Principal’s message

Our third and final strategic direction from our 2015-2017 School Plan is ‘Enhance community wellbeing’.

The purpose of this direction is to promote and foster the intellectual, physical, social, cultural, emotional, moral, spiritual and aesthetic development of our school community. The projects for this strategic direction are:

1. **Student wellbeing**
   - Welfare programs: e.g. Student Welfare and Discipline Policy, Upstanders, Religious Education & Ethics, Live Life Well, Life Education, Child Protection, Drug Education, Cyber safety, Surf Sense
   - Transition: to kindergarten, to high school, for students with additional needs
   - Sport: e.g. Fundamental Movement Skills, recreational, team sports, carnivals, representative opportunities
   - Environment: e.g. Crunch & Sip to composting, veggie garden, external opportunities such as World Enviro Day

2. **Staff wellbeing**
   - Performance and Development: implement Department’s new framework, professional goals, professional learning, accreditation
   - Leadership: teams lead areas across the school

3. **Community wellbeing**
   - Community participation and learning: e.g. P&C initiatives, parent/teacher meetings, parent helpers, workshops to complement programs, special days/events
   - Work Healthy and Safety: e.g. Code of Conduct, compliance training (e.g. Emergency care, Anaphylaxis, CPR), emergency drills, review of policies and procedures, Working with Children Check.

As the Principal, I am very proud of the strategic plan the school community has developed and am pleased that the implementation of the plan is well underway.

Thank you again to all who contributed.

Rhonda Morton

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**Nepal Fundraising - Lolly Guessing Competition**

Kai, our school captain has organised a lolly guessing competition to raise money to send to Wollongong West Public School as part of their fundraising to support the rebuilding of a school near the epicentre of the earthquake.

50c / guess or 5 guesses for $2

The winner will be announced at next week’s whole school assembly.

Well done, Kai!
Pennant
Special congratulations to:
Ben S – K/iHT
Robert S – 1/2B
Finjas S-F – 2P
Neve C – 4/5S
These awards will be presented at next week’s whole school assembly.

What’s happening in … 3/4vK?
Last term 3/4vK continued their scientific investigation of life cycles. They particularly enjoyed observing the life cycle of tadpoles. Each change was reported and recorded. After learning about butterflies 3/4vK created beautiful butterfly art. They really enjoyed marbling the background and butterflies. Creating their artwork involved using the artistic concept of scale. This artwork decorated our classroom corridor and is now on display in the school foyer.

In writing 3/4vK allowed their imaginations free reign in their narratives. They also increased their persuasive skills in persuasive writing lessons. These skills were put to great use in the recent NAPLAN.

Currently 3/4vK is enjoying their history unit ‘Investigating Gallipoli’. Not only is the unit fascinating but it provides yet another opportunity for the dividing doors between both 3/4 classes to open.

On the sporting front 3/4vK are practising their field events ready for the school’s upcoming athletics carnival. It has certainly been a busy and productive time in 3/4vK.

Please visit the administration foyer to view 3/4vK’s display. You are invited to attend our whole school assembly on Wednesday 27 May at 1.45pm when 3/4vK will perform their class item.

District Cross Country 2015
On Friday 15 May our cross country team represented the school at the District Cross Country at Bulli Soccer Park. Our team ran in their various age races and represented Bulli PS very well. Mrs Goodwin and I were proud of the team’s running efforts and particularly their excellent behaviour. Special mention goes to Corban who placed 7th and is a reserve for the regional team. It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents braving the cold to encourage and support the team. A very special thank you goes to Mr Pearson for his herculean effort with our new shade shelter. Once erected, it looked fantastic with Bulli Public School proudly emblazoned on it. Thanks also to Mr Green and Mr and Mrs Hansen for lending a hand to help set it up. Congratulations to all our runners who represented our school so proudly.

Cyber-safety
Many children use social media, games or apps that allow them to communicate with each other. Apart from the Department’s email system, children do not use the above means of communication at school. While we explain to children that what they write in a message will always stay on / in the device / program they are using, many children do not understand the implications their messages may have on others. In some cases, messages are shared accidentally. To protect all children from the pitfalls associated with messaging, we encourage parents to monitor the messages your children are posting or sending to others. You may be surprised or shocked at some of the content. Thank you for assisting us in protecting your children.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability:
Notification for Parents and Carers
From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection
The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection.
Radio Station 2BPS goes live!
There was excitement in the playground as the SRC reps were seen setting up the equipment to run our very own radio station at Bulli Public School. 2BPS as it is known, went live on Tuesday May 19. The SRC reps, having surveyed their classes for favourite songs, have all been trained on how to put together and run the equipment and how to speak using the microphone correctly. Practising in the weeks previous, it was exciting to go live and show the skills learnt to friends on the playground.

The weather wasn’t great but that didn’t stop the enthusiasm! Opening the hall door, many students were soon dancing and singing along.

Well done to Kai and Charlotte who led the SRC team today with terrific announcements and song introductions. A great team effort!

Next stop, the K-2 playground!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Take Home a Big Brother or Big Sister
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2015 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceast@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501

Are You Interested In Different Cultures?
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Hosting exchange students gives Australian families the opportunity to share their life and their culture with young international students for a term, semester or year. July is fast approaching and our students can’t wait to hear from a welcoming host family they can call their own and learn about the place they will soon call home.

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today on 1300 884 733, info@wep.org.au or www.wep.org.au to receive a full information pack for your family.

☐ I have enclosed $_____________ to cover the cost.
☐ I will pay for and collect my tickets on the night.

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P & C NEWS

Trivia Night - Friday 29 May - 7pm
Have you booked your table for our Trivia Night yet? Tickets are $15.00 each. A table seats ten people. Tickets can be ordered or purchased by completing the slip below and returning it to the office.

This is an 18 years+ event. Please bring an esky with food and drinks. Bring your family, friends and neighbours to a fabulous evening of laughter, raffles, games, prizes, and of course to glory to be crowned the schools Trivia Master!"

Dannielle Spokes
Trivia Night Co-Ordinator

Trivia Night
I require ____________ tickets for the Trivia night.