Calender

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What’s due / overdue

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Special dates for your diary

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Principal’s message

This year we have entered a team in Tournament of Minds as part of our strategy to more deeply engage children in the learning process by catering for their interests. Mrs Turner has been mentoring the team throughout the year but now they are on their own as they prepare for their Maths / Engineering long-term challenge. This year, the team will construct a vehicle that can be manoeuvred around a curved track and present this construction as part of a drama. The students have worked diligently to prepare for this challenge with team work, creativity and problem solving being the key elements. We wish Belen, Catherine, Ella, Amelia T, Hannah G-H, Taylah and Ben J all the very best this Sunday as they present their long-term challenge and respond to the spontaneous challenge. Thank you, Mrs Turner for taking on board this extra activity.

Congratulations to our Seacliff Debating Team who participated last week in the second round of this year’s competition. The topic for this debate was ‘Primary school children should learn a foreign language’. Once again we were the affirmative team with Hayley, Lilliarne and Ashley speaking, Jaiden advising and Ben P mentoring. While our arguments around travel, culture and expanding our mind, were viewed as convincing by the adjudicators, Thirroul were successful on this occasion. As a side note, your children are very fortunate to be learning a foreign language at primary school with Indonesian being extended in 2016 for all students.

Last Friday, our K-2 students along with Mrs Latimer, Mrs Morris and Mrs Byrom enjoyed developmental play in the outdoors. Setting up a shop, playing with the parachute and other toys, creating water paintings and sand sculptures amongst other activities ensured the children had lots of fun playing together and using their imaginations. We are often asked at Kindergarten orientation about the level of play children have at school as there is a huge emphasis placed on literacy and numeracy learning in particular. At Bulli, our aim is to develop the whole child and so play remains part of our curriculum. (Photos have been added to the website.)

Enjoy your week!

Rhonda Morton
Friendly Kids Friendly Classrooms

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

MAKING DECISIONS IN A GROUP
Make sure everyone has been heard and check for agreement before the group decides.

Dos
Someone in the group makes a suggestion with good reasons.
Ask each person in the group, one by one, how they feel about the idea.
If there is complete agreement, you have a decision.
If there isn’t agreement, ask for another idea and then check how everyone feels about this one.
Keep doing this until you reach a decision that everyone feels they can live with. You may have to negotiate.

Don’ts
Don’t just ask one or two people how they feel about an idea.
Check with everyone.
Don’t see it as ‘losing’ if your idea isn’t accepted by other people.
Maybe your idea will be chosen next time.

Tournament of Minds (T.o.M.)
This coming Sunday, 23 August our T.o.M. Team, consisting of Belen, Catherine, Ella, Amelia T, Hannah G-H, Taylah and Ben J, will represent Bulli Public School at the Tournament of Minds Regional Final to be held at Mount Terry Public School. They will present their prepared solution to a Maths/Engineering Challenge and also participate in a Spontaneous Challenge in front of an enthusiastic and supportive panel of judges and audience members.

The students have worked very hard over the last 5 weeks, through lunchtimes, after school and even weekends. They still have some finalising to do, but I have no doubt that they will be well-prepared and will prove to be very worthy representatives for our school on the day.

Congratulations on your efforts Team! Almost there!

Barbara Turner
T.o.M. Co-ordinator

PSSA & Parents / Family Members
PSSA sport, played by students from Years 3 – 6, is about fun, having a go and learning or developing skills in a sport. While parents and family members are more than welcome to watch our PSSA soccer and netball teams, the PSSA Committee has asked us to remind parents and family members that many students have never played these sports before and therefore require support and guidance. Therefore, you are requested not to make discouraging remarks to, or criticise any student from any school and abide by the referees decisions. It is highly likely that you will see leniency from the referees as they strive to develop skills and understanding of the game. It would be very disappointing for us as a school if we were asked to ban parents or family members from attending games or, in the worse case scenario, not permitted to enter teams into future PSSA sporting events because of the behaviour of parents and family members.

Only 8 tickets still available for the Southern Stars excursion!

PSSA Netball
Parents of girls in Years 3-6 are advised that the scheduled netball matches for 11 September have been cancelled as Guest Park is being used for a Gala Day. Senior netballers will walk to Waniora PS for a netball afternoon (note to come) while Junior netballers will remain at school for further training and games.

The 26 Storey Treehouse Excursion
On Friday 3/4vK and 3/4W went to see The 26 Storey Treehouse play at the Merrigong Theatre. First we started off with the workshop. We learnt how the play worked and about all the different roles in creating the play. After the workshop we went into the theatre to see the play. I thought it was hilarious. My favourite part was the open shark surgery. I’m pretty sure everyone liked it, especially me! Henry Coonan

On Friday we went to the Merrigong Theatre to see The 26 Storey Treehouse. It was funny. The part I enjoyed the most was when Terry lost his underpants and when they were on Captain Woodenhead’s ship. Ava Hook

1/2B Literacy Groups
Photos of 1/2B’s literacy groups have been added to the gallery on our school website.

Parenting Ideas for Dads
by Michael Grose

‘Build up frequent father points?’ and ‘It’s time for dads to speak up’ have been added to the Parenting Ideas News Story on our website. They are also displayed in our community window foyer. We hope you are enjoying these articles.

