## 25160 Calendar

### Week 2

- **Thursday 15 Oct**  Kindergarten Orientation 11.30am
- **Friday 16 Oct**  Yr 7 2016 Bulli HS Uniform fitting 3pm

### Week 3

- **Tuesday 20 Oct**  P&C Meeting 7pm
- **Wednesday 21 Oct**  Bulli HS Adventure Program (optional)
- **Friday 23 Oct**  Kindergarten Orientation 11.30am
- **Friday 23 Oct**  Gynmpsports #1

### Week 4

- **Wednesday 28 Oct**  Bulli HS Adventure Program (optional)
- **Friday 30 Oct**  Kindergarten Orientation 11.30am
- **Friday 30 Oct**  Gynmpsports #2

### Week 5

- **Wednesday 4 Nov**  Bulli HS Adventure Program (optional)
- **Thursday 5 Nov**  Kindergarten Orientation 11.30am
- **Friday 6 Nov**  Gynmpsports #3

### What's due / overdue

- **Tuesday 15 Sept**  Gynmpsports K-6
- **Thursday 5 Nov**  Changes to Religious Ed/Ethics

### Special dates for your diary

- **Wednesday 25 Nov**  Volunteer Morning Tea 10.55am
- **Thursday 26 Nov**  K-2 Social (time to be advised)
- **Thursday 3 December**  School Concert 6.30pm
- **Wednesday 9 December**  Presentation Assembly 9.30am
- **Thursday 10 December**  Yr 6 Farewell 6.30pm
- **Friday 11 December**  Party Day
- **Tuesday 15 December**  Talent Show 9.30am

## Assemblies

### Week 3

- **Wednesday 21 Oct**  Combined K-2 & 3-6 Assembly

### Week 4

- **Wednesday 28 Oct**  Whole School Assembly 1.45pm K/1HT item

### Week 6

- **Wednesday 11 Nov**  Whole School Assembly 1.45pm KC item

### Week 7

- **Wednesday 18 Nov**  Combined K-2 & 3-6 Assembly

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## Principal’s message

Spring has sprung in our veggie patch with 4/5S planting an assortment of vegetables. Climbing beans, kale, black tomatoes and self-seeded celery are just some of the tasty delights we will enjoy later this term.

Meanwhile, the Enviro Club that meets once per fortnight, is currently removing sticks and branches from neglected gardens before they can be rejuvenated. It is wonderful to spend time with children who are in tune with their natural surroundings and committed to improving our school’s environment.

Congratulations, Andrew and Ben J, members of *The Debatinators*, our Premier’s Debating Challenge team who have been nominated to trial for the Illawarra/South East Regional team to take part in the 2015 Debating State Championships. A well-deserved effort!

Congratulations, 1/2B and 4/5S whose combined film *Something Smells Fishy* has been named a finalist in the ‘Film by the Sea’ competition. Best wishes for the award ceremony to be held on 3 November. (More information about the ceremony will be sent home shortly.)

This Thursday we welcome Kindergarten 2016 to Bulli Public School as they, and their families, commence the more formal component of our comprehensive Kindergarten Orientation program. In keeping with our strategic direction, Enhance Community Wellbeing, our formal orientation program is an extension of our Kindy Play program that gave the children the opportunity to meet new friends and learn a little about ‘big school’. At these sessions, the children remain with the teacher and learn a little about the formal side of schooling in a fun and nurturing way. Meanwhile, the parents are invited to a range of parent sessions where they will learn more about life at Bulli Public School including how literacy and numeracy are taught in the Kindergarten classroom and our proactive approach to student wellbeing. We look forward to spending time over the next four weeks with our new Kinder students and their families.

Enjoy your week!

*Rhonda Morton*
**Awards**

We are very proud to congratulate our latest Banner recipient:

**Alexis H – 3/4vK**

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**Friendly Kids Friendly Classrooms**

The social skill for home discussion next fortnight is...

**GIVING AND RECEIVING COMPLIMENTS**

*Good friends look for the good things about others*

**Giving Compliments**

Look for anything about another person that you genuinely like or appreciate.

Look in their eyes and smile.

Tell them what you like about them.

Don’t give a compliment that isn’t true.

Don’t give too many compliments – they lose their impact.

**Receiving Compliments**

Wait till the person finishes giving you the compliment.

Look in their eyes and smile.

Say ‘thank you’ and perhaps add an interesting positive comment.

Don’t laugh or say something silly.

Don’t look away.

Don’t say something that suggests they’re wrong.

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**Gymsports Change**

Gymsports will not commence this week as planned due to staffing issues. The program will start next Friday 23 October and will continue for six weeks. The final session will be held on Friday 27 November.

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**NSW Volunteer of the Year Senior Finalist**

Congratulations Marie Searson on being selected as a finalist in the NSW Volunteers Awards for 2015. The school recently nominated Mrs Searson for this award for her many years of volunteering to assist our Stage 2 students with reading. Her efforts and dedication to our students is truly inspiring and appreciated by all.

Thank you!

*Debbie Wedeman & Donna van Kessel*

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**Assemblies Term 4**

You may have noticed in the Assemblies information on the front page that there will be a combined K-2 and 3-6 Assembly in Weeks 3 and 7. Due to Gmysports and Kindergarten Orientation, the hall is in high demand each Friday. Rather than cancel K-2 assemblies, we have combined the two assemblies for Term 4. At these assemblies, Principal’s awards as well as Merits and Honours will be presented. Class items, Pennants and Banners will continue to be presented at our whole school assemblies held in even weeks.

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**Earn and Learn Points**

Thank you to all the families who collected stickers for the Woolies Earn and Learn program. With over 13,000 points, we have been able to order a number of readers to support our guided reading program as well as some problem solving activities for our younger students. We are grateful for the continued support of our community.

