

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

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What's on this week Term 4 Week 4

Term 4 week 4 Intensive Swimming

Monday
27.10.14
Newsletter
Student Banking
AASS - cycling

Tuesday
28.10.14

Wednesday
29.10.14

Thursday
30.10.14
No canteen

Friday
31.10.14

Term 4 week 5

Monday
03.11.14
Newsletter
Student Banking
AASS - cycling

Tuesday
04.11.14
Kindy Orientation 8.30-11.00

Wednesday
05.11.14
Spelling Bee - Indigo - Sydney

Thursday
06.11.14
Canteen - **Elisa**
Child protection - Sue
Sport & Creative Arts
Financial workshop- Greg,
Felice - Taree

Friday
07.11.14
SAKGP

Term 4 week 6

Monday
10.11.14
Newsletter
Student Banking
AASS - cycling

Tuesday
11.11.14

Wednesday
12.11.14

Thursday
13.11.14
Canteen - **Volunteer needed**
Child protection - Sue
Sport & Creative Arts

Friday
14.11.14
SAKGP

Newcastle Maths Competition

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Hunter Region Primary Mathematics Competition. Yr 5 Distinction certificates went to Nicholas Beitzel, Sax-on Bramble and Cassie Dransfield. Amber Ward received a Merit certificate.



In Yr 6 Hunter Bramble received a Distinction certificate while Lilly Kennedy and Natasha Veith both received a Merit certificate. Well Done !



Swimming Scheme

By the time you receive this, we will have completed our first day of swimming. Children in Ms Crozier's groups will be focusing on the swim and survive program. **On Wednesday and Thursday**, the children in these groups will be required to bring clothes to simulate an emergency situation. We have found that tracksuit tops and bottoms or long pyjamas are the most suitable for this purpose.

Child Protection Program – Week 3

Lower Division

Following the usual revision of the previous week, we have now progressed to strategies for dealing with abuse including unwanted touching and identifying safe & unsafe situations. Tickling was discussed at length – when it is fun and when it is ‘unwanted’ touching. Children were informed that it is never okay to hurt each other intentionally or to touch other people in a way that makes them feel scared, mixed up (or confused) or gives them a NO feeling. The No, Go Tell strategy was introduced: saying ‘no’ in a strong way; ‘go’ if you can; ‘tell’ a trusted adult (one of your network adults). Emphasis is on ‘keep telling’ until you are believed.

Stage 2

- The term *responsibility* was introduced with the definition “A responsibility is a job or task which is yours to do.” We discussed responsibilities they have at home and at school.
- *Rights*: are things all children should have – to be safe, to have their bodies, thoughts and feelings respected and to be treated fairly. We read a scenario about a girl named Dana
- *Power* is defined as being able to make others do things. People can have power due to age, size, position in a family, school or community. Using a number of scenarios we discussed how power was used in each situation.
- *Threats* - Threats are words or actions which are meant to force another person to do, or not do, something. Threats often suggest that something harmful may happen if the person does not obey. We viewed a segment from a video of children being threatened by another person.
- *Gifts*: is something given freely. Others shouldn’t expect you to do something for them when they give you a gift. Often it is polite to show your thanks when you receive a gift. Sometimes children are expected to say thank you in a way in which they feel uncomfortable (‘No’ feelings).
- *Recognising a bribe*: Today we viewed and discussed part of a video of a young boy and the inappropriate touching by ‘Uncle Alan’.
- *Network Adults*: are adults we see or talk to, regularly, we trust and who listen to us because they care about us. They should also be in a position where they will be able to help us. (Parents or carers, relatives, neighbours, parents of friends, teachers, elders, shop keepers, baby sitters, sports group leaders.)

Stage 3

- *Expectations of Gender Roles*: I posed a number of statements for discussion eg boys have more education than girls, boys are better at maths than girls, boys shouldn’t cry; boys are noisier than girls, only girls can take care of babies.
- *Personal Rights*: Revision of the definition the rights that all children have. Using a worksheet students decided which of the examples respect the rights of the child in the situation by answering yes or no.
- We clarified student’s understanding of rights and responsibilities by completing a worksheet
- We compiled a list of sources of power and used a set of cards to identify the power used in the situation and to decide if the power was used in a *responsible* way or in an *abusive* way

The program will not be conducted next week due to the intensive swimming program. However we will be back the following week.

Cheers,
Sue

Forster / Tuncurry –Lakeside Festival

Stage 3 students only

Saturday 1st November 2014

This Saturday is the ‘Lakeside Festival’ at John Wright Park Tuncurry. I am still waiting on a few notes to be returned from Stage 3 people. Students are to wear their sports school uniform with their Jump Rope for Heart t-shirts on the day. Parents are reminded that students will be making their own transportation arrangements to and from the event and that students will need to meet Miss Crozier outside the front gate of the event at 10.15am for a warm up. Students should be performing at approximately 11am and are welcome to leave after the performance.

