Calendar

Week 8

Thursday 11 June  Public Speaking Final at Waniora PS
Friday 12 June  K-6 Athletics Carnival
Saturday 13 June  9am-12pm Working Bee

Week 9

Tuesday 16 June  ICAS Writing
Wednesday 17 June  Koori Kids’ Day – invitees only
Thursday 18 June  Music Stars #8

Week 10

Wednesday 24 June  Reports home
Thursday 25 June  Indonesian Cultural Day
Friday 26 June  Last day of Term 2

What’s due / overdue

Tuesday 9 June  K-6 Athletics Carnival note
Thursday 18 June  Indonesian Cultural Day note
Friday 19 June  Kindergarten non-local enrolments
Friday 26 June  Kindergarten enrolments

Special dates for your diary

Tuesday 14 July  First day of Term 3 for students

Assemblies

Term 3 Week 4

Wednesday 5 August  Whole School Assembly 1.45pm
6C and 2P items
Pennants and Banners will be presented at this assembly.
N.B. There will be no assembly in Term 3 Week 2 due to the Choral Festival.

Principal’s message

Last week a group of very proud and excited students worked with local artist, Zac Bennet-Brooks to design then assist with the painting of our Reconciliation Poles for our Reconciliation Garden. Reflecting the totems of the Dharawal nation, the sea eagle, red belly black snake and whale, these majestic poles will soon be installed in our garden. Zac is also working on an artwork to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which our community meets. Thank you to the families who have contributed to the wording of this acknowledgement as well as the new acknowledgement that will form part of the ceremony to open the Reconciliation Garden then subsequent formal occasions. Mrs Wedeman, our Aboriginal Education Coordinator, is liaising with Bulli High School to have some of their students build a Friendship Seat to be installed in the garden. The next phase, will be for students from our soon to be announced Environmental Team, to develop the garden layout, select the plants then lead the planting.

Mrs Hiscocks has been working diligently throughout the year to upgrade our school’s newest technological acquisition. In addition to one computer per child in the laboratory, interactive whiteboards and desktop computers in each classroom and laptop computers for use throughout the school, your child now has access to more wireless technology. While all children are yet to experience our new technology, 1/2B and 6C are leading the charge. Thank you, Mrs (and Mr) Hiscocks.

I hope many of you are able to join us at 9am on Saturday for our working bee to beautify our school grounds. Please bring along your own tools (wheelbarrow, secateurs, weeding implements, bush saw). Children are most welcome.

Enjoy your week!

Rhonda Morton

Public Speaking

Best wishes to Angus, William and Andrew who will represent the school at the Seacliff Community of Schools’ Public Speaking Competition tomorrow.

Be natural, be confident, be convincing!
Friendly Kids Friendly Classrooms
The social skill for home discussion next fortnight is...

SHARING
It’s fair to share!

Dos
* Offer to share your things when you feel that other people would enjoy them too.
* If someone asks to use something of yours, say ‘yes’ and show them how to use and take care of it properly.
* Put away or use privately anything you are not willing to share or aren’t allowed to share.
* If you and another person both want to use something that neither of you own, take turns at using it for an equal amount of time. You may need to negotiate about this.
* Remember to tell people that you allow to use your things if there are special ways to care for these things.

Other important tips
* Food is not for sharing. This is about health and safety as some students have severe reactions to certain types of food. Your teacher will share any birthday cakes that are brought to school.
* Always have your parent’s permission before you bring anything to school to play with. If you don’t want to share - leave it at home.
* If you are thinking of bringing a special item to school and you are not sure if it is appropriate, check with your teacher. (e.g. pet, valuable technology, heirloom, collector’s item)
* Items that belong to the school are for everyone to share.

Athletics Carnival Update
Our Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday at Bulli High School. Thanks to those in the community who have offered to help on the day. Races begin at 9:45am and we are looking forward to your support, cheering our athletes along. Age races for K-6, and 200m and 800m races for 8 years plus will be run on the day. Field events (shot put, discus, long jump and high jump), for our 8 years plus have been run at school...more details and final results in the next few weeks.

K-2 will also be involved in some fun games sessions and the older children will be practising their Captain Ball and Tunnel Ball skills.

Come along, bring a blanket, snacks and water and join in the spirit of the day!

Best of luck to Ross and Shoobert on the day!

Ros Saddi
Sports Coordinator

K-2 and Year 3-6 Working Bees: 13 June 9am - 12pm

Two working bees have been organised for this Saturday. The K-2 working bee will be weeding and pruning the garden along Haig Rd in front of the Administration and Kinder / Year 1 classrooms. 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.

