

Monday Message

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What's on this week Term 4 Week 4

Term 4 week 5

<u>Monday</u> 03.11.14	Newsletter Student Banking AASS - cycling
<u>Tuesday</u> 04.11.14	Kindy Orientation 8.30-11.00 Greg RFF
<u>Wednesday</u> 05.11.14	Spelling Bee - Indigo - Sydney Amy RFF
<u>Thursday</u> 06.11.14	Canteen - Elisa Child protection - Sue Sport & Creative Arts Financial workshop- Greg & Felice - Taree Bulahdelah C Orientation visit
<u>Friday</u> 07.11.14	SAKGP Forster campus Orientation visit

Term 4 week 6

<u>Monday</u> 10.11.14	Newsletter Student Banking AASS - cycling
<u>Tuesday</u> 11.1.14	Band performance—Nabiac Sport & Creative Arts
<u>Wednesday</u> 12.11.14	Amy RFF
<u>Thursday</u> 13.11.14	Canteen - Volunteer needed Greg RFF
<u>Friday</u>	SAKGP

Term 4 week 7

<u>Monday</u> 17.11.14	Newsletter Student Banking AASS - cycling
<u>Tuesday</u> 18.1.14	Kindy Orientation 8.30-11.00 Sport & Creative Arts
<u>Wednesday</u> 19.11.14	Amy RFF
<u>Thursday</u> 20.11.14	Canteen - Volunteer needed Greg RFF Yr 7 Orientation - Forster
<u>Friday</u>	SAKGP

Swimming Scheme

This year's swimming scheme has been very successful. All children have made progress. Children should receive their achievement certificates today. We would like to thank the efforts of the Austswim Instructors: Sonia, Adel, Jo and Brian.

Bulahdelah Show Winners

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Bulahdelah Show writing and art competition.

The winners are:

Writing - equal 1st Indigo Dixon yr6

1st Cassie Dransfield yr5

Equal 3rd Hunter Bramble

Commended - Michael Martin and Rani Meier - kindy

Overall Writing Winner - Runner-up- Indigo Dixon.

Art - 2nd Bodhie Meier - stage 2 line drawing

2nd Ginger Harrison—stage 2 collage

Highly commended - Amber Ward stage 3 line drawing

Jake Billingham stage 3 collage

Nicholas Beitzel stage 3 collage

All 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters are to attend the Student Night at the Pavilion at Bulahdelah this Wednesday night at 6.00pm for BBQ or 6.30pm start, to collect their awards.

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 following children will be representing the school at Bulahdelah Show's school evening this Wednesday 5th November 2014, Nathaniel Kennedy, Jhet Finlay, Nicholas Beitzel and Lilly Kennedy.

Kinder Orientation Day

On Tuesday, Ms Crozier, will once again, have the pleasure of introducing a group of future Bungwahl students to our wonderful school! I am sure we will make them all feel most welcome!

Indigo's Big Day Out!

This **Wednesday 5 November** Indigo will be competing in the State Final of the Premier's Spelling challenge at the **Eugene Goossens Hall** in Ultimo.

The last 25 minutes of the Senior final, in which Indigo will be competing, will also be broadcast live on Richard Glover's *DRIVE* program, and will be called by Richard and Shannon Byrnes (Grandstand presenter).

We wish Indigo all the best in this challenging contest. To get this far means she is already a winner!!

Below is a selection of words she may be asked to spell: Blancmange, Strzelecki, xanthorrhoea, Kiribati, connoisseur, catechism.

Assessment Week

Please ensure that children are at school all week. As we are completing a number of assessment tasks. It is difficult to schedule other opportunities.

Ms Oirban's Last Day

Wednesday will be Ms Oirban's last day as a temporary teacher, at Bungwahl PS. Bulahdelah CS has made her an offer she cannot refuse, for, as I understand it, both personal and professional reasons.

We are all grateful to the contribution Ms Oirban's has made to the life of our school. I am sure the students, at Bulahdelah CS will benefit greatly from the knowledge, skills and commitment of this dedicated scientist.

