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Principal’s message

Congratulations to Charlotte, Mason, Corban and Harrison for being named Athletics Champions for 2015. Champions are determined by a point score and include participation in Athletics carnivals at all levels. This year we had a three-way tie in the boy’s Athletics point score – a rare occurrence. We are very proud of the enthusiasm and commitment these young sport stars display; they are terrific role models to other students.

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, the school is moving into its self-evaluation phase now that we have clarification from the Department regarding the contents of this year’s Annual Report.

The Parent/Carer survey asks how likely you would be to recommend the school to others and has the option for you to provide comments about school strengths and/or suggestions for improvement. Parents/Carers have an additional section requesting information to assist the school and the P&C in planning for 2016. The survey is completely anonymous with the results being used for overall school improvement.

Last week, the school’s Self-Evaluation Survey was sent to all families. Families that receive their newsletter via email, received their survey via email while other families received a paper copy. Copies are also available at the office and there is a link to the survey in the second news story on our website. Please only complete the survey once.

We truly value your input into our planning for whole school improvement and encourage you to complete the survey; it should take 5-10 minutes.

Please return printed surveys to the office by Friday 13 November. The online survey also closes on this date for students, staff and parents/carers. The self-evaluation committee, including students, will then analyse the results.

Thank you for helping us to improve your school for your children.

Enjoy your week!

Rhonda Morton

Assemblies

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Principal’s awards, Merits and Honours will be presented at this assembly.

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**Awards**

Pennants
Special congratulations to:
- Sally W - 2PM
- Amelia C - 4/5S

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

Amelia C - 4/5S

These awards will be presented at next week's whole school assembly.

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**What's happening in ... KC?**

We have been extremely busy this term in KC. In the foyer you must see our fabulous art display. The students have been experimenting with watercolours and have painted wonderful underwater scenes using a variety of techniques. We have also been writing rhyming couplets in poetry.

- A shark its jaws chomp on a fish,
  This is its favourite dish.
  They dive down in the deep,
  That is where they go to sleep.
  By Charlie

- My animal is a snake,
  It doesn't like to eat cake.
  It slithers to its lair,
  It likes to slither everywhere.
  By Penny

- Will you do some art with me,
  While we have a cup of tea?
  By Charli D

- Black snakes hunt for their food,
  When they are in the mood.
  By Jacob

- Beavers teeth are sharp and hard,
  They can rip a birthday card.
  By Stella

- Can I look in a book,
  Said Tully to the chook.
  By Tully

- The big dinosaur he went ROAR,
  Until there wasn't anymore.
  By Ollie

- A monkey swings from tree to tree,
  Because it likes to be free.
  By Jack

We look forward to seeing you at the K-6 assembly next Wednesday (11/11/15) to watch KC's item. A very big thank you to all those parents who have helped make this happen.

Please visit the administration foyer to view KC's display.

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**State Debating**

Congratulations to Ben J who has been selected to represent the Illawarra at the State Debating titles. Ben is a member of our successful Premier’s debating team, Debatinators, without whom he would not have been able to achieve this honour. Congratulations, Debatinators – you are a great team!

**Kindergarten Orientation – Numeracy & Buddies**

Last Friday was our third Kindergarten Orientation session. Thank you, Ben for speaking to the parents about your experiences as a first-time Kindergarten parent and a classroom helper.

Mrs Turner presented an engaging parent information session about how numeracy is taught in the Kindergarten classroom. Chelsea-Lee, Clarice, Hannah, Kaylee, Jarrah, Alec, Wil and Ben demonstrated how early arithmetic skills are taught in the Targeted Early Numeracy (TEN) program by playing games with the parents. Mrs Turner explained how the numeracy continuum is used as a guide for teaching and provided suggestions for activities to do at home. Thank you, Mrs Turner and the children of KHT. Tomorrow will be a Q&A session as well as some information about student wellbeing, administration matters (Ms McLean) and Library (Mrs O’Brien).

Meanwhile, Kinder 2016 met their buddies for next year. At Bulli Public School, students entering into Year 5 at the same time as Kinder commence school, become buddies. This means that children have their buddies for two years. Mrs Cadorin, Mrs de Haas, Mrs Goodwin and Mrs Pfister organised a round of tabloids for buddies to get to know each other. There were smiles all round!

