Principal’s message
This week is Reconciliation Week, ‘a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to contribute to building a reconciled Australia’. At Bulli Public School we take these concepts and work with them throughout the year, not just in Reconciliation Week.

One of our Aboriginal students commences each formal assembly by acknowledging we are gathering on Wadi Wadi land in Dharawal country. This acknowledgment also pays our school’s respects to the elders of the past and present and those of the future as they are the custodians of the cultural knowledge of their people.

Our Aboriginal students develop with their family and/or teacher, a personalised learning plan that outlines their cultural background, support people within the community and aspirations.

Our senior Aboriginal students will attend a Reconciliation Week morning tea this week where they will listen to inspirational speakers from the local Aboriginal community and meet with other students.

Aboriginal students from Years 2-6 will attend the Koori Kids’ Day at the Sydney Opera House in Term 3 where they will interact with many other students and have the opportunity to watch a performance by the Bangarra Dance Company.

Also in Term 3, students from across the primary school in the Seacliff Community of Schools will travel to various schools to participate in an indigenous games day.

All staff have been trained in the No Gap No Excuse program and elected to undertake further professional learning in the area of Kinship.

Lastly, one of major projects for 2015 is the development of our Reconciliation Garden. This garden, adjacent to the COLA, will combine an artwork with an acknowledgement, three reconciliation poles with artwork depicting the totems of the Dharawal nation and plants from the local area (as far as possible). Our Aboriginal students will work with artist Zac Bennett to create the poles while many other students will be involved in the design and planting of the garden. This garden complements other projects already completed and will become the centrepiece of our playground.

We are proud that our approach to our Aboriginal students and Aboriginal Education is holistic and ongoing, not just a one off event in one week of the year. Perhaps you are doing something special this week in the name of reconciliation.

Rhonda Morton
Friendly Kids Friendly Classrooms

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

**ASKING AN ADULT FOR SUPPORT**
*Stay cool. When all else fails, you can ask for help.*

**Do’s**

- Make sure you have tried other ways to deal with being given a hard time, *before* you ask an adult for support.
- Make sure you really want to stop the annoying behaviour, not just get them into trouble.
- Say "If you don’t stop, I’ll go and ask Mr Brown for support".
- Approach a teacher, look in their eyes and stand tall.
- In a firm voice, tell them what the problem is and what you have already tried to do to deal with it.

**Don’ts**

- Don’t ask for adult support until *after* you’ve tried to deal with it yourself.
- Don’t just try to get the other person into trouble.
- Don’t choose an inconvenient time to talk to the teacher (unless it’s an emergency).
- Don’t look up in the air or down at the ground.
- Don’t use a whingeing or complaining tone of voice.
- Don’t keep threatening to ask for support. Just say it once and then do it.

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**Bulli Burn - Sunday 31 May – This week!**

Thank you to the 25 children who have registered for the Bulli Burn. You can register at [http://www.bulliburn.com](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 event is $15 per child.

Don’t forget to list Bulli Public School as your team when you register then let Mrs Morton know.

**Kindergarten 2016 - Reminder**

To assist us with planning, please ensure your child has applied to enrol for Kindergarten 2016 by the end of term. However, if you do not live within our drawing area, non-local applications to enrol close on June 19 to allow the panel time to meet before the end of term. You are welcome to join us on Tuesday 2 June at 7pm in the Kindergarten classroom for a parent information session.

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**Sydney Writer’s Festival**

Having the experience of going to the Sydney Writer’s Festival was excellent. When Jacqueline Harvey was giving her presentation she persuaded me to be a writer. Here is a good tip from Jacqueline Harvey, to be a good writer you have to know what you’re writing about. All of the authors gave me lots of ideas and now I think I might become a writer when I grow up.

*Daisy S*

Last Wednesday I went to the Sydney Writer’s Festival with a small group of students from our school. When we walked in Jacqueline Harvey was there and I didn’t know it was her. First Any Griffiths presented in the theatre and he was hilarious! He taught us how to turn the story around by using a baby doll and a Godzilla toy. But then he used a duck! Then Jacqueline Harvey came on and she told us a bit about her famous children’s books, Alice-Miranda and Clementine Rose. She also talked about turning the story around and her life in school and as a school teacher. Then Anthony Horowitz told us about his Alex Rider series and even showed us the trailer of his upcoming movie. Finally, Leigh Hobbs showed us how to draw Old Tom and Mr Chicken. Then we created our own kitchen characters. We had a great day and I hope to do it again. Thank you, Mrs Wedeman.