Sealcliff Community of Schools Public Speaking Competition

Over the last month, students have been preparing speeches and participating in their class competitions to select three finalists from each class. These finalists then competed in the Stage finals last week to select our school representatives to compete in the CoS finals at Waniora Public School tomorrow.

We have so many talented public speakers at Bulli ensuring a very competitive selection process. Congratulations to all competitors. Our stage winners at our school are:

Stage 1 – Angus R
Stage 2 – William A
Stage 3 – Andrew A

We wish these students the best of luck tomorrow.
Leanne O’Brien
Public Speaking Coordinator

Debating

The Debatinators are off to a flying start in the Premier’s Debating Challenge, winning the first two of their four compulsory debates. Andrew, Ben J and Kai are using their experience to guide and assist Harriett, Madison, Amelia T and Ariel through their first year in the challenge. (Ben P will soon return to share his wisdom.) Participation in the recent workshops with Dimi, the debating camp and the weekly sessions with Mrs Craswell is benefitting this dedicated group of young debaters who are growing in confidence and skills. Great work, Debatinators! Best wishes for your next two compulsory debates.

What do teachers do in their ‘spare’ time?

Did you know there are many school events and activities that teachers organise or lead in their spare time (before or after school or in their lunch break)? To follow are some activities that are occurring at this point in time:

- Mrs Cadorin and Mrs Saddi: Buddy Program, Athletics Carnival
- Mrs Turner: Tournament of Minds, Indonesian Day
- Mrs Hiscocks: Technology upgrade
- Mrs Byrom: Learning Support Team review
- Mrs van Kessel: Cross Country, Indigenous Games Day
- Mrs Wedeman: Reconciliation Garden, debating
- Mrs Saddi and Mr Cochrane: SRC, debating
- Mrs Saddi: Premier’s Sporting Challenge
- Mr Cochrane: Delivering Performance and Development Framework professional learning, technology coordination
- Mrs O’Brien: Public Speaking Competition, Book Fair
- Mrs Morton: Choir, Reconciliation Garden, Kindergarten 2016 parent meetings
- Staff in general: Report writing and proof reading; updating Programming Literacy and Numeracy data; developing students’ Learning Support Plans (if required); professional learning in Disability Standards and Emergency Care.

It is a privilege to work with enthusiastic people who are dedicated to providing your children with a range of engaging and inclusive activities. Without the use of ‘spare’ time, these events and activities would not be possible.
Online Payment Tips
Many parents are now using our online payment system. Here are a few tips to make it easier and to save the school bank charges:

- Pay for multiple activities with one payment
- Include all students in one payment
- Only complete required fields

Please ensure all notes are returned to school the day after a payment is made.

Lunchbox Reminder - Please Avoid Nuts
A number of our students are susceptible to allergic or anaphylactic reactions when they come into contact with certain foods, particularly nuts. In the interest of everyone’s health and safety, please do not provide your child with nut products (e.g. Nutella, peanut butter, bars containing nuts). Parents are reminded that children with nut products do not sit with children who have these allergies. All staff are fully aware of the symptoms of reactions and how to use an auto-injector should the need arise. Your consideration and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Kindergarten Enrolments - due end of term
Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2016? Please ensure your completed application to enrol has been submitted to the office by the end of this term. Non-local applications are due by the end of Week 9 for consideration by the Placement Panel.

P & C NEWS
Trivia Night Tables
Thank you to all the families who lent us tables for the recent Trivia Night. There are still several in the hall that have not been collected. Please call in to the office this week to arrange pick up.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Go4Fun
Go4Fun® is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 years to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight. Go4Fun runs during the school term for 10 weeks after school and children attend a fun filled 2 hour session each week with their parent or carer. Your child will receive a start-up pack including a: Go4Fun backpack, t-shirt and water bottle. Your child can also earn bonus rewards including wristbands, bouncy balls and $30 sports equipment voucher*

Registrations are now open for Term 3 programs at: Corrimal Mondays 4-6pm and Dapto Saturdays 1:30-3:30pm
We’d love to welcome you and your child into a Go4Fun program and encourage you to secure your child’s place by contacting 1800 780 900 or www.go4fun.com.au

Books for Zim
Alfred Chidembo is running a book drive to collect 10,000 books for Mavhurazi School in Zimbabwe, the school he attended as a child. Currently the school doesn’t have a library and students have no books to read. If you have children’s books that you would like to donate please bring them to the school office.