Free entry to Pyjama Disco
The school has been given 20 free tickets for Bulli PCYC Pyjama Disco that will be held this Friday. The tickets will be given on a first in basis. If you would like to attend please call at the office to collect a free ticket.
**Library News**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to the 115 students who have successfully completed the reading challenge for 2015. Well done. There are 65 students who still need to enter all of the books they have read online so I can validate their student reading log. **This must be completed by midnight of this Friday 21 August.** I know you can all do this. Please come and see me in the library if you need help putting your books online. Reading beyond the challenge sheets are due to the library next Tuesday.

**Book Week**

Next week is Book Week. I would like to thank all classes for doing a fantastic job with their library displays for their shortlisted book. We will find out the winners in each category next week.

Tuesday 25 August – Book character dress up day

- Dress up parade at 2pm in the hall
- Colouring-in competition entries are due
- Poster competition entries are due

Some posters have already been handed in to the library without names on them. Please make sure your details are on the back of your poster.

Winners from both competitions will be announced at Thursday morning assembly.

Keep Reading

Leanne O’Brien

Teacher Librarian

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**SRC Fund Raiser Semester 2, 2015**

How much fun would it be to bring your bedroom atmosphere to school and relax all day, doing your work out of your school uniform?!

Well, the SRC have arranged just that.----------

**PJ day**…short for ‘Come in your Winter Pyjamas to School’ next Thursday, August 27 and raise money for KidzWish.

A gold coin donation, wear your PJs and help out other kids….what a great idea! Thanks SRC reps for organising this. Some rules of play.....footwear, must still be covered and safe. If you would like to wear a onesie….great idea but make sure you have something underneath in case it gets warm! Winter pyjamas are the go so keep the summer PJs packed away.

KidzWish does so much for families. We will be helping raise money to fund vital KidzWish services and programs that enrich the lives of sick, disabled and disadvantaged children in the Illawarra.

KidzWish improves a child’s quality of life by providing them with speech, occupational and/or physiotherapy at KidzWish Place. They can transform a child’s life by contributing towards educational and specialised equipment such as wheelchairs and standing frames.

Even at Bulli PS some of our children have had opportunity to attend parties and events. Now is our chance to give a little back.

**PJ Day Thursday August 27….brought to you by our BPS SRC.**

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**P & C NEWS**

**Meal Deal this Friday**

This Friday the canteen will be offering a $5.00 meal Deal. The deal will include:

- Recess: 3 x pikelets with cinnamon sugar and banana
- Lunch: Spaghetti bolognaise with garlic bread and a frozen blackcurrant and apple juice cup

You may order lunch only for $3.00.

An order note was sent home today.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Cyber bullying and social media - Invitation**

The NSW Police Area Command’s Youth Liaison Office, Tania Higgins, is conducting a parent/carer only information session in relation to cyber bullying and social media. The police have seen an increase in issues relating to cyber bullying, sending inappropriate ‘selfies’ and other concerns in relation to social media. The session will also include a presentation from the Australian Federal Police. For further information, contact Tania Higgins on 4226 7791.

**Where:** Holy Spirit College, Bellambi (Auditorium)

**When:** 2 September 2015, 6.20pm – 7.30pm

Please note this information session is **not for students.**

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**BEYOND THE FRAME SOUTHERN STARS 2015**

Rehearsals for Southern Stars 2015 **Beyond The Frame** are in full swing with students taking part in a wide range of dance and vocal rehearsals around the state.

The buzz around the show is growing daily and tickets are selling more quickly this year than ever before so we encourage you to buy your tickets through Ticketmaster (Adult $48, Pensioner and student over 12 $38, Student/Child under 12 $27 and Family pass $140) as soon as possible to make sure you don’t miss out.

**Beyond the Frame**, featuring 3000 public school children, will take place over four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 28 (10am and 7pm) and Saturday August 29 (2pm and 7pm).

To keep up with all the news about **Beyond The Frame** including recent media stories and picture galleries, as well as profiles of performers and teachers involved in the show, visit the **Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular** Facebook site. Like us and share with your friends and family!
The Advocate is coming to Wollongong PCYC:
When: Wednesday 26th August
Why: To hear from children and young people about their hopes for their lives. This will inform a new NSW Government plan for children and young people.
How: By participating in small group discussions of about one hour. Contact PCYC Wollongong 42294418 to confirm your attendance or email mjones@pcycnsw.org.au
Who is the Advocate for Children and Young people?
Andrew Johnson is the NSW Advocate. His role is to listen to children and young people and ensure they have a say in the decisions that affect their lives.
How do I take part in this?
Complete the consent form and return it to your PCYC before the day of our visit. Your parent only needs to sign if they do NOT want you to take part.
Who can I talk to if I have more questions?
You or your parent/carer can call or email the team at the Office of the Advocate:
Melissa Goldman – 9286 7241
melissa.goldman@acyp.nsw.gov.au
Gregor Macfie – 9286 7243 gregor.macfie@acyp.nsw.gov.au

Would $500 assist you with education costs?
Back to School time is here again! Are you financially ready? Saver Plus can help you with up to $500 in matched savings for next year’s school costs. You save for 10 months and receive FREE financial education along the way!
To be eligible you must:
• have a Centrelink Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
• have a child at school or starting next year
• have some form of household income, for example, you or your partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.
Call or SMS Lindi Jamieson-Brown, your local Saver Plus Coordinator at The Smith Family on 1300 610 355.