Ms Oirban's role will be shared between Mrs Hobbs who will work with Upper Division on Thursdays and Mrs Bramble who will work with Lower Division on Wednesdays for the remainder of the year.

Thanks Deb, your contribution has been greatly valued!

Important Meetings

On Thursday Felice and I will be attending a meeting in Taree to help support our financial planning. The office will be closed for any financial transactions. Talise will be manning the phones till 12.00pm.

On Friday, I will be attending a meeting led by Director of Schools, Dave Willard which will help in the development of the school management plan.

Lower Division - Chinese New Year Celebration!

This Friday students in Lower Division will be participating in a Chinese new year celebration as part of our 'Celebrations from Around the World' unit of work. Throughout the afternoon students will eat Chinese food and participate in a range of festivities through the eyes of different culture! Students are asked to wear red to school on Friday as this is the main colour used to symbolize the event. I look forward to an afternoon of fun and celebration!

Bush Fire Season

Our school has been identified as a high risk zone for bush fire. Attached is a letter explaining when a Catastrophic fire Danger rating has been issued. It is vital that the school has the most current mobile phone for your child. It will be easier for the school to send out a mass text explaining the situation than ringing each number. We are currently updating our Bush Fire Management Plan and will provide parents with a copy when finalised.

Please make sure the office has your mobile number that you wish all emergency texts to go to.

Selection of Permanent Classroom Teacher

The following is an extract from an email I received from Mark Anderson, Director of Staffing NSW Department of Education and Communities.

'Approval has been given for you to form a selection panel and complete a requisition for the external posting of the Teacher position at Bungwahl Public School.'

This, effectively, means that the permanent appointment of a classroom teacher at Bungwahl PS will be conducted through local selection. The selection will be made by a selection panel consisting of the principal, a member of staff and a member of the P&C, all of whom need to have completed the appropriate training.

If you are a financial P & C member and have done the selection panel training you may nominate yourself for the position on the panel. If there is more than one nomination an election will be held and ballot papers will be sent to all financial P & C members on Wednesday. These ballots must be returned no later than Friday 7th November 2014. If interested fill out nomination form and return to school by Wednesday 5th November. Participation in the process can be quite time consuming. It will involve, collaboratively writing the advertisement, reading all applications and establishing a short list and interviewing shortlisted candidates and their referees. For example there were 60 applicants for the last teaching position Pacific Palms PS.

This process should be completed before the end of term but the successful applicant may not be informed until the new year.

Moving into Year 7

As previously stated, during this week, members of staff from both Forster Junior Campus and Bulahdelah Central School will be coming to visit our Yr6 students giving them an insight into what they should expect in 2015. Forster Junior Campus will be having an orientation day for Yr6 students on Thursday 20/11/2014. Bulahdelah CS have moved their Orientation Day to Wednesday 7/12/14

Community Planning Day

A community planning day will be held on Tuesday 25th November at school. The community consultation will be one of the tools we use to develop our next three year school management plan.

End of Year Rewards

The children are well positioned to achieve the first benchmark reward by the end of this week.

Charlies Run for Kids

Attached is a flyer for a fundraiser which will be held this Wednesday morning at Seal Rocks. Due to catering the office needs to know by tomorrow if you will be attending.

“ My Salior in the Slouch Hat”

By Indigo Dixon

Ross Smith (1919-2008)

My Great Grandfather Rossi was born on the 16th of December 1919 in the Macleay Region and died in 2008. He was the second youngest of eight children with a spirit that was free. They grew vegies in the garden, fed their scraps to chooks and all the boys were handy with a fishing line when times were hard. At the age of 24 Rossi went to war.

