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What’s due / overdue

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Special dates for your diary

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Assemblies

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Pennants and Banners will be presented at this assembly.

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<td>Wednesday 3 June</td>
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<td>Friday 5 June</td>
<td>K-2 Assembly 9.10 (hall)</td>
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Merits and Honours will be presented at this assembly.

Best wishes to our Cross Country team that competes at the zone carnival this Friday.

Run like the wind!

Principal’s message

Today’s message follows from last week when I outlined the first strategic direction from our 2015-2017 School Plan.

Strategic Direction 2:

Promote quality teaching and quality learning

The purposes of this direction are:

- ‘to inspire every student and teacher to excel’ and
- ‘to provide a high standard of education through personalised and differentiated programs for all students so they achieve their potential as 21st century learners’.

Our project for this strategic direction is ‘Quality practices’ that involves:

- enhancing teacher quality (the greatest factor influencing a student’s learning): e.g. quality ongoing professional learning in English and mathematics (including Focus on Reading, Taking Off With Numeracy, Language Learning & Literacy - L3); implementing new NSW syllabus.

- enhancing quality of student learning: gathering and analysis of assessment data in order to develop and deliver differentiated and individualised learning for all students; students develop, with parental involvement, personal goals.

- technology to support quality teaching and quality learning: invest in latest technologies, upgrade aging equipment, subscribe to programs, develop and implement a technology scope and sequence of required knowledge and skills, determine and address professional needs of staff.

- administrative practices to support quality teaching and quality learning: enrolment and attendance procedures, financial planning and allocation of budget, asset replacement, update of Family Occupation Education data to ensure correct allocation of funding for 2016.

In 2015, over $70 000 has been allocated to support this direction, with the vast majority being spent on professional learning and the development of differentiated and individualised programs. This amount is a significant proportion of our budget from the Department.

Rhonda Morton

Our Premier’s Debating Challenge Team was successful in their first debate against Towradgi Public School. Congratulations, Debatinators!
Friendly Kids Friendly Classrooms

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

TELLING SOMEONE TO STOP ANNOYING YOU
Stay cool. Stand tall and tell them to stop.

Dos
* Stay cool.
* Stand tall.
* Say their name (if you know it).
* Look the person in the eye.
* Say firmly, and in a slightly louder voice, something like ‘cut it out’ or ‘no more’.
* If they do it again, repeat the above more firmly.
* If they keep doing it you can: ignore them; walk away; ask an adult for support if you feel you are in danger (last resort).

Don’ts
* Don’t get aggro.
* Don’t argue with them.
* Don’t annoy them back.
* Don’t smile.
* Don’t use a whingeing tone of voice.
* Don’t try to get them into trouble.

Mother’s Day Events
The sun was shining and the atmosphere joyous for our Mother’s Day events. Many mothers and other significant women in the lives of our children joined us for an array of events. There were smiles, hugs and tears at the K-2 assembly when the mothers listened to their special song, received their lovingly prepared gift or heard a personal poem read aloud. The open class rooms were well received with many parents taking the opportunity to share in their child’s learning, showing delight and pride. Thank you to the many parents who took other children under their wing. Our 3-6 Peer Support activities showcased leadership skills that many parents didn’t realise their children had or had the opportunity to develop and practise at school. The picnic morning tea was a lovely way to finish the morning. We can only hope your Sunday was as special. (Lots of photos have been added to the website.)

NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
Your children have taken this week in their stride and are fully aware that these assessments are but a snapshot in time. Our Programming Literacy and Numeracy (PLAN) data that is used each term to provide you with a Feedback Report is a more accurate representation of your child’s abilities in literacy and numeracy because it is based on ongoing assessment including observation. PLAN data underpins the differentiated and individualised learning your child engages in on a daily basis; we don’t wait for NAPLAN results. The school uses NPLAN results to determine trends over time and specific areas to be celebrated or addressed. Thank you to the parents of our children in Years 3 and 5 for supporting your child and the school this week.

Life Education
Happy Harold and Jacquie had a wonderful time at Bulli last week with serious messages being presented to all children with an emphasis on their personal development and health. Thank you to the four parents who attended their session;

Jacquie was very pleased with the response as parents rarely take up the opportunity. It just goes to show how interested our parents are in their children’s learning. Mrs Latimer will now take the children through their follow-up lessons using the workbook and resources provided by Life Education. (As a side note, Interrelate will be visiting our school in Term 4 for Year 3-6 students and their families. The optional workshops will address ‘growing up’.)

