Calendar

**Week 1**
- **Friday 24 April**  Anzac Service 9.15am - all welcome

**Week 2**
- **Thursday 30 April**  Music Stars #1 of 8

**Week 3**
- **Monday 4 May**  K-2 Responsible Pets Program
- **5 May - 7 May**  Life Education
- **Tuesday 6 May**  Life Ed. Parent Session 11.30am
- **Tuesday 6 May**  P&C Mother’s Day stall
- **Thursday 7 May**  Music Stars #2 of 8
- **Friday 8 May**  Mother’s Day Events from 9.15am

**What’s due / overdue**
- **Thursday 23 April**  Music Stars – commencing Week 2
- **Tuesday 28 April**  Life Education
- **Tuesday 5 May**  Life Education Parent Session RSVP

**Special dates for your diary**
- **12-14 May**  NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- **19 May**  Book Fair
- **P & C Meeting 7pm**
- **Friday 29 May**  P&C Trivia Night 7pm
- **4 June**  Choral Festival Cluster Rehearsal
- **22 July**  Choral Festival Performance

**Assemblies**

**Week 2**
- **Wednesday 29 April**  Whole School Assembly 1.45pm
  3/4W class item
  *Pennants and Banners will be presented at this assembly.*

**Week 3**
- **Friday 8 May**  K-2 Mother’s Day Assembly 9.15am

**Week 4**
- **Wednesday 13 May**  Whole School Assembly 1.45pm
  K/1HT class item
  *Pennants and Banners will be presented at this assembly.*

**Principal’s message**

Welcome to Term 2 and a special welcome to all our new families that commenced throughout Term 1 or this week. We also welcome Mrs Madeleine Morris to 2P each Wednesday and Friday. Mrs Morris and Mrs Perry have ensured a positive start for 2P with transition sessions conducted in Term 1 and a programming meeting held during the holidays.

I am also pleased to announce that Cortnee Parkinson has accepted our offer of classroom teacher at Bulli Public School. Miss Parkinson (who was married during the holidays) will bring extensive experience in the Learning, Language and Literacy (L3) and Targeted Early Numeracy (TEN) programs as well as diverse interests and expertise in technology, student welfare and environmental education. I would like to thank Mr Cochrane (teacher representative) and Markus Meier-Lindner (parent representative) for their commitment, wisdom and co-operation throughout this lengthy and detailed process.

Miss Parkinson will commence at Bulli Public School in 2016 as all parties requested of Human Resources that minimal disruption to current classes and schools occur. Therefore, I am delighted to announce that Mrs Saddi will continue at Bulli Public School in her roles as 4/5S teacher and co-ordinator of peer support, buddy, Student Representative Council and sporting programs for the remainder of 2015. Students in 4/5S received this information at the end of Term 1 and were thrilled with the news.

After a peer support and sporting focus in Term 1, Term 2 brings a focus to the creative arts. A group of 22 students from Years 3-6 have elected to participate in our Bulli Public School choir that will perform at the Choral Festival in late July. This group of dedicated students will work with Mrs Cochrane and me each Thursday morning from 8.00am to learn a range of songs including an Anzac Medley. Our Music Stars program for all students will commence next week and we thank the P&C for subsidising this program to the tune of 50%. These two musical initiatives form part of our strategic direction: **Create pathways to inclusivity and engagement.**

Our school’s Anzac Service will be conducted this Friday with the captains attending a combined RSL Service on Thursday. Thank you Mrs Turner and Mrs Saddi for preparing this year’s 100 year commemorative service.

Lest we forget.

*Rhonda Morton*
Wet Weather Clothing
Please ensure that your children have wet weather clothing in their bag at all times. Raincoats are preferred as they are a safer option than umbrellas. Throughout the day your children may be required to move to the toilets, Library, other classroom, hall and / or bus. On behalf of the staff, thank you for your co-operation.

