts
2. Review and understanding of asthma medications and symptoms
3. Review and update of asthma action plan

Asthma Resource
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