Kindergarten 2016 - Enrolments due end Term 2
Kindergarten enrolments are now being taken for 2016 with current families requested to enrol their child by the end of Term 2. Non-local applications also close at the end of Term 2 so the Placement Panel can consider them in Week 2 Term 3 prior to our play sessions. You are most welcome to join us for a parent information evening on Tuesday 2 June at 7pm.

Focus on Reading
Students in Years 2 to 6 are learning ‘Questioning’ during reading and comprehension lessons. Good readers ask questions, before, during and after they have read a text. Sometimes the question is answered in the text or we use prior knowledge and what’s in the text to help us come up with the answer. The question may not be answered by the text at all and you will have to find another source of information to help you. Asking and answering questions helps you look for information, which builds understanding. When reading at home tonight, ask your child/children to come up with three questions they have before, during and after the text.

Ask Questions as you read!
- Ask questions about the story before, during, and after reading
- Who, What, Where, Why,....
- Ask questions...look for answers

Bulli Burn - Sunday 31 May
Have you registered for the 2km Bulli Burn Fun Run to be held at Bulli Beach Reserve on Sunday 31 May 2015? Jacob and Hannah have. You can register for this year’s Bulli Burn at http://www.bulliburn.com. Students can choose to run in the 2km (parents accompany for free), 5km or 10km event. The entry fee for the 2km is $15 per child. Don’t forget to list Bulli Public School as your team when you register then let Mrs Morton know.
Sealiff CoS Public Speaking Competition

As outlined in last week’s newsletter all Bulli Public School students will be participating in class competitions over the coming weeks to select students to compete in the stage competitions at our school. Our 3 stage winners will then compete against other CoS stage winners at Waniora Public School on Thursday 11 June. Class teachers will let their students know when their class competition will be scheduled.

The competition involves both prepared and impromptu speeches; details were included in last week’s newsletter. It is important to practise impromptu speeches at home leading up to the competition. The internet has lists of suggested impromptu speech topics.

How Parents can help
• Assist your child in choosing a sensible topic. One that is original and fresh. It should also be familiar to the child.
• Help them develop it rather than writing it for them. Learning is through doing not having it done for you.
• Direct them to the sources where they can find their information. This could include library, interviews, family discussions, Internet, etc. This will help them construct a speech which is personal, meaningful and conversational.
• Listen to your child’s speech (often) and assist with voice projection, sentence structure and timing. If possible, video children speaking and evaluate efforts towards improvement.
• Practice impromptu speeches at home, in the car or at any time available!
• Give plenty of encouragement and support.

Leanne O’Brien
Public Speaking Co-ordinator

Visual Arts Camp 2015

A two day residential intensive art program for students in Years 5-8 who show talent and a keen interest in the Visual Arts is being held on 20 and 21 August 2015 (Thursday - Friday, Week 6, Term 3) at Greenhills Camp & Conference Centre, Cotter, ACT. Cost per student is $200.00. This is a unique opportunity for motivated students to extend their artistic skills. The activities will include expert tuition in technique, working in a range of media and opportunities to experiment and explore media and technique. There will be four experienced teachers tutoring. All art materials, meals and accommodation are included. Applications must be received by Bulli Public School by Friday 17 July to enable processing before the closing date. More information and the application form are available from our office. Places are limited.

ATHLETICS NEWS

In preparation for the main event...our Athletics Carnival on Friday June 12, the Primary students have been learning field event techniques. Watching videos and live demonstrations, the students have been taken through the steps of how to high jump, long jump, shot put and throw a discus.

Our thanks to Mr Jardine who has given up his time to help us on the finer points of shot put. Also thanks to Ms Holz and Mr Seymour, who have marked the field and refilled the long jump pit.

Actual events start this week in sport time with each child allowed three attempts to achieve their personal best (PB)

Good luck to all and let the games begin!

Mrs Saddi

Nepal Fundraising – Wollongong West PS

Wollongong West Public School has a Nepalese family at their school and with Manju Bhatta’s (mother of 2 students) assistance, they are collecting donations to send to Nepal. Manju’s family comes from near Gorkha and the local school, along with most of the village has been flattened.

Wollongong West PS is collecting monetary donations to send directly to the school. If you would like to assist, please enclose your donation (cash only please) in an envelope marked clearly with your child’s name, class and ‘Nepal Fundraiser’ and hand to our office by 9am Tuesday 19 May (next week). The money will then be sent directly to the Sunshine Primary School Benikhola to assist in the rebuilding process.

