NEWSLETTER
TERM 1  WEEK 7  13/3/2013

COMING EVENTS

- 3-6 RECREATIONAL SPORT #3….Friday 15th March
- DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS…Monday 18th March
- P & C MEETING….Tuesday 19th March – 7pm in Staffroom
- HARMONY DAY….Wednesday 20th March
- WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ..... Wednesday 20th March – 2.15pm – 5/6B Class Item
- GRANDPARENTS DAY….Friday 22nd March 10.45am

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Dear Parents,

Thank you
I feel compelled to sincerely and publically thank Robyn Shead for the flower arrangements she has personally organised for our school’s administration area on multiple occasions this term. They are truly beautiful arrangements and give our office foyer a pleasant ‘lift of atmosphere’. Thank you Robyn!

Harmony Day
Harmony Day will be celebrated in our school next week on Wednesday 20 March 2013. Harmony Day is a day which has been set aside to promote a sense of respect, fairness and belonging for everyone in Australian society. It denotes a departure from cultural, racial and religious intolerance in schools and society throughout Australia.

Bulli High School Enrichment Class Test and Parent Forum
The Enrichment Class Test at Bulli HS has been prepared for those of our interested Year 6 students who are going off to Bulli High School next year. Applications to sit the test are due at the high school no later than this Friday, 15 March 2013. Also, Lou Tome, R/Principal of Bulli High School, has scheduled an Information Forum at our school on Thursday, 28 March 2013 at 3.30pm. I will be sending home a reminder note to parents closer to this date. Briefly stated, the forum will present parents with an opportunity to be advised of programs, policies and other teaching and learning initiatives the school will be offering students in 2014. It will also provide parents with an opportunity to ask questions directly to the principal of the school.

Professional Learning
Our school’s two assistant principals, Ray Cochrane and Natalie Hill, will be attending a one day professional learning program on Thursday, 21 Mar 2013. This program relates to the new Australian English Syllabus. This is the first syllabus (of several) mandated to be implemented from the beginning of 2014. As curriculum leaders in our school it is highly appropriate and necessary that they are both provided with intensive professional learning around this new syllabus. The whole school 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 on Tuesday, 30 April 2013, as previously advised. I will keep you up to date with our school’s implementation schedule and training outcomes as we complete them.

P&C Fundraising and Meeting
The P&C are currently holding an Easter guessing competition with all families receiving a book of tickets today. The P&C are requesting all monies, ticket stubs and/or unsold tickets are returned by Tuesday, 26 March 2013. Prizes will be drawn at the school Hat Parade on Wednesday, 27 March 2013. The funds raised will support the purchase of a defibrillator for our school. Also, our next P&C meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, 19 March 2013 at 7.00pm. On behalf of our wonderful P&C I would like to extend a warm invitation to attend the meeting to any member of our school community who is in a position to attend. 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
PENNANT
Special congratulations to the following students:

CHARLOTTE M
ALEXANDER S

HONOUR CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following students:
K/1R CHARLOTTE M
2HT HALLE D G
ALEXIS H
CALUM O

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following students:
KH Kalani P
1P Michael G
Halle D G
2HT Calum O x 2
Amelia S
Alexis H x 2
Ethan O
2/3P Bronte Y
Emily C
Kiyah S x 2
3/4vK Charlotte W
5/6B Korben S x 2
5/6C Morgan H
Paris T

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY
Grandparents’ Day will be held on Friday, 22nd March. We welcome all grandparents of students K-6 to Bulli PS and invite them to attend the celebrations. Grandparents are invited to the canteen at 10:45 for morning tea. Children will come out for recess at 10:55 and can meet their grandparents under the hall COLA to have morning tea with them. Only children collecting orders will be permitted in the canteen area. Grandparents are reminded to take care with hot beverages when children come out. At 11:30 a special Grandparents’ Day assembly will be held in the hall. We look forward to seeing lots of grandparents share this day with their grandchildren!

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY CAKE DONATIONS
As mentioned above the P & C are providing a free morning tea on Grandparents’ Day (Friday 22nd March). We would appreciate any donations of cakes, slices, biscuits, etc. Please ensure cakes and slices are cut into individual portions. Cakes, etc can be dropped off at the canteen on Friday morning. Thank you for your support.

RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION
This Thursday, K-2 students will be visited by a representative from Responsible Pet Education. This representative will speak to students about how to be safe around animals, such as dogs. They will have a dog with them to demonstrate safety strategies.

WHOOPING COUGH (PERTUSSIS)
We have had a confirmed case of whooping cough (pertussis) at school this week. Please be on the look out for the following symptoms:
- a runny nose, followed by a cough, which becomes worse (older children and adults may have only a cough that can last for several months)
- a cough that occurs in spasms, which may be followed by vomiting
- a cough with a 'whoop' (a sudden noisy gasp at the end of coughing).

In order to prevent further cases, if your child or any member of your family has symptoms of whooping cough please see your doctor. This is extremely important if there is a baby less than 12 months of age living in the household. Whooping cough can be a serious life-threatening infection for babies.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in its early, infectious stage (within 3 weeks of the cough starting), please advise the school and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics.

Immunisation reduces the risk of infection, however the vaccine does not give lifelong protection, and re-infection can occur. The vaccine is provided free of charge for infants at 2, 4 and 6 months and again at 4 years. Please check that your child has received this primary course. If your child has not been fully immunised, discuss a catch-up plan with your doctor.

