Calendar

Week 1

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Week 2

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<td>Monday 1 Feb</td>
<td>Kindergarten commences 9.15am</td>
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<td>Friday 5 Feb</td>
<td>Swimming Carnival 8+ years of age</td>
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Week 3

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<td>Meet the Teacher 3-6 – 3.15pm</td>
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<td>Thursday 11 Feb</td>
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Special dates for your diary

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<td>Tuesday 16 Feb</td>
<td>P&amp;C Meeting - 7pm</td>
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<td>Tuesday 31 March</td>
<td>Upstanders Parent Session 9.00am</td>
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<td>Week 11</td>
<td>Parent / Teacher interviews Yrs 1-6</td>
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What’s due?

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<td>Tuesday 2 Feb</td>
<td>PSSA Trial expression of interest</td>
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<td>Update of family details form</td>
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Principal’s Message

Welcome to the 2016 school year! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Summer break and feel rejuvenated.

We welcome Mrs Cortnee De Haas to the Bulli Public School teaching staff. Mrs De Haas was appointed through the merit selection process conducted in 2015. Mrs De Haas has previously worked at Figtree Heights Public School with the younger classes and brings knowledge and skills in the Kindergarten Language, Learning and Literacy program and technology amongst other areas. Welcome, Mrs De Haas!

At present our classes and staff members for 2016 are:

- KD - Mrs De Haas
- K/1HT - Mrs Hiscocks (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Turner (Thurs-Fri)
- 1/2B - Mrs Byrom (relieving Assistant Principal)
- 1/2C - Mrs Cadorin (relieving for Mrs Perry who has taken long service leave before retiring in 2017)
- 3/4V - Mrs van Kessel
- 3/4W - Mrs Wedeman
- 4/5S - Mrs Saddi (relieving for Mrs Patterson who will return for two days each week in Term 4 in a different capacity)
- 5/6C - Mr Cochrane (Assistant Principal)
- Release from Face to Face (Mon) – Mrs Turner (Indonesian) and Mrs Morris (Social Skills, Personal Development and Health until Term 4)
- Library - Mrs O’Brien (Tues - Thurs)
- Learning and Support Teachers - Mrs Jayasinha (Chin)(Mon, Tues and every second Wed) and Mrs Morris (Tues)
- School Counsellor - Mrs Dalla Pozza (Wed)
- School Administration Manager - Ms McLean
- School Administration Officer - Mrs Anderson (Mon-Wed)
- School Learning Support Officer - Mrs Pfister
- General Assistant - Mrs Holz (Wed) & Mr Seymour (every second Wed)

Students were placed into their 2016 classes today. However, as many of our classes are quite large, any increase in enrolments may result in a restructure. Thank you to the staff for the many hours spent devising classes based on the number of students in each grade with consideration given to relationships between students as well as social, personal and academic needs.

Enjoy your first week back at school! I know I will!

Rhonda Morton

Whole School Assemblies

Week 2    Thursday 4 February 1.45pm    Awards
SRC badges, House Captain and Vice-Captain badges, Principal’s awards, Merits and Honours will be presented at this assembly.

Week 4    Thursday 18 February 1.45pm  Class items: 5/6C and 1/2B
Pennants and Banners will be presented at this assembly.

Week 6    Thursday 3 March 1.45pm      Awards
Principal’s awards, Merits and Honours will be presented at this assembly.

Week 8    Thursday 17 March 1.45pm     Class items: 4/5S and 1/2C
Pennants and Banners will be presented at this assembly.

Workbook Purchasing Day

On Tuesday 9 February all students will be able to purchase the workbooks required for each class directly from the supplier. A note was sent home today with all details.
Broad brimmed school hats now compulsory

Congratulations to all the students who were wearing the new broad brimmed school hat. You looked very smart! The three year phase in period for the hat finished at the end of last year. As of next Monday, all students are expected to be wearing the Department and Cancer Council approved broad brimmed school hat. Students not wearing this hat will follow our ‘No school hat, play in the shade’ policy. Hats are available from WB Sports, the office or the uniform shop in the community building each Friday morning 8.30 - 8.55am.

Skoolbag App – ready to use!
Our school now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our community. We encourage you to install the Skoolbag School App as soon as possible so you don’t miss important information. To install it, search for Bulli Public School in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. For Windows users, search for Skoolbag in the Windows Store, install the app then find your school. Please note it must be a Windows 8.1 or 10 device. The App is free and will be used for a variety of purposes including accessing the newsletters and alerts. It can also be used to inform the school of absences.

2016 Newsletter Emailed Fortnightly
This year the newsletter will be sent out fortnightly by email. This process will commence in Week 3 as we need to ensure we have each family’s email address. You will have the opportunity to update this information on your mandatory update of details form that was issued today. If you do not have an email address, you will be able to collect a copy of the newsletter from the office or access it online or through our Skoolbag App. In addition, we will not be accepting paid advertising but will advertise those charitable events/organisations that support our community.

Meet the Teacher
During Week 2 each class teacher will conduct their Meet the Teacher session to outline the curriculum, their expectations and class organisation for 2015. Years 3-6 meetings will be held on Wednesday 10 February at 3.15pm in your child’s classroom. K-2 meetings will be held on Thursday 11 February at 3.15pm in your child’s classroom. If you are unable to attend, each class teacher will provide a handout for your information. Mrs Morton will supervise your children during the session; please supply them with afternoon tea. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Upstanders 2016
At Bulli Public School, we are proactive in the area of bullying and this is why we have once again engaged Dr Patty Rose from EdYOUtopia and the University of Wollongong to present her Upstanders workshops to our Stage 1 - 3 classes in Week 3. Dr Rose’s program focuses on standing up for the victim of bullying rather than standing by and allowing the bullying to happen. During the workshop, Dr Rose will provide the students with the opportunity to learn and practise strategies to use when they witness bullying or if they are being bullied.

This program complements our Social Skills and Peer Support programs, Student Welfare and Discipline Policy, Anti-bullying Plan, Child Protection lessons and our participation in events such as National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.

Kindergarten will participate in the program in Week 10. There will also be a parent session in Week 10; please put Thursday 31 March from 9 - 10.30am in your diary as you will not want to miss this informative and engaging workshop.

To demonstrate our commitment to this valuable program, the school has subsidised each student’s participation by contributing $2.50 to the cost. (A permission note was sent home today.)

Professional Learning Update
At the conclusion of 2015, staff completed their annual Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation training, participated in a Visible Learning session, updated educational programs to encompass the new History and Geography syllabuses and reviewed elements of the school plan.

Yesterday, all staff participated in mandatory updates for Code of Conduct and Child Protection.

Other professional learning for 2016 includes Language, Literacy and Learning ongoing training, Taking off with Numeracy for Stage 2 and 3 teachers, and Wellbeing.

Road Safety
Our school is hosting a Wollongong City Council road safety initiative in Term 1 of this year. This program aims to improve road safety around schools by reminding parents / drivers of the road rules within school zones. A flyer is attached to the email version of this newsletter and has been placed in the community window and on our website.

School A to Z
School A to Z is a valuable resource that was developed by the Department to assist families. There are many tips about packing a healthy lunch box, homework helpers, bullying and technology issues just to name a few. You are encouraged to visit http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au and spend some time browsing this comprehensive resource.