Opportunity Class 2016
The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 is about to begin. Important dates are as follows:
Monday 27 April 2015: Online applications open
Friday 15 May 2015: Online applications close
Wednesday 22 July 2015: Opportunity Class Placement Test
Parents will be able to access the online application at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/opplacement.

Life Education Parent Session
One of Bulli Public School’s strategic directions for the 2015-2017 planning cycle is Enhance Community Wellbeing. This strategic direction encompasses all members of the school community and includes opportunities for learning. Throughout the year, families will be provided with opportunities to participate in workshops that complement the programs being implemented at school.

In Term 1, families were provided with the opportunity to attend an Upstanders workshop, funded by the school. There was also the opportunity to attend a meeting with your child’s teacher to discuss your child’s Programming Literacy and Numeracy report on which individualised learning is based. The school also funded an annual subscription to Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose as a way of supporting and informing families in this rapidly changing world. (This fortnight’s articles are now available as part of the first news story on our website.)

In Term 2, the focus of community learning is Life Education. On Wednesday 6 May at 11.30am, parents/carers will be able to access the Life Education van for an information session. This session will address the significance and content of the programs that are taught to students when they visit the van and in the lessons, delivered by Mrs de Andrade, that will follow the visit.

If you would like to visit the van on Wednesday 6 May at 11.30am, please complete the slip below and return it to the office by 9.00am Tuesday 5 May.

We hope you are able to partner with the school in supporting and nurturing your child’s personal development by attending this worthwhile learning opportunity.

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Life Education Parent Session RSVP due by 5 May

I would like to attend the Life Education Parent session at 11.30am on Wednesday 6 May.

Parent’s Name: ___________________________ Child’s Class: ___________
Library News
Welcome back to a busy Term 2.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to all students reading their way through the challenge. I have been checking online reading records and we already have some students well on the way to completion. You have to enter your books online to complete the challenge. Please see me if you need some help doing this.

BOOK FAIR  When: Tuesday 19 May 2015  
Time: 8.30am-3.30pm  
Where: School Library

Our school book fair will be held in May in the school library. The fair is an opportunity for children to buy some new books for their home library, buy a book and donate it to the school library or buy a book for an upcoming birthday present. The school receives credits for money raised at the fair which we can use to buy resources and replace some of our older books with current literature. Students will be able to have a preview of the books available, at allocated times on the Thursday before the fair.

Keep reading!  
Leanne O’Brien  
Teacher Librarian

Friendly Kids Friendly Classrooms
The social skill for home discussion this fortnight is ...  

SAYING NO

Cool people can say ‘no’ if they don’t want to do it

Dos
* Look in their eyes.  
* Tell them you don’t want to do it.  
* Briefly say why (e.g. “No, I want to do something else after school”).

OR
If it’s a mean thing, against the rules or dangerous, point out the consequences.
* Sometimes you may want to thank them for including you (e.g. “Thanks anyway”).
* Keep your tone of voice and expression friendly and calm
* Continue to calmly say ‘no’ if they keep asking you. Try not to get angry. Perhaps you will need to walk away.

Don’ts
* Don’t look away or down at the ground.  
* Don’t say yes just so they’ll like you.  
* Don’t say yes because you’re scared that they’ll say bad things about you.  
* If what they asked you to do was mean, dangerous or against the rules, don’t give them a lecture about it.  
* Don’t get angry of upset.

It takes a strong person to say ‘no’.  
How strong are you?

Photo Gallery
Have you visited our photo gallery on the school’s website? Photos of many events held during Term 1 are available to view. While the Gallery is the most viewed section of our school’s website, you might also like to view your child’s class page, minutes from previous P&C meetings, our 2014 Annual School Report or 2015-2017 School Plan while you are there.

Bulli Burn - Sunday 31 May @ 9.30am
Once again we are inviting families to participate in the 2km Bulli Burn Fun Run to be held at Bulli Beach Reserve on Sunday 31 May 2015 at 9.30am. Last year, our school had the most children participate and, as a result, we won $500. The runners elected to put the money towards the purchasing of the new basketball post. Wouldn’t it be terrific if we could win again?!