A vaccine for adults is available. It is recommended:
- For both parents when planning a pregnancy, or as soon as the baby is born,
- For other adult household members, grandparents and carers of young children, and
- For adults working with young children, especially health care and child care workers.

Information on whooping cough is available at www.health.nsw.gov.au/infect/diseases.html

BOOKCLUB
Welcome to Bookclub 2013! Scholastic catalogues have now been sent home. Please return your orders to the office by the end of Week 8 (Friday, 22nd March).

We are looking for parent volunteers for the position of Bookclub co-ordinator. This can be a shared role. Orders are taken once per term, and the main activities are:
- sorting and distributing catalogues
- receiving and entering (online) orders
- receiving books and distributing to students

Please let me or P&C know if you would like to be involved. Last year, Bookclub earned over $1,300 worth of free books for the school library and classrooms!
Karen Spargo
0450121244
**P & C NEWS**

**AGM – Next Tuesday**

Tuesday the 19th will be the Annual General Meeting of the P&C at 7.00pm in the school staff room. All parents are invited to attend to hear the annual financial and operational reports of the association for 2012 and to assist in the voting for positions on the P&C for 2013. The following positions will be decided on the night:

- **President:** Meeting chairperson and P&C representative in School Administration activities and School Assemblies.
- **Vice President:** Assistant to the President.
- **Treasurer:** Responsible for P&C accounts payable and monthly reporting of financial status of accounts.
- **Canteen Co-ordinator:** Supervises the operations of the School Canteen - stock level maintenance, volunteer staff rosters, canteen menus.
- **Fundraising Co-ordinator:** Supervises the running of official P&C fundraising events throughout the year - Chocolate Drive, Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day Stalls etc.
- **Secretary:** Takes minutes of P&C meetings, compiles agendas of up-coming meetings, responsible for incoming and outgoing correspondence.

Additionally we will be seeking parents who may wish to hold the following Sub-Committee positions:

- **School Grant Co-ordinator:** Researching and organising the application of grants able to be accessed by the P&C on behalf of the school.
- **Dental Clinic Renovation Co-ordinator:** Supervise the renovation of the Dental Clinic into a functional space for the benefit of the greater school community.

Any parent wanting more information on any of these positions can contact myself on 0488 360 557. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the meeting.

**Uniform Shop**

A reminder that the uniform shop is operating once more from the craft room behind the canteen on Friday mornings each week. A second hand selection of items has been added and donations of uniforms which have been outgrown will be gratefully accepted at the shop.

*Shane Gollop – P & C President*

**Student Banking**

**TERM 1 PRIZE ORDERING DAY**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 3RD**

Prize ordering is done once a Term, students need to collect 10 tokens (1 token is received with every deposit made). They can then send in their 10 tokens with the redemption card of the prize they want. Tokens and prize cards can be sent in at any time but will only be ordered on the Prize Ordering Day for that term.

Prizes available for Term 1 are: Fancy Blue Wallet, Bouncy Handball, Character Money Boxes and a Knuckles Game.

Thank you to all the students that have opened new accounts this year. We now have over 70 children banking and saving. This creates commission for our school with every new account opened and deposits made each week.

Thank You

*Sam Milham / Kym Brown*

**Student Banking Co-ordinators**

**Easter Guessing Competition**

Today each family will receive a book of 10 Easter guessing competition tickets to sell, with a total value of $20.00. We have four amazing Easter Hampers to be won!

This fundraising venture will support the purchase of a defibrillator for the school which was a request from staff at the last P&C meeting. Could ticket stubs and monies please be returned to the school over the next fortnight, with tickets being drawn at the school Hat Parade on the 27th of March at 215pm.

If your family is unable to support the guessing competition, but would like to instead make a small donation to assist with the purchase of this item please forward this to the school office.

*Lisa Pearson*

Fundraising Co-ordinator

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Grandparents Day Help Needed**

We need volunteers to help serve tea and coffee for a couple of hours on Grandparents Day, Friday 22nd March. If you are available to help please contact me, my details are below.

Also if you are able to cook cakes, cupcakes, slice, biscuits etc please contact me and let me know what you are willing to donate. Every little bit will help.

Lastly, just a reminder to read your new canteen menu, as some students are ordering items that are not on the menu. Canteen volunteers are not permitted to sell items that are not on the approved menu. They are also not permitted to re-heat or cook items that students bring in from home.

Thank you

*Kym Brown*

Canteen Co-ordinator

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Great Ocean Pool Crawl – Sunday, 21st April 2013
You may not be able to walk in the shoes of a cancer patient, but you can swim for one on Sunday, April 21st.
The Great Ocean Pool Crawl is an opportunity for students, friends, and families to swim, snorkel or paddle their way through 2 laps in 7 beautiful ocean pools to raise funds for Cancer Council NSW. Beginning with a 9:00am registration at the Corrimal Hotel, a free bus will transport our Pool Crawlers to each ocean pool from Coalcliff to Towradgi.
Get your classmates, teachers, and family to sponsor your crawl and reach your fundraising target! Fantastic prizes for best dressed, highest fundraiser and lucky door are on offer! All funds will go towards cancer research, prevention, information and support services such as the Illawarra General and Practical Support Service which assists people undergoing cancer treatment, and their carers with a bit of extra help during a very difficult time.
For more information visit: www.poolcrawl.com.au