Moving into Year 7

During week 5, members of staff from both Forster Junior Campus and Bulahdelah Central School will be coming to visit our Yr 6 students giving them an insight into what they should expect in 2015.

Forster Junior Campus will be having an orientation day for Yr 6 students on Thursday 20/11/2014.

I have been informed by the principal of Bulahdelah Central School, that Bulahdelah CS will have to change the date for their orientation day. When we know the new date, we will forward it to the families concerned.

Upper Division Public Speaking

Thank you to the parents and children of Upper Division who have contributed to the speeches for the public speaking contest.

The children will be further developing and rehearsing them as part of their homework, during English groups and, even, on the bus to and from swimming.

Despite all best efforts, I am not sure everyone will be fully prepared and rehearsed by Friday and so with Ms Crozier's agreement, we will be conducting our School Public Speaking either side of lunch on Monday 3rd November 2014. Winners will have the chance to compete in the Bulahdelah show.

Lower Division - Chinese New Year Celebration!

On Friday 7th November (week 5), students from Lower Division will be participating in a Chinese New Year celebration in their classroom! Our H.S.I.E topic this term has been 'Celebrations around the World' and this afternoon of festivities will help to cement the student's understanding of another cultures celebrations. Students are invited to wear 'red' on the day to mark the celebrations major colour. We look forward to what should be an exciting and fun afternoon in the K-2 room!

Uniforms.

Currently in the first aid room we have many lost and left behind jumpers that require a home. These uniforms have no current or readable names on them. All stock will be disposed of if no homes are found.

End of Year

Planning is under way for our end of year events.

As we have been asked to return to GLACIA house, we will do so and perform many of the items from our presentation day concert. Following this, we will stay in town and swim at the Rock Pools at Forster main Beach (The Bull Ring). Consequently, we will not be having a picnic day at Neranie.

The children have requested another, Bungwahl's Got Talent and this will occur in the last week.

Week 10

Thursday 11 th December	Presentation Day Rehearsal
Friday 12 th December	Presentation Day

Week 11

Monday 15 th December	GLACIA House Christmas Concert/ Picnic Lunch and Swim
Tuesday 16 th December	Yearly reports distributed Yr6 Farewell dinner Buddha By The Beach (date tentatively confirmed)
Wednesday 17 th December	Bungwahl's Got Talent Students' final day for 2014

Community Planning Day

A community planning day will be held on Tuesday 18th November at Bungwahl School.

End of Year Rewards

We are very proud of our school and our students. Sometimes, it is easy to get focused on managing inappropriate behaviour rather than acknowledging good behaviour.

The staff developed a strategy that will acknowledge and reward the student's behaviour. If children, collectively, achieve certain benchmarks then they will receive rewards on our picnic day. The nature of these rewards are a mystery to the children but will be revealed, as the benchmarks are achieved.

End of Financial Year

The Department End of Year Financial Roll Over is on the 30th November. I have attached outstanding statements to this newsletter. It would be appreciated if outstanding monies could be paid well beforehand.

Water Testing
Stage 3 only
Lakeside Festival
Saturday 1st November
Stage 3 Students only

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter _____ to attend the Lakeside Festival on Saturday 1st November 2014. I understand that stage 3 students will performing their skipping routine at this event and that the students will be need to meet Miss Crozier at 10.15am at Tuncurry on the day. I also understand that transportation to and from this event will be provided by parents.

☐ Yes, my child will be attending this event

☐ No, my child is unable to attend this event.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Term 4 Canteen

I can volunteer on the following day:

Canteen

30th Oct: No Canteen –intensive swimming

6th Nov: Elisa

13th Nov: _____

20th Nov: Mandy

27th Nov: _____

4th Dec: Elisa

11th Dec: _____

Name: _____ Signed: _____

Remember No Volunteer No Canteen.

Kindergarten Enrolment 2015

I would like to enrol my child for 2015 at Bungwahl Public School.