He started off with an easy job transporting a colonel in Sydney. He had use of a jeep after hours, so was able to see his wife at night, which suited her just fine. As a result of being an experienced fishermen and an expert in surfing the breaks into the beaches and harbours in small boats, he was approached to join 1 Australian Water Ambulance Convoy of the 42 Australian Landing Craft Company. He was whisked away from his expecting wife (much to her despair) to be trained in the Atherton Tablelands (near Cairns). He was then transferred to Mount Martha on Port Phillip in Victoria. Living on the barges was quite primitive, when they arrived on the islands they had to scrounge anything they could to build cabins and bunks on their open barges for comfort and protection, as they virtually lived on them and even had to cook on little spirit stoves. Nothing could have prepared these men for the difficult conditions they faced, dodging bombs, bullets and even submarines they sailed the waters and rescued the wounded from the beaches and waters and took them back to the advanced dressing station or the medical dressing station, depending on the seriousness of the wound. While temporarily working in the orderly room Rossi accidentally found a blank AB 83 record-of-service book, desperately wanting to meet his new daughter he very cleverly re-wrote the book to show that he was owed many days leave. In no time he was on his way back home to spend a few weeks with his family.

When he returned to service he was badly burnt while trying to save his captain who had thrown himself onto a bomb to protect his crew and spent a long time in an American field hospital being treated for his burns, while treating his skin the American medical staff commented that they had never seen skin like his before. When the war was officially over and it was time to be shipped home, he didn't wait, he spotted a sea plane coming into the harbour wherever he was at the time and said to his mates “I'm not waiting, I'm going home.” He fixed his bayonet on his rifle, stuck it in the sand with his slouch hat and dog tags on top and waded out to the sea plane, climbed on board and hitched a ride back to Australia.

Rossi's legacy, like all others that have been to war to fight for our country, has given us our freedom and way of life that we hold dear today.



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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2014-2015 BUSH FIRE SEASON

Dear parent or carer

I am writing to let you know about arrangements for our school for the current bush fire season. Our school has been identified as a school at increased risk if a bush fire were to break out on a day when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area.

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the NSW Department of Education and Communities has determined that on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area, the school will temporarily cease operations for the day(s) the rating is current and alternative learning arrangements will be put in place. This is based on information obtained through a bush fire assessment of our school arranged by the Department.

A Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is likely to occur on a very small number of days during the bush fire season, if at all. To ensure that we continue to support student learning on these days, I have put the following arrangements in place:

Bungwahl school will send out a text the evening before informing parents of the school closure.

The school will only receive notification of a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating after school hours the day before the forecast is issued. To assist me in contacting all parents please ensure that you have provided the school with up-to-date home or after hours contact details.

Information for parents and carers provided by the Department about these arrangements is attached.

In the event that the school is to be evacuated a text will be sent out to all nominated bush fire emergency contact numbers informing them of where the students will be evacuated to.

Up to date bush fire information will also be available to you on the Department's bush fire safety website. The link for this site is as follows:

NSW Education & Communities Bushfire Safety: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studentwellbeing/bushfire-safety/index.php>

Please contact the school on telephone **49976175** if you would like any further information about this matter.

Yours sincerely
Greg Kelly

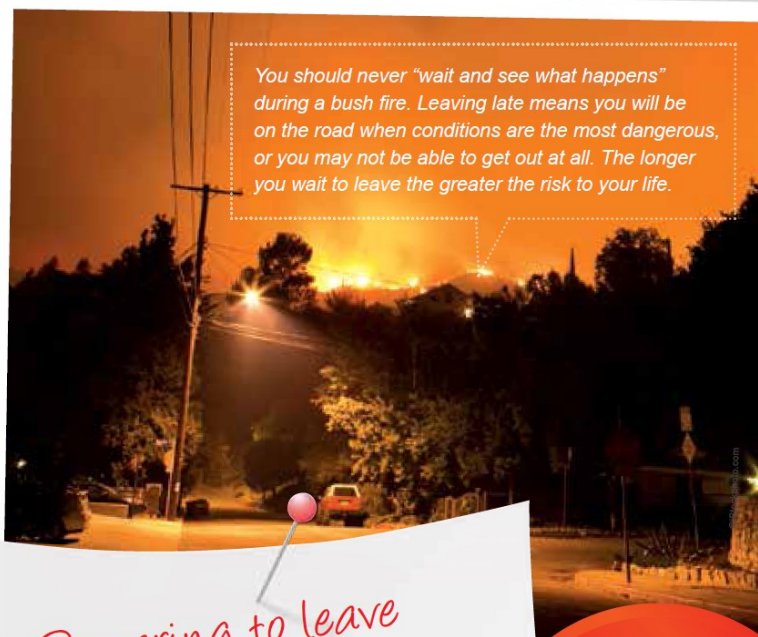


Leaving Early

LEAVE EARLY AND SURVIVE A BUSH FIRE

The safest option in a bush fire is always to leave early, well before the fire threatens. You should leave if:

- ☐ **The Fire Danger Rating is Catastrophic.** On these days fires will be so intense it is not safe to defend any home - no matter how well prepared. Extreme and Severe days are also very dangerous and leaving early will always be the safest option.
- ☐ **You have not prepared** yourself or your property to give you and your home the best level of protection from a fire.
- ☐ **There are children, elderly, or disabled people in your home.** People who are vulnerable due to age, health or any other reason should always leave early.
- ☐ **Your house is not defensible.** Some houses, because of their location, construction, or surrounding vegetation are not safe to defend. The NSW RFS Bush Fire Household Assessment Tool (www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) can help you assess your home's level of risk and make an informed decision. On some days no properties will be defensible.



You should never "wait and see what happens" during a bush fire. Leaving late means you will be on the road when conditions are the most dangerous, or you may not be able to get out at all. The longer you wait to leave the greater the risk to your life.

Preparing to leave early means:

- ☐ Completing a Bush Fire Survival Plan, available at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au
- ☐ Planning where you will go, how to get there, and what you will take
- ☐ Knowing the daily Fire Danger Rating in your area and what it means
- ☐ Having transport organised for all members of the family, including pets
- ☐ Actively seeking information on the fire situation and weather conditions from TV, local radio and the internet so you know when to leave
- ☐ Having a back-up plan in case you aren't able to leave early enough. What other safer places are there you could get to?
- ☐ Talking to family, friends, and neighbours about your plan to leave early

DID YOU KNOW

*Being well away from a bush fire is the **ONLY** way to ensure your safety.*

PREPARE.

ACT.

SURVIVE.

BUSH FIRE INFORMATION LINE | 1800 679 737



Charlie's Seal Rocks Breakfast Send Off!

Join us from 6.30am to 7.30am,

Wednesday November 5th at Seal Rocks Shop

for a fundraising BBQ breakfast to support Charlie's runners as they set out at approximately 7am on a grueling 150km,

5 day run back to Newcastle.

Hot BBQ breakfast sandwiches, of eggs, bacon and sausage for \$5 and tea and coffee will be available for gold coin donation to support this brave little girl's fight against cancer.

Bring your picnic blanket, enjoy the sunrise over Boat Beach and show how much our community cares.



WHAT IS IT?

150km run over 5 days starting at Seal Rocks on November 5th and finishing 5 days later at Burwood Bowlo, Whitebridge.

WHO WILL BENEFIT?

All proceeds go directly to Charlotte Carr's treatment of Neuroblastoma.

HOW CAN I DONATE?

Donations can be made on line through the "My cause page" at <http://www.mycause.com.au/page/79966/>

Term 4 Canteen

I can volunteer on the following day:

Canteen

6th Nov: Elisa

13th Nov: _____

20th Nov: Mandy

27th Nov: _____

4th Dec: Elisa

11th Dec: _____

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Remember No Volunteer No Canteen.

Emergency Mobile No

My mobile number that I would like all Bush Fire Emergency texts sent to:

Name: _____

Signed; _____

P & C Nomination Selection Panel

I would like to nominate myself for the Selection Panel for the upcoming Permanent Classroom Teacher position.

I am a financial member of the Bungwahl P & C association.

Name: _____

Date: _____