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**Interrelate Sessions – Thursday 5 November**

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Changes to Religious Education for 2016
Parents of students in Years 1-6 who wish to change their child’s Religious Education or Ethics status for 2016 are reminded that we must receive your written request by tomorrow **5 November**. Please note that because of teacher availability, ethics classes are capped at 20 students and therefore it may not be possible to accommodate all requests. Kindergarten students who received a ‘pink note’ should have returned this note by last Thursday 29 October. (N.B. Not all students received this note as it depended on information given at enrolment.)

Best Start 2016 - Reminder
Parents of students entering Kindergarten in 2016 are reminded that your request for a specific time for Best Start is now overdue. Requests must be received by 9am tomorrow morning so the timetable can be finalised. As per the original information, a time will be allocated if a request is not received.

2016 Staffing Allocation
As for 2015 we have been allocated a Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) for six days per fortnight. Mrs Chin will continue in the role for five days per fortnight as she also works at Gwynneville Public School. Mrs Morris will fill the sixth day each fortnight. However, with the amalgamation of ‘bits and pieces’ from our allocation, we will be able to employ Mrs Morris for one day each week. The LaST’s role is to provide additional assistance to students with specific learning needs across the curriculum as identified by analysis of results, referrals to the Learning Support Team or requests from class teachers.

Unfortunately, our funding from the Government to support students who require adjustments made to the curriculum because of their disability has been reduced. This will decrease the amount of time we are able to employ a School Learning Support Officer as the funds received are used for this purpose.

All other staffing allocations remain unchanged for 2016 although Mrs Morris will replace Mrs Latimer in the Release from Face to Face (RFF) role.

We would like to thank Mrs de Andrade for filling the additional LaST day per fortnight and Mrs Latimer for teaching your children about Personal Development and Health in the RFF role. We wish both teachers well for the future.

History and Geography Curriculum
Last week Mrs Perry conducted a History and Geography professional learning session for teachers. The new History syllabus is due for implementation in 2016 with Geography due in 2017 but we have decided to implement both History and Geography in 2016. Thank you, Mrs Perry for continually showing dedication to teaching right up to your long service leave in 2016 and 2017. Mrs Cadorin will replace Mrs Perry.

Scholastic BookClub orders due 12 November
Please return all completed Scholastic BookClub orders by next Thursday 12 November.

Whooping cough information from NSW Health
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au).

Parenting Ideas from Michael Grose
The latest article ‘Raising mighty boys’ from Michael Grose has been added to the Parenting Ideas News Story on our website. Articles from Parenting Ideas are also displayed in our community window and in a folder in the foyer. We hope you are enjoying these articles.

P & C NEWS
Old School Uniforms Reminder
As the year draws to a close please donate any old school uniform items that no longer fit your children and are still in good condition. We would particularly appreciate donations from Year 6 students and other children who will not be returning to Bulli Public School in 2016. This will allow us to restock our emergency and second hand clothing pool.

Cafeli - Lunch Orders
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.
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.

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**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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**Wollongong Walk Day**

**WALK FOR A WORLD WITHOUT TYPE 1 DIABETES**

Sunday 8th November 9:30am
Thirroul Beach Reserve

Join us at walk.jdrf.org.au
#JDRFOneWalk

Rob Palmer says “One Walk is a fun family day where T1D is the main event. What could be better than that?”

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**Illawarra 2015 White Ribbon Day walk**

**Say no to violence against women!**

**25 November 2015**

White Ribbon Day and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women 7am - 9am

The walk starts at Andrew Lysaght Park (east of the WIN Entertainment Centre) and finishes at Stuart Park. Following the walk we’ll hear from DV survivor Shelly Walsh and Dr Michael Flood, an internationally respected expert on violence prevention.

More information and the walk registration form is at [http://tinyurl.com/illawarraWTDwalk](http://tinyurl.com/illawarraWTDwalk)

You can also visit the walk’s Facebook page at [http://tinyurl.com/illawarraWTDwalk](http://tinyurl.com/illawarraWTDwalk)