Principal's message

Kidzwish is the beneficiary of last week’s Pyjama Mufti Day organised by our Semester 2 Student Representative Council. At Bulli, we are committed to improving community wellbeing through our strategic direction ‘Enhance community wellbeing’. Supporting organisations that support our local community, including students from our school, is one way we can improve the lives of others. Thank you to the SRC and Mrs Saddi for your ongoing commitment to serving our school and encouraging us to support the wider local community. Together we raised over $260 that will be used by Kidzwish to support their programs. (Photos are on the website.)

Our undercover walkways came into their own last week during the much-needed rain. Moving around the school became a little easier. However, as all parts of our school are not accessible by undercover walkways, please ensure your child has wet weather gear in his/her bag.

Father’s Day is fast approaching and we have organised a wonderful morning on Friday for fathers, grandfathers and significant males in the lives of our children. (Female family members are welcome too!) Commencing at 9.15am, our K-2 students will present their special assembly followed by open classrooms at 9.45am. From 10.15am, students in Years 3-6 will involve their visitors in some special activities. A BYO morning tea commences at 10.55am. We hope you are able to join your children to celebrate Father’s Day 2015. Thank you to all the students and staff involved in making this day so special!

Best wishes to the Debatinators at this week’s regional final!

Enjoy your week!
Rhonda Morton

Cafeli - No Lunch Orders on Thursdays

Unfortunately, Cafeli will not be able to offer lunch orders on Thursday for the remainder of this term. Orders, including hot food, can still be placed on all other days of the week.
Friendly Kids Friendly Classrooms
The social skill for home discussion next fortnight is...

DEALING WITH FIGHTS AND ARGUMENTS
Don’t let fights create enemies

Dos
Try to stay calm and talk through the problem using a respectful voice.
If you or the other person are getting angry or out of control, acknowledge it and walk away.
Make sure you talk about it later when you’ve calmed down, recognising that allowing bad feelings to continue is not a good thing. You are responsible for dealing with them.
When you feel calm, go and talk to the other person.
Put your point of view forward and talk about your feelings.
Let the other person put their point of view forward. Listen without interrupting until they’re finished.
Try to find a way to be friends again.

Don’ts
Don’t call the other person insulting names.
Don’t say blaming things.
Don’t try to shame the other person.
Don’t hit or kick or use any kind of violence.
Don’t be big-headed and assume that you are only one who is right.

ThinkUKNow – Online Safety and Security for Parents and Carers
When: Tuesday 8 September at 3.30pm
Where: Bulli Public School Library

This is a 60-75 minute presentation via video conferencing on how parents/carers can keep their children safe online followed by a Q & A session. This session is for adults only and not intended for children. With holidays around the corner, children will have more time to be online and potentially be exposed to a wide array of technologies. ThinkUKnow is an internet safety program delivering interactive training and is delivered by accredited trainers giving both law enforcement and industry specific skills and knowledge. It will use real life case studies and videos. You will learn about the technologies children are using and challenges faced. Most importantly, if things do go wrong, you will learn where to go for help. Please feel free to bring along some prepared questions.

Leanne O’Brien

SRC PJ Day
Last Thursday, Bulli PS SRC were busy on the fund raising trail. You may ask...coming to school in your PJ’s, ok so what was there to organise??? Firstly the SRC reps surveyed their classes to see what activities interested the students. Ideas varied from artistic events to sushi days and sporting gala type events. Representing their class, it was then the SRC’s job as a group to look at each proposal, weed out the unlikely and then vote as a group on the top three ideas. These were then presented in a letter to Mrs Morton to take to the staff for final discussion and approval. (SRC is quite a democratic process!)
Having heard back from Mrs Morton, the work commenced with classes to be notified, assembly skits to be performed, advertising posters around the school to be decorated, radio station for lunchtime on the day and, general announcements at morning assemblies to remind the students about what is happening; how to dress appropriately and why we are doing all this - collecting money for Kidzwish to give something back! So thankyou SRC reps for your efforts and bringing a unique experience to BPS!