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**Child Safety Reminders**

- We have a number of students who are allergic to nuts and peanuts. Therefore we do not advise the use of nuts or nut products such as peanut butter and Nutella as part of your child’s recess and lunch.
- The staff car park is for staff use only before and after school.
- If crossing Haig Rd, use the crossing.
- If crossing the Princes Highway, use the overhead pass.
- Dogs are not permitted by law on school premises.

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**Selective High School 2017**

Parents/Carers of Year 5 students are advised of the following information regarding consideration for selective high schools in 2017.

- An Intention to Apply form must be submitted to Bulli Public School prior to your online application being made. This form accompanies today’s newsletter for all Year 5 students.
- Applications must be made online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)
- Applications for entry in 2017 must be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

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**Religious & Ethics Education for 2016**

At this time of the year we commence our planning for Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) classes for 2016.

At Bulli Public School, we offer both Protestant and Catholic SRE for all students. SEE is offered to students in Years 1-6 in three groups: 1/2, 3/4 & 5/6 with classes limited to 20 students. Students who select neither option, attend a classroom where they are supervised by a classroom teacher while they complete work.

If you wish to change your child’s current enrolment for 2016, please inform the office in writing by Thursday 5 November. No changes will be accepted after this date as numbers will be passed to teachers to enable the purchasing of materials.

Please note: parents of children in Kindergarten who did not nominate a religious persuasion and/or selected Ethics on their enrolment form will receive separate information next week regarding enrolment for 2016.
**Absenteeism Reminders**

- A reminder that an absentee note should accompany your child on the first day he / she returns to school after an absence.
- If your child has been to the doctor, please obtain a doctor’s certificate and attach it to your absentee note.
- If your child is absent for more than two days please advise our administration staff.
- If you are taking extended leave throughout the term, you must apply for this leave in advance. If it is for a holiday, a copy of your ticket (if applicable) and itinerary must accompany the application.

**Cafeli - No Lunch Orders on Thursdays**

Unfortunately Cafeli will not be able to offer lunch orders on Thursday for the remainder of this year. Orders, including hot food, can still be placed on all other days of the week.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Planning for the Illawarra Folk Festival 2016 is well underway, and students, parents, teachers and staff at Bulli Public School can be involved. The Festival will be held over four days from Thursday 14 till Sunday 17 January at the Bulli Showground. Bulli Public School is an Illawarra Folk Festival Community Partner, and you are able to support the school and the Festival in the following ways:

**Ticket Purchase:** When you purchase online at [http://www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au](http://www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au) and enter the code BPS2016 the Folk Festival will make a donation to the school. For each Season Pass $40 will be donated and $20 for each Weekend Pass.

**Billet program:** Performers will need bed and breaky during the Festival and in return you will receive 2 full Season Passes (worth over $360). You will also receive 30 Black Diamond Dollars that you can spend on Festival merchandise or at the Festival Bar and a free invitation to the Festival concert following the Folk Festival. You will also get to choose a free class at the Folk School!

Providing accommodation for our performers is vital in keeping this festival successful, so please follow the link: [http://www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au/billet-accommodation](http://www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au/billet-accommodation) or send an email to billets@illawarrafolkfestival.com.au for more information, or call 0411 515 780.

**Centrehealth Dental Care Woonona**

Centrehealth Dental Care Woonona is now open and bulk bills all eligible children and teenagers under the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule. We are also offering those children/teenagers who are NOT eligible for this program a special offer for their check-up/clean/x-rays/fluoride. Normally this service would be $260.00 however, we are offering children/teenagers who are NOT eligible for the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Program a reduced fee of $130.00. For an appointment or more information please call us on 42839099. Alternatively you can email: woononadental@centrehealth.com.au

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**Girls AFL Competition**

The AFL invites all girls ages 10-12 to join the brand new Junior Girls AFL Competition starting on Wednesday October 21 at Figtree Oval. This is going to be great fun and it doesn’t matter if you haven’t played AFL before. We will teach you! The competition will run every Wednesday for 6 weeks and it’s only $20 to play. Plus the first 30 people to register will receive a pink Sherrin Football and a drink bottle!

So if you’d like to try something new that’s safe, fun and friendly be one of the first to play in this new comp! Figtree Oval – Wednesday October 21 at 4pm. For more info: [www.aflsouthcoast.com.au](http://www.aflsouthcoast.com.au)

**Kite Flying Competition Festival of Flight**

Sunday, November 15, 1.30pm

Come fly your kite at the Festival of Flight in Stanwell Park! To celebrate 100 years since the passing of the Father of Flight, Lawrence Hargrave, this year’s Festival will feature a colourful and imaginative kite flying competition.

The best design and flight, as judged by the Australian Kite Flyers Association, will win a $50 account with IMB bank. The Association will also give a demonstration of Lawrence Hargrave's box kites, the precursor to modern day aviation. Assemble at the northern end of Stanwell Park beach to start flying your creations by 1.30pm. Winners announced at 2.30pm.
Free Online Tutoring with Wollongong City Libraries!
Wollongong City Libraries now has more help for students. You can gain help with your assignment or resume through a new service called Your Tutor. Your Tutor connects a student to an expert teacher who can help with writing and schoolwork. Students either connect online for immediate help or upload a draft and get feedback returned in less than 24 hours. Students can use the service from home or in any of Wollongong’s seven libraries.
The service joins students with a fully qualified, Australian tutor between 3pm and 10pm on Sundays to Fridays. All library members need to do is visit the library home page. Tutoring is available for Years 3 to 12 and for Tafe and University undergraduates. The resume service is available for anyone! All that is required is a Wollongong Library card. For more information see the library website http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library

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