COMING EVENTS

- GRANDPARENTS’ DAY…Friday 22nd March – from 10.45am
- 3-6 RECREATIONAL SPORT #4….Friday 22nd March
- CROSS COUNTRY….Wednesday 27th March
- EASTER HAT PARADE… Wednesday 27th March
- BULLI HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION FORUM….Thursday 28th March 3.30pm

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Grandparents’ Day and Student Safety
This Friday is Grandparents’ Day at our school. All grandparents attending the day will be more than welcome to avail themselves of hot tea and coffee. However, may I respectfully request that grandparents consume hot drinks in the designated area to protect students (and others) from accidental spillage. Thank you for your understanding and consideration with this matter.

P&C Defibrillator Purchase
Discussions during a recent P&C meeting centred around the P&C raising money to purchase a defibrillator for the school. However, following written correspondence with the Assistant Director of the DEC’s ‘Work, Health and Safety’ directorate I was advised that the DEC “does not currently approve the provision of Defibrillators in schools”. On this basis I have requested that the P&C do not purchase a defibrillator on the school’s behalf. The P&C have, however, decided to support the school with the purchase of school resources with the funds raised. Thank you to the P&C and to all those parents and community members who have supported this fund raising venture with the purchase of raffle tickets.

Canteen Support
Kym Brown, our Canteen Manager, is continually struggling to adequately staff our school’s canteen for even three days per week. Many of our students rely on the canteen to purchase their recess and lunch each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you can even commit to staff the canteen for just one day during the year, would you please contact Kym Brown directly or alternatively contact the school’s front office and we will pass on your details to Kym. Thank you.

Students performing at higher levels
Currently we are placing a lot of additional support into the learning needs of many students. This is primarily due to funding allocations from the DEC to the school in the form of ‘tied’ sums of money. Tied funding is not generally provided for students performing at higher academic levels in comprehensive schools. To address this issue I intend to employ a teacher for two days per week from week two or three next term to run a dedicated program for a range of student learning abilities, including those students performing at higher levels. Regrettably school funds this year, will only support this initiative for approximately 17 weeks (almost two terms). However, when the “Local Schools, Local Decisions” framework is fully implemented in schools across NSW next year I will have the capacity to employ a teacher five days per week for the entire year. My intention is to deploy a teacher in a manner that will directly support the learning needs of a range of students in this school and not least of all those students who are performing at higher academic levels.

Two Day Training Program in Public Speaking and Debating
Our Region has proposed a range of workshops around Public Speaking and Debating for students in Years 3 to 6 over a two day period. These workshops are scheduled to take place during August at a cost to parents of $190 per student. However, the principals of our local Community of Schools network (COS) have organised to have the very same presenters with the very same teaching materials provide the very same two day training program to our students at no cost whatsoever. The only cost incurred will be approximately $25 per school (which will, of course, be borne by the school). At this stage we are still negotiating the dates. I will advise you when we have finalised the dates and other arrangements.
Anaphylaxis Training
As of 5 March 2013 all staff in this school, including casual and temporary teachers have been fully trained in anaphylaxis emergency response care.
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:

KAI P - 4/5W

PENNYANT
Special congratulations to the following students:

KAI P

HONOUR CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following students:

K/1R CATHARINE S
2HT AMELIA C
4/5W KAI P

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following students:

KH Hailee L Ashleigh J
K/1R Archie W Catherine S
Nia F Tessa P
Belen C P
1P Kyron L
2HT Blake P Amelia C x 5
Coro D x 2
3/4K Yazmin C x 2
4/5W Kai P x 3
5/6B Alex W
5/6C Charlie B

COMBINED SCRIPTURE ASSEMBLY
There will be a combined scripture assembly on Wednesday 27 March at 11.30 am. If you don’t wish your child to attend please send a note to the office by Monday 25 March. Any parents or friends who would like to come are also invited to attend.

BOOKCLUB
Just a reminder that Bookclub orders are due this Friday, get them in!
Karen Spargo
0450121244

MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING
As a fundraiser the school is mustering old mobile phones for recycling. This is a win win situation, we are saving the environment and making money. So if you have any old mobile phones lying around please send them into the school office before the end of the term.

K-6 DISCO
Dust off your disco shoes for the K-6 DISCO year 6 fundraiser Friday April 5th, 2013
6-6:30pm Sausage Sizzle,
6:30-8:30 Dancing, Fun, Prizes
Entry $5.00
Sausage Sandwich $1.00, Drink $1.00.
Lollies and glow products will be available on the night to purchase.
A $10.00 Disco Fun Pack will also be available including: Entry, 1 Drink, 1 Sausage Sandwich, Glow Stick, Lolly Bag.