Southern Stars Wrap UP
3000 students (dancers, vocalists, choir), 280 helpers, an audience of 12,000 over four performances, a sell-out student matinee and WE WERE THERE! Southern Stars 2015 was an amazing performance. The children were delighted with the opportunity to see a live performance, which showcased Public Education at its best. BPS students were once again a pleasure to take away as they were the perfect audience; polite, keen and engaged. It was wonderful to see the senior students step up to buddy with the K-2 students; shepherding them, helping them find their seats and food and discussing the day with them.
Surveying the children, there was a wealth of “favourite acts”, as varied as the show itself. From tap dancing on crates, an Anzac Medley in full uniform with WW1 nurses, a soloist on the guitar, the radio show with cool costumes of records and radios to the glitter song – loved for its costume and movement. Of course, seeing Shalani sing was an added bonus and inspiration to our older students who knew her well as our school captain.
A terrific day out! Thank you once again BPS students for your behaviour, respect and enthusiasm!

Mrs Goodwin and Mrs Saddi

Get ready, get set, go green!
It’s on! Fruit & Veg Month has officially started. To make ‘green’ fun we’ve got jokes, activities, recipes and a Crunch and Sip Survey with a beautiful fruit and veg platter as the first prize. Crunch&Sp is a set time in primary schools for students to ‘refuel’ on fruit and salad vegetables and ‘rehydrate’ with water. Students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, show increased concentration and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive. At Bulli, we encourage our students to eat enough fruit and vegetables and drink water each day.

Crunch & Sip Survey:
This week Bulli PS will be conducting a Crunch & Sip survey. We will be recording the number of students in each class participating in Crunch & Sip each day for Week 8. Due to the varying sizes of the classes involved, the data will be averaged as a percentage. We will not only be looking at the fruit or vegetables brought in but also the number of students bringing in water bottles. The class with the best participation result will receive a beautiful platter of fruit and salad vegetables in Week 9.

Thank you for your continued support of Crunch & Sip.

Lisa Cadorin - Live Life Well @ School Committee Coordinator
Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose

"Exploring the new frontier in parenting" has been added to the Parenting Ideas News Story on our website. Articles from Parenting Ideas are also displayed in our community window and in a folder in the foyer. We hope you are enjoying these articles.

Library News

Book week competition winners

Congratulations to all participants in the colouring and poster competitions. Once again, this year has seen a very high standard making the judging quite difficult. The finalist’s entries are displayed in the library.

The 2015 winners are:

- Kindergarten – Clarice
- Year 1 – Phoebe
- Year 2 – Indy
- Year 3 – Isabel C
- Year 4 – Ava H
- Year 5 – Madison
- Year 6 – Ben J

Well done to all students.

Leanne O’Brien
Teacher Librarian

P & C NEWS

Meal Deal Day Thursday 10 September

Our next Meal Deal day will be next Thursday, 10 September. A note with all the details will go home early next week.

School Banking is every Wednesday

Our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221, or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

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.

Mood Meter Program for Parents

Join Michael Grose for our 4-week online parenting course. Help your kids learn to manage their emotions, improve their mental health and be happier.

Mood Meter Program for Parents is one of a series of online courses to teach you how to develop emotional intelligence in your kids:

- Mood Meter is a practical tool developed by the research team at Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence
- Gives parents and kids a common language to talk about feelings
- Empower kids to recognise and then respond to how they feel
- Teach kids self-awareness and put them in control of their emotions
- The Mood Meter is great for kids that are visual learners, particularly boys
- Suitable for all age groups

The 4-week Mood Meter Program for Parents starts on 11 September. Join now for $57 to take advantage of FREE access to Parentingideas Club before the course starts on 11 September. Or why not join Parentingideas Club for $197 annual membership and get access to Mood Meter Program for Parents plus the CLUB plus 5 more online parenting courses planned during the next 12 months. Full details and registration at: http://www.parentingideasclub.com.au/Info/Membership

Or contact the Parentingideas team on: 03 59831798 or email office@parentingideas.com.au
Smith’s Hill High School
Gipps Street, Wollongong, 2500
EXPO NIGHT
Wednesday 7th October, 2015
6.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Smith’s Hill High School is a public selective coeducational high school catering for gifted and talented students. Applications for Year 7 2017 close on November 16th 2015. Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2017. Year 6 students who sat the entrance test for 2016 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and programs. Phone enquiries directed to the school on 42294266.

The annual Scarborough Art Show is being held again this year on the long weekend 3 & 4 October 2015. We are continuing with our Artspark competition seeking talented students attending public schools in the Northern Illawarra to submit an entry. The theme for this year’s competition is ‘Light’ in keeping with the International Year of Light. If your child would like to enter the competition please call at BPS office to collect an entry form or alternatively go to the link below:
Entries must be returned to BPS by Thursday 10 September.

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