PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

School Photos
School photos have been scheduled for next Monday, 04 March 2013. Your child should have brought an order form home last Monday. If you have not received this order form and you wish to order school photos, please contact the school’s front office as soon as possible.

School Development Days (Term 2)
The first and second days of Term 2 have been set aside for Teacher Professional Learning. Students will commence Term 2 on Wednesday, 01 May 2013. The first SDD on Monday 29 April 2013 will involve staff attending a combined schools training program and will be off site. On the following day, Tuesday 30 April 2013, staff will be engaged in professional learning activities relating to the new Australian Curriculum. That is, the first syllabus mandated to be implemented from the beginning of 2014 is the Australian English Syllabus. Staff will begin the first of a series of professional learning courses and activities designed to facilitate our school’s transition to this new syllabus.

Students Crossing Haig Street
Yesterday two students (Yrs 4 & 6) chose to run across Haig Street rather than use the school crossing. These two boys were almost hit by a passing car. You may wish to remind your children to cross at the school crossing which is managed by a Traffic Control Officer. I have asked teachers to provide the same message to students in their classes. Thank you.

Student Toilets
Recently a male parent was observed entering the students’ toilet block to assist his child. It is inappropriate for adults (parents or teachers) to enter the students’ toilet block when students are using them. I must respectfully request that no adult person, parent or not, enter the students’ toilet block for any reason other than an emergency. Thank you.

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

BANNER
We are very proud to congratulate our latest Banner recipient:

CAITLIN B – 2/3P

PENNANT
Special congratulations to the following student:

CAITLIN B

HONOUR CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following students:

2HT WILLIAM A
2/3P CAITLIN B
MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students:

KH  Kalani P  Caylee Mc
    Ashleigh J  Rebecca B
    Imahli S
K/1R  Nia F  Lola W
1P  Annabel M  Caitlyne Mc
2HT  Layla R
2/3P  Caitlin B
3/4vK  Charlotte W
4/5W  Jordan C

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY NEXT MONDAY
Don’t forget school photos will be taken next Monday, 4th March. Each child must bring in their own order envelope, even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. Cash payments can only be returned on Photo Day with the correct money enclosed. No change can be given.

On the day all students are to wear their summer uniform.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2013
Our school cross country will be held on Wednesday 27th March. (Full details are on a separate note.) This event is for 3-6 students plus any year 2 student who will turn 8 this year and can complete the course.

We will be having practice sessions to prepare for this event. They are planned for Tuesday afternoons, however, due to the unpredictable weather, these practice sessions might be held on alternate days. Students will be informed of changes. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothes and lace up joggers/runners on these days.

D van Kessel
Cross Country Organiser

K-2 CROSS COUNTRY 2013
The K-2 Cross Country will also be on Wednesday 27th March. More details will be following.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA SCHOOLS DAY
This Friday, 1st March, students at our school will be cleaning up our school property, or carrying out some related activities. Students from years 2 to 6 will need to bring their own protective gloves. They may also bring small rubbish bags. Activities will also be held around the Illawarra over the weekend if you would like to help Clean Up Australia!

Louise Ney
Co-ordinator

LIBRARY NEWS
Our 2013 Library Monitors are Morgan, Joyful, Lily and Nikita. They will receive their badges at the K-6 assembly today. The monitors will share duties each week and have already shown a lot of initiative whilst helping in the library.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge online reading records will commence next Monday 4th March. I will be showing all students how to logon and enter their books during next week’s library lessons. Students are already reading and there are already 5 students on the PRC Honour List in the library for having read 5 books. What a great start to the challenge! Remember to bring in your paper copy of your reading log to show each set of 5 books so that I can stamp your sheet and put your name and stickers on the honour roll.

K-2 teachers and I will be adding in any books from the PRC list that we have read to students in class time.

Keep reading
Leanne O’Brien
Teacher Librarian

CANTEEN NEWS
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!
We still desperately need more canteen volunteers! Today I was forced to provide lunch and recess orders only as we had no-one to staff the canteen. In future we may be forced to close the canteen on short notice unless we get some more volunteers.

If you are able to assist, even on an emergency basis, that would be a great help. Please email me at kymbrown5@bigpond.com or drop your details at the school office.

Roster
Wed 6/3  Kellie D G & Sharon J
Thurs 7/3  Brittany P & Rhiannon P
Fri 8/3  Chrissy A & Kate M

Kym Brown, Canteen Manager
kymbrown5@bigpond.com

COMMUNITY NEWS
Bulli Junior Soccer Club
Limited places available in the following age groups: Under 6, Under 7, Under 9, Under 10, Under 12
Please contact Sean – bjscregistrar@gmail.com or Michelle 0401 268801 for more information.
HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

Looking for Volunteer Host Families
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: http://www.wep.org.au

Year 5 & 6 Parent Evening at Bulli High School Tuesday 5 March
On Tuesday 5 March Bulli High School will host its special Expo evening for the parents and students of Years 5 and 6, 2013, from our local primary schools. This event will commence at 6.30pm with an informative presentation in the school’s hall followed by guided tours of the school’s facilities led by Student Representatives.

Call 42848266 for more details.