OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

HSC 2012

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Mitchell Blanch a Year 12 student at Bulahdelah Central School 2012 scored 98% in his HSC for Industrial Technology. He was judged 7th in the state out of 5128 students. Mitchell showed exceptional dedication and perseverance during his two years in this course.

Mitchell’s major work was a nautical coffee table made from aged rosewood and designed around a ship’s wheel theme. This project was unique and showed outstanding creativity and design. His major work was judged so exceptional that it was invited to be displayed at the Timber and Woodworking Expo in Sydney in 2013.

He was also awarded a major prize at the Manning Great Lakes Technology awards.

Mitchell has dedicated his major industrial technology project design to his grandfather. The staff of Bulahdelah Central School would like to congratulate Mitchell on his outstanding achievement.

Bulahdelah Central School would also like to congratulate Sarah Parkinson on achieving a Band 6 in German Beginners in her HSC. Well done Sarah!

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Students/Mum
REMEMBER!

to send in your Scholastic Book Orders by:
Wednesday 20th February, 2013

Don’t miss out on some excellent books, posters, games and fun things to make and do.

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FAMILY LAW NETWORK:

The Department has recently launched the website Family Law Network Australia. The website is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters. The information provided on our website could be very useful and of great benefit to the families who attend our school.


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IMPORTANT DATES:

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Welcome back to a new school year!
As usual the year has started with a flourish and it’s hard to believe that over a week ago students were on holidays.

Our focus this year will continue to be on Literacy and Numeracy teaching and learning as well as on improving our HSC results. A number of sessions on the first day back for teachers were spent in these areas.

As mentioned on the front page we were very pleased to have had two of our students recognised for their outstanding effort in last year’s HSC. Mitchell Blanch was placed 7th in the State for Industrial Technology. A credit to himself, his parents and of course his teachers. Lots of hard work and dedication went into achieving this result.

The second distinguished achiever was Sarah Parkinson who gained a top Band 6 result in German Beginners, an outstanding effort from a hardworking and dedicated student.

Our HSC results put us ahead of a number of Newcastle and Raymond Terrace schools and are an indication of the hard work being done by staff to improve student performance at the HSC level and the work being done by all our teachers to lift the achievement of all students from Kindergarten to Year 12.

Student Laptops
As the Federal Government has ceased the full funding of student ‘DER’ laptops Year 9 students will not be issued with laptops this year or in any future years. The school will be given some DER laptops this year and these will be used to support classes wanting to either access the WEB and/or complete work that requires the use of laptops.

Mr Wade’s position as Technology Support Officer will also cease at the end of this year due to the funding cuts. This means that any student with a DER laptop from 2014 will need to maintain their own device including any repairs.

Reminder
Primary begins at 8.55 and finishes at 2.50. Secondary begins at 8.52 and finishes at 3.20. All students are expected to be in attendance at these times.

"The future belongs to young people with an education and the imagination to create."
—President Barack Obama

Primary Captains for Term 1, 2013
Brandon Nott
and
Jordyn Watt
at their induction ceremony.
Firstly I would like to welcome all our students to Bulahdelah Central School for the 2013 school year. A warm welcome in particular to our new Year 7 students and students who have joined us from other schools.

Secondly I would like to thank Mrs Gilbert for standing in for me whilst I was on leave during Term 4 last year.

The beginning of a new school year brings both the chance for a new start and anxiety about some of the changes, e.g., new teachers, classes and expectations. Students and parents should make use of their child’s year advisers and myself if they have any concerns or questions in these first few weeks.

I include a list of the current year advisers for your information:

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<td>Mrs Casey Connell</td>
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<td>Mrs Georgina Cunich</td>
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<td>Year 12</td>
<td>Mr Mick McKinley</td>
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This week some of our 2013 Secondary School Captains will be competing in the Lions Youth of the Year competition.

Ask your child to write all their teachers' names on their timetables and make a copy for the fridge. If they have a mobile phone, have them take a photo of their timetable so they have it with them all the time. Read more tips from experienced parents.

Find out more:

If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Benefits include learning how to be more resilient, and being less likely to feel isolated.

Find out more:
Welcome back to the 2013 school year. I trust you all had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. I look forward to working with staff, students and parents to ensure a successful and productive year for all BCS students.

We have 124 students enrolled at the moment, only 6 short of being able to form another class. Another 6 enrolments would certainly make life easier in terms of class size but, in all likelihood, isn’t probable, so we have to work with what we’ve got.

Current classes are:
K/1 Mr Gibbs
Yr 2/3 Mrs Ottignon
Yr 4 Mrs Wills
Yr 5 Mr Backhouse
Yr 6 Mrs McDonald
Mrs Fenning and Ms Laurie will share the RFF duties.

Students are expected to attend school each day.

If they are absent, for legitimate reasons, they must have a note, upon their return to school, explaining the nature of their absence. Students are also required to wear school uniform including appropriate footwear for both kitchen and garden classes. All students must wear a hat, when playing outdoors, at recess and lunch and during daily fitness and sport lessons. Your support of these above expectations would be greatly appreciated.

