This morning we held our annual Presentation Assembly. Congratulations to the following students:

**Class Awards** (categories selected by class teachers):

- **KC** – Mrs Cadorin
  - Maddison: Most improved
  - Maddison: Consistent application
  - Tomas: Consistent application
  - Kaiya: Excellent participation in all class activities

- **K/1HT** – Mrs Hiscocks and Mrs Turner
  - Kaylee: Improvement in literacy
  - Ben P: Consistent effort
  - Cooper: Excellent participation in all class activities
  - Phoebe: Excellent participation in all class activities

- **1/2B** – Mrs Byrom
  - Joe: Academic achievement
  - Tyra: Consistent effort
  - Jade: Numeracy
  - Samantha: Literacy

- **2PM** – Mrs Perry and Mrs Morris
  - Rebecca: Consistent Effort
  - Sienna: Most improved
  - Angus: Application in all subjects
  - Cairo: Academic achievement

- **3/4V** – Mrs van Kessel
  - Lily: Most improved
  - Nia: Literacy
  - Macy: Outstanding application
  - Maurice: Consistent effort

- **3/4W** – Mrs Wedeman
  - Wil: Most outstanding improvement
  - Charlotte: Consistent application
  - Adam: All rounder
  - Catherine: Consistent high achievement

- **4/5S** – Mrs Saddi
  - Zane: Consistent effort
  - Amelia C: Outstanding effort
  - Ella: Most improved
  - Finn: Positive attitude

- **6C** – Mr Cochrane
  - Piper: Outstanding enthusiasm
  - Liam: Personal achievement
  - Ben P: Music
  - Jaiden: HSIE

**Principal’s message**

Our concert last Thursday was a great success. There are so many people to thank – our students for their talented performances, our captains for compering, our tech team who ensured sound and props were organised, our P & C who provided pre-concert treats and conducted the raffle (over $2000 was raised!), our audience for their attendance and support, and our teachers for their time and effort in co-ordinating such an amazing array of items.

Congratulations, everyone!
Term 4 Week 10

2015 Coleman Writing Competition
This year students wrote a piece of poetry for the competition. The standard of writing was very high with teachers having the difficult task of selecting 3 finalists from their class. These finalists were submitted to the writing committee for judging. A rubric was used to look at specific criteria to select the winning pieces of writing.

Coleman medal winners are:
- Stage 1 – Anahera
- Stage 2 – William
- Stage 3 – Ben P

Congratulations to all finalists.

Leanne O’Brien
On behalf of the Writing Committee

Road safety
Parents are reminded to follow the road rules at drop-off and pick-up time. When driving, we remind you to:
- not make a u-turn at the northern end of Haig Rd.
- stop at the crossing.
- drive at 40 km/hour.
- ensure your child is wearing a seatbelt.

Imagine how sad your Christmas would be if your child was injured through the carelessness of a driver.

Student Reports and Feedback to Parents
Students received their Semester 2 reports today. These reports are based on student assessment and performance throughout Terms 3 and 4 and reflect the current curriculum taught in NSW schools. While every endeavour has been made to avoid errors, if one has slipped through, please return your child’s report as soon as possible so it can be rectified.

All students will also receive Feedback to Parents for Literacy and Numeracy. This report, issued each term, is based on the continuum of learning. You may notice that some suggested activities are unchanged from Term 3. This may be because your child is achieving in the highest band on the continuum of learning or is continuing to demonstrate their abilities within the same band. These scenarios are more likely for Stage 2 and 3 students where there are fewer bands for progression. For further information and to access the continuums, follow the link to School A to Z (a great parent resource) then search literacy continuum and numeracy continuum. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au

Skoolbag App – coming your way in 2016!
Our school now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our community. We encourage you to install the Skoolbag School App soon in preparation for 2016. To install it, search for Bulli Public School in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. For Windows users, search for Skoolbag in the Windows Store, install the app then find your school. Please note it must be a Windows 8.1 or 10 device. The App is free and can be used for a variety of purposes including accessing the newsletters, alerts and informing the school of absences. Full use will commence in 2016.

Academic Achievement:  Citizenship:
Kinder Hannah KC Jack
Year 1 Robert K/1HT Chloe
Year 2 Scott 1/2B Cassia
Year 3 Belen 2PM Indy
Year 4 William 3/4vK Alexis
Year 5 Amelia T 3/4W Ava F
Year 6 Academic Scholar Andrew 4/5S Caitlin
Year 6 Academic Scholar Andrew 6C Paige

Bitz-Gibson-Hook Stage 2 Visual Arts Award: James
Premier’s Sporting Challenge Medal: Lilliarne
Keira Leadership Award: Charlotte W
William A. Bayley Citizenship Award: Kai P
House Trophy: Shoobert

Congratulations to our School Leaders for 2016:
Captains Ariel & Corban
Vice-Captains Charlee & Zane

Thank you Kai, Charlotte, Ben P and Koco for your outstanding leadership of the SRC and student body this year. The school is very grateful for your contributions, initiative and support.

