**Calendar**

**Term 1 Week 7  Wednesday 9 March 2016**

**Principal’s message**

As part of our student wellbeing project, we promote a range of physical activities at Bulli Public School. Our Fundamental Movement Skills for K-2 teaches students the 12 basic skills that are needed to play team sports. Skills including catching, throwing, static balance, skipping (not with a rope), striking and dodging are a few of these important skills.

Meanwhile our students in Years 3-6 are participating in recreational sport. The aim of this program is to develop a life-long understanding that physical activity is important for its health and social benefits.

Many of our students in the senior years have also had the opportunity to trial for District teams in a range of sports. Amelia was successful in her trial for the District team for basketball and then went on to be selected for the South Coast Team. Amelia will travel with the team to Tamworth to compete in the NSW competition. Congratulations, Amelia!

Our District swimmers were wonderful ambassadors for our school at the carnival in Week 5. All students swam to the best of their ability and demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the day. Shahla progressed to the Regional carnival with her second place in the 13 years freestyle. Well done, Shahla! Thank you, Silvana, Deb, Teresa, Jennifer, Michelle and Kim for assisting with time-keeping and to all our family members who supported our swimmers. (The convenor has apologised for not entering times for our students and leaving our relay teams out of their events.)

To meet the new Federal requirements of 150 minutes of physical activity per week, our students are also provided with a selection of playground equipment to play with at lunchtime. Cricket, basketball, soccer and handball are the go in the 3-6 playground, while the K-2 students have balls, bats, skipping ropes, trucks, Frisbees and handballs to keep them active.

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### Special dates for your diary

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### What’s overdue / due?

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### Whole School Assemblies

**Week 8**

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

**Term 2 Week 2**

- Thursday 5 May 1.45pm - Awards
  - Principal’s awards, Merits and Honours will be presented at this assembly.

**Week 4**

- Thursday 19 May 1.45pm
- Class items: 2/3W and K/1HT
- Pennants and Banners will be presented at this assembly.
To complement all these activities and to provide an additional resource, we have received designs and quotes for playground equipment. Our fundraising and grant application success will determine the size and type of equipment but at least now we have a goal. Hopefully, we will be able to place equipment in both playgrounds. Sample images are displayed in the community window.

Will you manage 150 minutes of physical activity this week?

*Enjoy your exercise!*

*Rhonda Morton*

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**Low Waste Wednesday – every Wednesday!**

Last Wednesday we held our first low waste Wednesday as part of Clean-Up Australia week but also as part of our Environmental Management Plan to reduce litter at school. The day was a resounding success with over 95% of students bringing a low-waste lunchbox with many being no-waste. As a result, every Wednesday will now be low-waste Wednesday.

We encourage your child to bring their food in reusable containers or in no packaging at all. The only bins in the playground will be for compost and recycling. Thank you for helping us spread this important message.

**Crossing the Princes Highway**

Parents and students are reminded to use the overhead pass when crossing the Princes Highway. The overhead pass was specifically built to enable our students to cross the road safely.

**Grandparents’ Day Thursday 24 March 2016**

Grandparents’ Day recognises the importance of grandparents and other significant people in the lives of our children. Commencing at 11.20am with open classrooms, our special visitors are then invited to join in Harmony Day activities, followed by a BYO picnic lunch with buskers. Our final event will be our hat parade at 2pm (hats are to be brought to school on the day). The P&C will be selling raffle tickets prior to the hat parade. If your child would like to busk during lunchtime, please ask them to let Mrs Morton know as soon as possible.

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**What’s happening in … 4/5S?**

**Penguins, penguins, penguins….**

The land of ice and snow has given us some relief from the hot weather of late.

Investigating Antarctica as our guided enquiry unit in HSIE, we have researched the Global issues affecting the area as well as what it would be like to live in Antarctica, where it is and what jobs we could do if we went there.

Of course in Literature we had to read “Mr Popper’s Penguins” and compare it to the film of the same name. Now as resident experts and film buffs we are making a few of our own; inspired by 1/2B’s Pink Penguin stories.