You can register for this year’s Bulli Burn at http://www.bulliburn.com. Don’t forget to list Bulli Public School when you register. Mrs Morton will have the school’s athletics singlets at the event for you to wear so we make an even greater impact. (Mrs Morton and hopefully lots of parents will be running too!)

Professional Learning
At Bulli Public School, we are dedicated to ensuring our staff members are provided with opportunities to participate in quality professional learning that supports the strategic directions of the school plan. As you will see, there has been a range of professional opportunities completed or planned to enhance community wellbeing.

Last term, all staff completed their mandatory online Anaphylaxis training with several staff members also completing their mandatory online Emergency Care training (to be finalised by the end of Term 4). In addition, some staff members chose to complete externally provided online Autism training to help them better understand and respond to the needs of children with Autism.

On Monday, staff members who work with children in the classroom and playground undertook Non-violent Crisis Intervention Introductory Training. The purpose of this training was to provide staff with strategies to ‘talk down’ a situation that may arise between adults or students rather than using physical interventions. This training is part of our proactive approach to enhancing and ensuring the wellbeing of all members of our school community.

Next week, Mrs Wedeman will work with the staff as they complete an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Kinship Module developed by the University of Sydney. This module complements and extends the mandatory No Gap No Excuse training completed in 2014 and precedes the development of Personalised Learning Plans for all our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. As a staff, we have elected to undertake this additional training.

P & C NEWS

P&C Meeting
Please note that the first P&C meeting for Term 2 will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 19 May at 7.00pm.

Mother’s Day stall
The P & C will be running a Mother’s Day Stall on Wednesday 6 May. More details will be sent home in coming weeks.
Bulli School Trivia Night – NEW DATE!!!!

Save the Date!
When: Friday 29 May 2015
Time: 7pm
Where: Bulli Public School Hall

Gather your friends and family for a night of trivia, laughter and prizes.
Organise a table of 10, or buy tickets and meet new people.
Heads and Tails, Lucky door prizes, Raffle and more...
BYO drinks and nibbles. Please note: this is strictly an 18 years and over event.
$15.00 per head. Send you ticket payment to the school office or purchase tickets on the night.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parent Well with the Mood Meter Program – Building Emotional Intelligence

Join Michael Grose for our 4-week online parenting course
Parent Well with the Mood Meter Program
Help your kids learn to manage their emotions, improve their mental health and be happier.
Parent Well with the Mood Meter Program is the first in a series of online courses to teach you how to develop emotional intelligence in your kids:
- Mood Meter is a practical tool developed by the research team at Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence
- Gives parents and kids a common language to talk about feelings
- Empower kids to recognise and then respond to how they feel
- Teach kids self-awareness and put them in control of their emotions
- The Mood Meter is great for kids that are visual learners, particularly boys
- Suitable for all age groups

The 4-week Parent Well with the Mood Meter Program starts on 3 May.
Join now for $57 to take advantage FREE access to Parentingideas Club before the course starts on 3 May.
Or why not join Parentingideas Club for $179 annual membership and get access to Parent Well with the Mood Meter Program plus the CLUB plus other courses planned during the next 12 months.

Find out more at:
office@parentingideas.com.au

1st Austinmer Cubs & Scouts

We currently have vacancies to accept new cubs and scouts!!
Join in the fun and come along to the oldest and best Scout group in the Illawarra. Activities include: Canoeing; abseiling; camping; hiking
Cubs (7 ½ – 10 ½ years) 6:30-8:00pm Wednesday Evenings
Scouts (10 ½ - 14 ½ years) 7:00-9:00pm Monday Evenings
Bring a parent, bring a friend, join and make new friends!
Come along to our Hall at 20 Moore Street Austinmer.
For more info contact Steve on 4268 2004 or 0409 695 575