Thank you also to Year 6 for the gift of a lectern banner, a large banner to use at events and outdoor seating for the Peace Grove / outdoor classroom.

At the end of the year, we farewell Mrs Perry who is taking long service leave before retiring in 2017. I also acknowledge the dedication of Mrs Morris, Mrs Latimer, Mrs de Andrade and Mrs Hand and thank them for their significant contributions to the school this year. Mrs Morris will return next year in a different capacity and Mrs Hand will also work with us from time to time. Best wishes and thank you to all these wonderful staff members!

Throughout 2015, Lilla in Kindergarten has participated in the Community Languages Program each Saturday studying Japanese language and culture. On Monday, we presented her certificate of participation. Congratulations, Lilla!

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I wish everyone a relaxing, safe and happy summer break!

Rhonda Morton

Talent Show!
Parents are welcome to join us for the Talent Show on Tuesday 15 December at 9.30am in the hall.

Bulli Hospital Art Display
Earlier this term, Mrs Morris organised a number of student’s art works to be donated for display at Bulli Hospital. The staff and patients have expressed their gratitude in a letter stating, ‘Your painting demonstrated that you are all very talented and out staff and patients enjoy having them on display as it brightens the ward areas. Thank you for your generosity.’ Well done, Mrs Morris!

Full use will commence in 2016.
Newsletter changes for 2016
Thank you to our community for supporting the changes to our newsletter system in 2016. The newsletter will now be published every two weeks in the odd week and will be emailed to families. In addition, we will not be accepting paid advertising; we will advertise those charitable events / organisations that support our community. This process will commence in Week 3 as we need to ensure we have each family’s email address. You will have the opportunity to update this information at the commencement of next year as part of our process to update your family details. If you do not have an email address, you will be able to collect a copy of the newsletter from the office.

Whole School Assemblies 2016
Thank you to all the parents and students who provided feedback regarding our assemblies. In response, we have further reduced the number of assemblies to only four whole school assemblies each term. This will allow an increase in teaching time and negate the need for parents to leave work on multiple occasions. The change of day is the result of changes to the days staff work. A 1.45pm start has been maintained as morning sessions are the prime teaching time for literacy. The schedule below will be the same for each term.

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P & C NEWS
This has been a very successful year in which the school community and the P & C have worked together to support the education of our children. The P & C has assisted with educational resources for the classrooms, Mathletics, Music Stars, Sydney Writer’s Festival and the Library upgrade. The installation of air conditioning throughout the school this year was a result of P & C fund raising.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year’s fundraising activities that included Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, election BBQ, coffee and cake stall, trivia night and the recent concert raffle, BBQ and cake stall. These successful activities have been coordinated by Teresa Hope and Lisa Pearson with the help of a group of dedicated volunteers.

As a Year 6 parent who is now leaving the school along with our Treasurer, Rosealeen Jardine, I wish Lisa, Teresa, Sarah, Tristan, Fernando and the team every success in the future. I would like to encourage all parents to come along to the P & C and be part of the fundraising activities as it is a great way to meet other families within the school.

On behalf of the P & C, I wish you all the best for the summer holidays.

Kevin Johnston
President

Parenting Ideas from Michael Grose
The latest articles ‘It’s a (Christmas) Wrap’ and ‘Stay sane when travelling with kids’ from Michael Grose have 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 found these articles valuable. Our subscription has been renewed for next year at your request.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Don’t forget the Illawarra Folk Festival 2016 will be held over four days from Thursday 14 till Sunday 17 January at the Bulli Showground. Our school is an Illawarra Folk Festival Community Partner, and you are able to support your school and the festival when you purchase festival tickets online at http://www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au simply by entering the code BPS2016. The Folk Festival will make a $40 donation to the school for every season pass and $20 for each weekend pass purchased using this code.

Haworth Music is now offering music lessons in both their Shellharbour and Wollongong stores! For a limited time Primary School students are invited to our free guitar trial lessons. Lessons will be held in groups of 3-7 for 30 mins, in which you will learn the ins and outs of unleashing your inner rock star! If guitar is not your thing, we are also offering lessons in drums, keyboard, singing and violin. For more information please contact Haworth Guitars on: 4225 2844 or tuition@haworthguitars.com.au

Bulli Junior Soccer Club SEASON 2016
Online registration is expected to be open by mid January 2016 and is available to everyone, so skip the queue and register online via our website: www.bullijuniorsoccer.com/ Registration day for Season 2016 is Saturday 30 January 2016 10am-2pm at Woonona Bulli RSL Club. Please check our website & Facebook page for further information regarding registration dates, fees etc. you can also contact us via email. bjscsecretary@gmail.com.au