Our “X-factor Commercial Competition” brought comic relief as we were enticed to read the book “Mr Popper’s Penguins”. Working with film, posters and live performances...we were thoroughly convinced!

Come to our assembly item next week and learn some amazing new facts, hear a poem and be entertained by our innovative commercials. Hope to see you there.

**NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5**

Last week students in Years 3 and 5 received information regarding this year’s National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy. The test dates for 2016 are 10 – 12 May. Please read the information carefully.

Parents who wish to withdraw their child from NAPLAN or request special consideration for their child on the basis of disability, please contact Mrs Morton well before 2 May to ensure your application is successful.

**Recreational Sport - Bowling**

Bowling is awesome! I really liked the cosmic mode. Bowling is also great for practising your aiming skills.  

*By Finley*

**UPstanders for Kindergarten and Parents**

Our UPstanders program, held in Week 3 for students in Years 1 – 6, will continue with sessions for parents and Kindergarten students on Thursday 31 March.

In the parent session, Dr Patty Rose will explain the strategies demonstrated to students in her workshops as well as tips for use at home and throughout life. UPstanders focuses on developing inner strength and has a positive approach. The school has funded this worthwhile parent workshop. I hope that many of you are able to attend as we work together to develop skills and strategies to support your child both at school and beyond the school gate. The parent session will commence at 9.00am; please complete the slip below or contact our office if you would like to participate.

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**Upstanders Parent Session**

I will be attending the Parent information session on Thursday 31 March from 9 till 10.30am.

Name (please print): ____________________________
Enviro Club met last week to plan their activities for this year. The Peace Grove / outdoor classroom will be a major focus especially as our seats, made by students from Bulli High School, are nearing completion. Thank you, Colleen for joining us at Enviro Club. Enviro Club meets every Tuesday at 1pm and parents are more than welcome to come along and assist.

Enviro Club participated in Clean Up Australia Schools’ Day by collecting rubbish throughout lunchtime. Pleasingly, most rubbish did not come from our students as it was mostly items discarded during the weekend or after school.

Lost, Stolen or Damaged Opal Cards
To report your child’s Opal Card lost, stolen or damaged go to: https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/reportPass

Friendly Kids Friendly Classrooms
The social skill for home discussion this fortnight is ...

Playing Fairly
Fair players get to play more games

Dos
Comment on the other players’ good moves.
Wait for your turn.
Get started and pay attention.
Have your go reasonably quickly when it’s your turn.
Allow other players to have a reasonable amount of time for their turn.
Play by the rules.
If you have bad luck, just accept it.

Don’ts
Don’t comment on the bad luck of others.
Don’t play when it’s not your turn.
Don’t muck around before you start.
Don’t put unfair pressure on people to hurry when it’s their turn.
Don’t cheat.
Don’t grizzle or complain if you have bad luck.

Remember:
If you want to play more games, play fairly.

Parenting Ideas from Michael Grose
The latest article, Social Skills for Children, from Michael Grose 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 enjoy these articles in 2016.

Library News
The 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) commenced this Monday 7 March and finishes on 19 August 2016. Years K-2 have to read 30 books and Years 3-6 have to read 20 books. Please bookmark the NSW PRC website on your home computer and read the instructions/rules for the challenge. If students don’t have access to a computer at home, they can use the library computers at lunchtime to enter books.
All students will be strongly encouraged to complete the challenge so family support in this endeavour would be greatly appreciated.
The library has plenty of PRC books at each level for students to borrow and the Council libraries have books with the same PRC stickers on them for those students who frequent these other libraries. Students can log on to the PRC website using their DET username and password to add books they have read to their reading log. I will be adding any books from shared reading experiences to students reading logs as well.
Start reading for the challenge!
Leanne O’Brien
Teacher Librarian

COMMUNITY NEWS

Helensburgh Junior Rugby League
More players are needed for Helensburgh Junior Rugby League Club. Go to helensburghjrl.leaguenet.com.au and hit the register now button. We are still seeking players for all grades. Boys and girls. If you have any questions please email us at presidentjrfic@gmail.com or call 0400 342 000.