Assemblies for this term will be held on Monday, Week B, commencing at 9:15am. All parents, family and friends are invited to attend.

BCS is a PRIDE school and we endeavour to nurture the values of PRIDE, (Participation, Respect, Innovation, Determination and Excellence) in every student, through our daily words and actions. We trust that parents support this code of behaviour by also modeling these values at home.

If you have any concerns regarding any aspect of your child’s education, please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to see your child’s teacher or myself.

COMMUNITY SPORT NOTICES:

Bulahdelah Soccer Club registration days are Saturday 9th February in front of the doctor’s surgery or Saturday 16th February at the soccer oval or register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au.

Bulahdelah Junior Tennis, next comp starting 22nd February, 3.30 pm. Please put your name on the sheet at the School Admin Office, before 15th February. For any enquiries phone Meredyth Rae on 0401 014 146.
PROCEDURE FOR ABSENCES:

Last year parents/students received a letter detailing regulations regarding absences, stating that regular attendance at school is important for students to reach their potential. The school’s absence policy, in conjunction with the Department of Education and Communities School Attendance Policy states that in accordance with the Education Reform Act (1990), students aged 6 to 17 years are required to attend school every day and it is the school’s responsibility to keep accurate records of student attendance.

If your student has entered the final year of secondary education a good attendance record is essential. Therefore, in accordance with departmental requirements, for all students (K-12) the school is requesting that you explain fully in writing (telephone calls while noted, cannot be accepted) all absences incurred by your student in 2013. These notes are to be given to the roll mark teacher on the first day of the student’s return from an absence.

Please note that partial absences, i.e. late arrivals or early departures, also need to have a justifiable, written explanation.

Students arriving late to school should present a note from their parent to the administration staff as they sign in. Students wishing to leave school early need to bring a note from a parent which they submit to the secondary deputy principal before school for approval and/or a pass. They are also required to sign out at the school administration office when leaving the school.

Absences due to sickness or unavoidable family affairs such as doctor/dentist appointments must be explained in writing by the parent/carer on the first day of attendance following an absence. (Faxes/emails/telephone calls cannot be accepted.) It should be noted that other reasons (e.g. went shopping, needed at home, an appointment, missed the bus, etc.) cannot be accepted by the school or the department and will be recorded as “unjustified” on school records.

For planned absences of five (5) or more days duration parents/carers are requested to complete an Exemption from School Attendance form for every student (one per student) and return it to the school prior to the absence for the principal’s consideration and approval.

Stewie Keyrings with LED light
This year Stewie the Dolphin keyring is made of PVC and has a LED light in his mouth. Show your support by purchasing the all new Stewie the Dolphin Keyring with light.
Available from Office.
CANCER COUNCIL RAFFLE WINNER:

Congratulations to Catherine Rees, staff member at BCS and winner of the Cancer Council Raffle which was held at the end of last term (winning ticket 1093960) and drawn on 19th December.

Ms Rees won a basket of "Juice" products which was kindly donated by Liarne's Hair and Beauty. An amount of $112 was raised from this raffle and was sent to the Cancer Council for use in research of Pancreatic Cancer and to support patients and families affected by this disease.

The funds raised by the SRC Term 4 Cancer Council Breakfast of $303 were kindly added to this amount.

BCS staff and students and the wider community should feel proud by the amount of money raised on behalf of the Cancer Council during 2012.

The “Do Your Thing Hair Event Head Shave” in March raised $6,326
Additional fundraising for this raised $1,070
The Girls' Night In held in April raised $7,500
The Jeannette McCluskey Memorial Bike Challenge in September $3489
Shave for a Cure for the Leukaemia Foundation raised $310

These amounts total $19,110 which is an astonishing amount for such a small community.

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP-TO-DATE?

EIGHT WAYS TO GET YOUR KIDS ORGANISED:

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

SMART FOODS TO BOOST LEARNING:

Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?
The BCS Canteen staff **Sheryl Barry (Canteen Manager)** and **Christina Watt** continue to provide a healthy and varied selection of foods for our students and staff. They prepare healthy one-off specials each week. These specials are publicised each fortnight in the school newsletter, on the school web site and the daily notices. Students and staff are invited to order from this list in addition to the Menu/Price List. **Specials this fortnight are:**

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BCS distributes the *Tall Timbers* newsletter by **FAMILY EMAIL**. Please ensure that your family email is entered correctly on our records. We also place a copy of our newsletter on our website; [http://www.bulahdelah-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.bulahdelah-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/)

Next Newsletters for Term 1: 18th February; 4th & 18th March; 2nd April

**GIVEAWAY:** The school has an upright piano which we no longer require. If you are interested please contact the school for further details.

Parents, if you have changed any details e.g. your address, mobile phone, home phone or emergency contacts, could you please make sure you let the office know so we are able to keep an accurate record. It is important for us and your children that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency.