Calendar Week 1-10

Saturday 19 October  School Fair
Wednesday 23 October  Bulli High School Adventure Program – HSIE
Wednesday 6 November  Bulli High School Adventure Program – SCIENCE
Monday 11 November  School Swimming Scheme Commences
Wednesday 13 November  Bulli High School Adventure Program – VISUAL ARTS
Wednesday 20 November  Bulli High School Adventure Program – MATHS
Friday 22 November  Swimming Scheme – Final Day
Tuesday 26 November  Kinder Orientation – Parent Session 2-3pm
Wednesday 27 November  Kinder Orientation – 9am – 11.15am
          Bulli High School Adventure Program – H/PE
Wednesday 4 December  Bulli High School Adventure Program – DESIGN & TECH
Thursday 5 December  Kinder Orientation – 9.00 – 11.15am
Wednesday 11 December  Bulli High School Adventure Program – ENGLISH
Monday 16 December  Presentation Day & Parent Afternoon Tea

Principal’s Message
Wow! What an amazing drama night last term! I would like to thank our community for your overwhelming support for events such as our drama night. Without your support it wouldn’t be the success it is each year.

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Cobban for her outstanding effort in getting it all together on the night. And thank you to Mrs Cudmore, Mrs Flamme, Mrs Nicholls and Mr Lantry for their wonderful contributions.

It is a great night to be shared with family and friends. Not quite under the stars, but almost.

Another thank you to Wayne who diligently constructs and dismantles the stage each year. (I think the spray painting worked well this year Wayne!)

A very special thank you to everyone for assisting with returning the chairs into the classrooms; to the teachers and helpers who packed up the stage and bits and pieces. Thank you also Colin, Kaz and Coby who stayed behind to do the heavy lifting and running around. Everyone’s assistance helped get us home earlier than would have been usual.

Thank you Mrs Cudmore for offering to be the relieving principal in my absence. The school is in safe hands.

See you in Week 4!

Lesley Matthews
Principal

BUSH FIRE SEASON
HAS NOW BEGUN

The Department of Education and Communities has rated Otford Public School in a high risk category for bush fire. This means that on a catastrophic weather warning day this school will be directed to close. The school may also be required to close at the direction of local emergency services and in consultation with the School Education Director in the case of a local bushfire hazard.

We have been notified that tomorrow there is a total fire ban in place and the fire rating is extreme.

If you would like more information please follow the link below:

Bulli High School Adventure Program
The Bulli High School Adventure Program offers year 5 students the opportunity to attend a series of high school lessons on Wednesday afternoons. Notes have been given to all year 5 students.

Swimming Scheme
The Department of Education and Communities School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Scheme is conducted over ten days. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes. Instruction will take place at Helensburgh pool from Monday November 11 to Friday November 22, 2013.

The Scheme is for students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills. All students who are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water are eligible. The Scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Years 2 to 6 as well as students with special needs. Notes have been sent home with students today. If your child doesn't receive a note and your child cannot swim 25m competently, please contact the school if you would like your child to participate.

NAPLAN Results
Results will be sent home next week.

Child Protection
Child protection lessons will be taught during term 4 for years K-6, if you have any questions please contact Mrs Cobban.

IT’S RAFFLE TIME :-)
In conjunction with the upcoming fair we will be holding a raffle with some fabulous prizes! 2 x books of 10 tickets will be sent home with each family tomorrow. They will need to be returned next Thursday 17 October.
Encourage family and friends to support our great school and they could win:
* Fantastic Dining Vouchers
* Thirroul treasures
* Family Pass to Symbio Wildlife Park
* Putt Planet Family Pass
* ‘Goliath’ Giant Swing Session at the Tops for fifteen people valued at $250.00
* Darkes Forest Riding School trail rides
* Jervis Bay Whale Watching Cruises
* Otford Valley Sanctuary Indulgences and LOTS MORE

Thanks for your support.....

School Fair
It’s tie dyeing time again! The tie dyeing stall is on again at the fair. There will be a variety of bright colours this year to choose from, neon blue, electric orange and tropical green to name a few. It’s a fun and creative activity for both kids and adults.

There will be kids t-shirts and leggings ranging from size 1-14 available to purchase on the day to dye. Alternatively you can bring your own item of clothing/fabric with you to fair day to dye (plain and light coloured works best).

Any questions please see Andrea, Sarah or Tracey M

Helensburgh Lions Club Annual Fair
Our annual fair will be held on Saturday 26 October in Charles Harper Park with loads of new stalls, a fantastic line-up of entertainment, delicious food and new rides. The Lions Club will be holding a second-hand book and CD stall and would love your donations of good quality books and unscratched CDs. Any book and CD donation can be left at Civic Video and the Lions would like to thank Nicola, Zoe and the Civic team for their generous support and space :) Contact Gina on 4294 1371 or at nhork@yahoo.com for more information.
MyTime for grandparents

Local support groups for grandparents who are the full-time carers of their grandchild.

Exciting New Group starting in Wollongong!

Express your interest

Are you a grandparent or relative who provides full-time care for children up to 18 years age?

If so, and you would like to meet others in similar circumstance for a coffee and a chat call us to express your interest.

Interchange Illawarra 81 Kenny St, Wollongong

Phone: 4227 1079

Or email info@interchangeillawarra.org

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Otford Public School

Kindergarten Orientation

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| Term 4
  Tuesday 26 November
  2.00pm – 3.00pm   | Parent Information Afternoon | • A great opportunity to meet the Kindergarten teachers and ask any questions to ensure your child has a smooth and happy transition (parents only)! |
|                    |                              |                                                           |
| Term 4
  Wednesday 27 November
  9.00am – 11.15am  | Student Orientation Morning  | • The children will spend the morning at school independently. We will be playing some fun games with our current Kindergarten children. |
  Uniform Shop Open  |                              | • Bring your child to the Special Purpose Room to try on the school uniforms for size. Orders can then be placed and collected on Thursday 5 December 2013. |
  (for ordering only)|                              |                                                           |
  11.15am – 12.00pm |                              |                                                           |
| Term 4
  Thursday 5 December
  9.00am – 11.15am  | Student Orientation Morning  | • Our new Kindergarten children will enjoy more follow-up activities in the classroom without parents. |
  Uniform Shop Open  |                              |                                                           |
  (for collection only)| 11.15am – 12.00pm            |                                                           |

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Otford Public School Kindergarten Orientation 2013

RSVP by Friday 8 November (please return this slip to the school office)

Parent’s attending__________________________________________________________

Child’s name______________________________________________________________