Childs Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Parents Name: _____

Term 4 Kitchen Garden Class Volunteer Roster

Raspberries - Bhodie, Sienna & Nathaniel / Will, Sky & Tyler / Lilly S, Jy & Angelina Blueberries - Jhet, Keily & Emma / Hayley & Marley / Ginger & Silver	
Kitchen WK 1 10/10/2014 - Kitchen 9.15 - 10.30 Blueberries - Karen, Belle & Jane 12.45 - 2pm Raspberries - Mandy WK2 17/10/2014 - Kitchen 9.15 - 10.30 Raspberries - Karen, Sal & Helena 12.45 - 2pm Blueberries - Monique WK3 24/10/2014 - Kitchen 9.15 - 10.30 Blueberries - Karen & Belinda 12.45 - 2pm Raspberries - Mandy Another volunteer needed..... WK 5 7/11/2014 - Kitchen 9.15 - 10.30 Raspberries - Karen, Sal & Helena 12.45 - 2pm Blueberries - Belinda WK 6 14/11/2014 - Kitchen 9.15 - 10.30 Blueberries - Karen & Belinda 12.45 - 2pm Raspberries - Mandy Another volunteer needed..... WK 7 21/11/2014 - Kitchen Kitchen Whizz cook off - Year 6 cooking only WK 8 28/11/2014 - Kitchen 9.15 - 10.30 Raspberries - Karen, Sal & Helena 12.45 - 2pm Blueberries - Belinda	Garden WK4 31/10/2014 - Garden Intensive swimming I will be Intensive gardening! haha, feel free to join me for an hour :) Karen WK 9 5/12/2014 - Garden 9.15 - 10.30 Blueberries - Karen & Belle 10.45 - 12.00 Strawberries - Karen Another volunteer needed..... 12.45 - 2pm Raspberries - Mandy Another volunteer needed..... WK 10 12/12/2014 - Garden 9.15 - 10.30 Raspberries - Karen, Helena & Sal 10.45 - 12.00 Strawberries - Karen Another volunteer needed..... 12.45 - 2pm Blueberries - Belle?

New South Wales Rural Fire Service
Bungwahl Brigade
PO Box 54 Pacific Palms NSW 2428



Phone (fire shed): 4997 6097

Dear local resident,

October 2014

As I'm sure you know the Bungwahl Fire Brigade has been protecting our community for many years. Our tireless volunteers are always there to put out fires, attend car accidents and house fires, give out fire permits, and advise property owners on hazard reduction burn-offs.

Now the brigade members are asking YOU to help us out.

We are facing a severe fire season this year. The winter rains didn't come, bringing the permit season forward to August, and the late rains meant that all the planned hazard reductions were cancelled. To coin a phrase, it's a tinderbox out there!

We are expecting to be busy, and need as many new members as possible.

How would you like to be part of a great team, protecting lives and property, helping to control fires, fully trained and confident to carry out traditional fire brigade activities?

It's very satisfying work, very important to the community and still possible even if you are of more mature years.

However: if you feel this is not for you, there are many ways you can be a valuable non-active member of your local brigade.

For Example:

- You can assist with communications and call-outs.
- You can come in to look after the trucks and the fire station, hanging up wet hoses and replacing with dry hoses. Topping up water and fuel, stocking the tuckerboxes and the drinking water. Making sure the radios are all operational.
- You can provide support, giving members lifts to and from fires if necessary or bringing supplies and equipment to the fire ground.
- You can phone reports through to Fire Control. And many more.....

All very important and time consuming stuff but which keeps the active fire fighters away from the fire ground.

All brigade members, regardless of their role have to complete a Basic Training course, usually conducted over a weekend. All uniforms and equipment are provided

As well as making you a member of the RFS, the knowledge you gain through your training will be invaluable in helping you understand and manage fire on your own property.

Please give me a call, THE PHONE NUMBERS ARE AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS LETTER. The Brigade will welcome you and your community will thank you!

With best wishes,

Bruce Wildie, Captain, Bungwahl Brigade

Captain: Bruce Wildie Phone 6554 0557	Snr Deputy/Secretary: Judy Donnelly Phone: 4997 6055
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Bush Fire and Your Home

PREPARE YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY FOR BUSH FIRES

These maintenance tips may help prevent burning embers destroying your house:

- ☐ Install metal gutter guards
- ☐ Repair damaged or missing tiles on the roof
- ☐ Install fine metal mesh screens on windows and doors
- ☐ Fit seals around doors and windows to eliminate gaps
- ☐ Enclose the areas under the house
- ☐ Repair or cover gaps in external walls
- ☐ Attach a fire sprinkler system to gutters

Things to do around your house and garden:

- ☐ keep lawns short and gardens well maintained
- ☐ cut back trees and shrubs overhanging buildings
- ☐ clean up fallen leaves, twigs and debris around the property
- ☐ have hoses long enough to reach around your house
- ☐ if you have a pool, tank or dam, put a Static Water Supply (SWS) sign on your property entrance
- ☐ check that your insurance is adequate and up to date
- ☐ complete your Bush Fire Survival Plan available at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.

DID YOU KNOW
Not all homes can be defended - your safety is always the first priority.



In a bush fire many houses are destroyed through ember attack, when burning twigs and leaves carried by the wind land on or around the house. Even houses away from the direct path of the fire can be affected.

Look for the places embers could start fires - on the roof, under the floor and around windows and doors - and take action to prevent them.

PREPARE

ACT

SURVIVE

| BUSH FIRE INFORMATION LINE | 1800 679 737