*Amelia C*

The Sydney Writer’s Festival was the best experience I have ever had! The bus ride was fun and noisy until someone started singing. It was full of good voices now! When we arrived at the theatre we were allowed to buy some of the books. Andy Griffiths made my eyeballs almost pop out when I was laughing! He also said that you should write unexpected things like…when a dinosaur fights a baby and the baby wins! After that Jacqueline Harvey told us about Alice-Miranda in Japan – but she didn’t give away the story. At the break we got autographs from the authors and ate our lunch. Then we went to watch Anthony Horowitz talking about his action/spy novels. They sounded amazing. Next the illustrator/author Leigh Hobbs taught us how to create our own characters — be creative. I made cylinder and tap monsters. We also learnt how to draw his two characters, Mr Chicken and Old Tom. The bus ride home was a lot quieter and peaceful.

*Blake P*

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**Parenting Ideas from Michael Grose**

*Don’t be daft about Minecraft and 15 healthy ways to manage emotions* are the most recent articles from Michael Grose. Please take the time to read these articles that have been added to the first news story on our website. They are also displayed in the window at the playground end of the administration block.
K-2 and Year 3-6 Working Bees: 13 June 9am - 12pm
You may have noticed we have accumulated a great deal of mulch and our gardens are in need of weeding. Our general assistants, Mrs Holz and Mr Seymour with their combined allocation of 1½ days per week, just don’t have the time to undertake these tasks. So we are asking families to assist.

Two working bees have been organised for June 13 from 9am until 12pm. The working bee for families of children in Kindergarten – Year 2 will be weeding and pruning the garden along Haig Rd in front of the Administration and Kinder / Year 1 classes. Our Year 3-6 families will be spreading mulch in the north-west corner of the playground (at the end of the Kindergarten classroom). As the school only has a minimal supply of tools (enough for one or two people), we ask you to bring along your own tools for your area.

We hope many families can join us on June 13 to help beautify our grounds.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair
THANK YOU for your support last Tuesday at our school book fair. We took $3895 giving us $1168 worth of current literature and resources for our library and school. It is great to see so many students excited about books. Re-orders of popular books were submitted last Tuesday so those books should be delivered very soon.

Thank you Ros, Robyn, Tegan and Kerry for your help on the day. It would not be possible without these extra workers. Thanks also to the library monitors - Ashley, Paige, Yazmin, Taylah and Hannah plus Elisha, Lilliarne and Charlotte for their help setting up the fair on the Monday.

All students who supported the book fair received a raffle ticket with the prize for each stage being a Bookfair $15 gift voucher. The winners were able to choose something from the fair as their prize. The winners were:
- Early Stage 1 – Penelope
- Stage 1 – Ralfie
- Stage 2 – Amelia S
- Stage 3 – Lilliarne

Thank you again for your support.

Premier’s Reading Challenge - 3 months to go
We have 178 students registered for the Premier’s Reading Challenge with 14 of these students having already successfully completed the challenge. Congratulations to these students. There is still plenty of time to read the required number of books and I am happy to help enter books online if anyone asks.

Leanne O’Brien
Teacher Librarian

P & C NEWS

Drinks available with Lunch Orders
Following some requests from students Cafeli House have added Juice and Water to the menu for $1.50 each. The menu also includes wraps, sandwiches, salads, muffins and banana bread. Lunches can be ordered by writing your name, class and order on an envelope, enclosing the correct money and placing it in the lunch order box in the office foyer.

Trivia Night - Friday - 7pm
Our Trivia Night is on this Friday from 7pm in the school hall. Tickets are $15.00 each and can be ordered or purchased at the school office. If you are planning to come please let us know so that we have a table ready for you.

This is an 18 years+ event. You are welcome to bring an esky with food and drinks. There will be no food and drinks for sale. Invite your family, friends and neighbours to join us for a fabulous evening of laughter, raffles, games, prizes, and of course the glory of being crowned the school’s Trivia Master!

Dannielle Spokes
Trivia Night Co-ordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

AFL NSW/ACT
Still looking for a winter sport? It’s not too late to register for AFL Auskick! AFL Auskick is the fun way for boys and girls 5-8yrs to start playing a team sport in a safe environment.

No experience is necessary - and all games are played on Sundays! Register before July 5 with your local club to receive a family pass (2 adults +2 children) to the Sydney Swans v Adelaide Crows game on August 1. Plus all Auskickers receive an AFL Auskick backpack with a footy, pump, game cards, Auskick cap, activity book and lots more! You can find details at: aflsouthcoast.com.au

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

Centrehealth Dental Care Woonona
The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) provides free English Language learning to eligible migrants.

To see if you are eligible please ring 4229 0155.

The AMEP is funded by the Australian Government.

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