On behalf of Wollongong West Public School and the children of Sunshine Primary school thank you for your support.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair - Enter the Kingdom of Books

Bulli Public School will host a Scholastic Book Fair next Tuesday 19 May from 8.30am to 3.30pm. Classes have an allocated time to come to the library for their shopping.

Parents are welcome to come to the fair with their child’s class or between 8.30 and 9.30am.

8.30am – Parents 11.20am – 1/2B
9.30am – 4/5S 11.50am – 3/4W
10am – 6C 12.20pm – 3/4VK
10.30am – 2P 1.40pm – KC
 2.10pm – K/1HT

Funds raised will help purchase books for the library and resources for our school. At last year’s book fair, our library received over $900 worth of books through the commission earned. Families and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

This is an excellent opportunity to purchase gifts or top up the home library with current literature. Families who would like to purchase and donate a book to the library will have a donation label placed permanently in that book with the child’s name and year.

Students will have the opportunity to preview the books available at the book fair during library lessons tomorrow and will be able to make a wish list.

The Book Fair offers a wide range of books, including popular series, new releases, picture, chapter, fiction, nonfiction, activity and other great reads from more than 60 publishers.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Leanne O’Brien
Teacher Librarian
**P & C NEWS**

**Entertainment Books Fundraiser**

Once again we are excited to be offering parents the opportunity to purchase 2015 | 2016 NSW South Coast Entertainment™ Memberships. You have a choice to purchase the popular Entertainment™ Books or the new Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone!

The 2015 | 2016 Entertainment Memberships feature many of the area’s best restaurants, cafes, hotel accommodation, attractions, and activities, and are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers. These discounts are valued at over $20,000 that your family can enjoy until June, 2016!

The best part is that for only $55 you’ll be helping our fundraising, with $11 from every Membership sold contributing to the P & C’s fundraising. A flyer containing all of the details has been sent home today. Please let your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues know we are fundraising, as the more we sell, the more funds we raise!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Introduction to Korean**

A new Korean language course for primary school students in Years 5 and 6 will be offered for the first time in the Illawarra from Weeks 6-10 of Term 2. The course is proudly funded by the Australia-Korea Foundation (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) and taught by qualified Korean language teachers based in the Illawarra.

- Learn to read and write the Korean alphabet
- Learn basic greetings and survival Korean
- Learn about Korean culture, food and music
- Meet new friends while learning about Asia’s best-kept secret

**Course Information**

Location: Smith’s Hill High School
When: Weeks 6-10 Term 2, 2015
Class Times: Thursdays 4:30pm-5:30pm
Who: Students from local primary schools (Years 5 and 6)
Total cost: $15 material fee
Applications Close: Friday, May 22, 2015
How to apply: Send an email illawarrahangul@gmail.com
Course Commences: Week 6, Term 2, Thursday 28 May.

**Centrehealth Dental Care Woonona**

Centrehealth Dental Care Woonona is now open and BULK BILLS for 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

**KidsFest Shellharbour** is the biggest community run FREE week-long festival for children, their families and carers. Celebrate, connect and play with hundreds of free activities at 50 festival events across Shellharbour City from May 17-23!

There’ll be storytelling, steam trains, the Emergency Services Expo, the KidsFest Art Trail at Kilalea, crafts, the Playgroup Muster Children’s Health & Development Expo, free come & try sports sessions, fishing by the lake, nocturnal spotlighting, Aboriginal dancing, and much more. For the full program go to kidsfestshellharbour.com.au

**Stanwell Park Public School Fete**

Saturday 13 June 10am
Pre-Paid Unlimited Rides Armband $20 now available. Please contact Stanwell Park Public School.

**Nan Tien Temple Sunday Children’s Fun Program**

Our entertaining and educational children’s classes continue this year at Nan Tien Temple. Held on Sundays at 10:30am - 12:00pm, children will learn meditation, Tai Chi & Mandarin language! Buddhist stories teach virtues while team building games cultivate friendships! If students attend all six classes, the $20 registration fee is fully refunded!

Happy Parents - Happy Kids! Adults can join the free Self Development and Cultivation class that is held at the same time as the Children’s class. Please visit www.nantien.org.au for more information.

**Northern Illawarra Youth Project (NIYP)** operates out of Thirroul Neighbourhood Centre.

Every week at NIYP we run a program called drop in on Northern Illawarra Youth Project (NIYP) operates out of Thirroul Neighbourhood Centre. On Fridays we run a variety of activities each week including movie nights, cooking and Xbox games. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to call us at the Centre on 42672500.