Please fill out the slip on the back page of this newsletter to pre-order Sausage Sandwiches, Drinks and Disco Fun Packs. All orders must be given to the Office by Thursday 28th March, 2013.
This disco is for Bulli Public School Students only.
Thank you
Year 6 Fundraising Committee

P & C NEWS
Bulli Public School Confirmed P&C Executive Positions for 2013
President: Shane Gollop
Vice President: Nadine Egan-Scott
Treasurer: Rose Jardine
Secretary: Phil Mansfield
Canteen Manager: Kym Brown
Assistant Canteen Manager: Sam Milham
Fundraising Co-ordinator: Lisa Pearson
Assistant Fundraising Coordinator: Leah Daddo
Uniform Shop Coordinator: Markus Meier-Lindner
Grants Coordinator: Toby Schaefer-Darling

Easter Guessing Competition
The four fantastic Easter hampers are now on display in the office for everyone to admire!
Thank you to the families who have already returned their guessing competition stubs and monies. Could all remaining families please return their ticket stubs and monies, or unsold tickets by next Tuesday, 26th March, as prizes will be drawn at the school Hat Parade at 2.15pm the next day.
As mentioned previously in Mr Vella’s report, the Department of Education is unable to allow school's to install defibrillators at this point. All funds raised from the guessing competition will now be redirected to classroom resources.

Lisa Pearson
Fundraising Co-ordinator

School Caps
We have a new supply of school caps available for purchase from the uniform shop or the front office.
CANTEEN NEWS
CANTEEN MEETING - TUESDAY 26/3/13 3PM IN K1/R CLASSROOM

Grandparents’ Day
A big thank you to all those who have volunteered to bake for Grandparents’ Day. If anyone else would like to bake something and send it in on Friday morning that would be fantastic. Please just send me a quick text or email to let me know. Also if you are available to help out for the morning it would be greatly appreciated.

Cross Country
If you are not able to help out with Grandparents day but are available to help out at next week’s cross country please let me know. The P&C will be having a cake and coffee stall set up out near the track for spectators to purchase their morning tea. This is a fundraiser for the P&C and has proved to be quite popular in past years. We are again asking for cakes and slices to be donated to make this a success. If you are able to donate baked goods and/or help on the stall for any amount of time on this day please let me know via email or txt. (You will be able to watch your child run from where the stall is set up).

Many Thanks
Kym Brown, Canteen Manager
0405258478, kymbrown5@bigpond.com

Roster
Wed 27/3  Jenni, Ania & Karen
Thurs 28/3  Lisa & Debbie
Fri 29/3  Good Friday

COMMUNITY NEWS
APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT IPAC
Arena Theatre Company, one of Australia’s best creators of theatre for young people, has made a musical comedy like no other – Cautionary Tales for Children. See it at Illawarra Performing Arts Centre, Wollongong, on 23 & 24 April. Kids aged 8 – 13 can also get a look behind the scenes at our One Day Creativity Camp on 24 April. You’ll see the show and participate in a range of fun activities inspired by it, including creative writing, drama and visual arts. For more information and to book, call the box office on 4224 5999 or visit www.merrigong.com.au.

Dharwal National Park
The National Park and Wildlife Service is hosting two new Discovery activities on Tuesday 26th March to celebrate the first anniversary of the declaration of Dharawal National Park. Come and enjoy the fun of a search for bugs at Maddens Falls (Darkes Forest end) of Dharawal in the morning, or a go on photographic adventure starting at Victoria Rd (Wedderburn end) in the afternoon. For more details of these and any other Discovery programs, have a look at the “What’s On” section of our new visitor website: www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au.

Budo Kenkyu-kai
Are Your Kids Bully-Proof?
Bulli Masonic Hall, Princes Hwy, Bulli.
Monday & Thursday Night: 6:00 — 6:45pm
Saturday Morning: 10:00 — 10:45am
Ring Graeme: (04) 631 161 First Lesson FREE
www.martialartresearch.com.au

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Every child can shine
Kumon’s maths and English programmes work to support your child in building confidence while developing a thorough skill-set to foster a love of learning for life. Contact your local Kumon Centre to find out more today.

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Rosetta  tel: 0434 261 649
Wollongong West
Vimasha  tel: 0423 109 013
Visit http://au.kumonglobal.com

Kids’ Fishing Workshop
Kids 8-14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instruction is experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries. The day runs from 10am-2pm and involves fishing techniques, bag & size limits, fish handling for catch & release.

Cost: $40 PER CHILD, and includes rod & reel combination, shirt, hat, tackle box and show bag — all to take home!

Bookings are Essential. Maximum 35 participants.
Year 6 2013 DISCO PRE-ORDER
Friday April 5th, 2013

Please complete the details below indicating whether you choose a Disco Fun Pack or how many sausage sandwiches or drinks you would like to order for each child.

Name: ___________________________ Class: ________ I would like to order:

☐ $10.00 Disco Fun Pack (Entry, 1 Drink, 1 Sandwich, Glow Stick, Lolly Bag) OR
☐ Sausage Sandwich@ $1.00 each ☐ Drink @$1.00 each + $5.00 Entry

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TOTAL ENCLOSED:$________

Orders to be returned, in a payment envelope, to the Office by Thursday 28th March. Money must accompany all orders.

Vouchers for entry, food & drinks to be collect at Disco from 6pm