**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Term 4**

**Week 5**

**NO CANTEEN THIS WEEK**
Friday 7th November
Assembly 2:15pm

**Week 6**

Wednesday 12th November
P&C Meeting 3:10pm
Thursday 13th November
Kindergarten Orientation Day

**Week 7**

Thursday 20th November
Kindergarten Orientation Day & Parent Information Session
Tennis

**Week 9**

Tuesday 2nd December
Year 6 Fun Day
Wednesday 3rd December
P&C Meeting 3:10pm
Thursday 4th December
Last day of tennis
Captain’s speeches

**Week 10**

**NO CANTEEN THIS WEEK**
Monday-Friday
Intensive Swim School Week
Wednesday 10th December
Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6pm

**Week 11**

Monday 15th December
Christmas Craft Day
Reports sent home
Tuesday 16th December
Presentation Day 9am
Wednesday 17th December
PBL Movie Day
Students last day of school
Thursday 18th December
Staff Development Day NO STUDENTS

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**Canteen**

*Remember there is no canteen on Friday 7th November. Students should bring lunch, recess, fruit break and water with them on Friday.*

**No Hat, No Play!**

Please remember to pack your hat each day.
**Major Excursion**

Our major excursion has certainly generated a lot of interest amongst the students. It has also come to my attention that a number of parents have either indicated their desire to also attend or ‘they are attending’. Having organised and attended many overnight excursions in my career I am not keen to have parents attend these activities unless there are extenuating circumstances. I have my reasons for this decision and they are many and varied;

*some parents do not always abide by the rules of the excursion and/or supervising teacher,*
*some parents don’t follow rules of the establishments we visit,*
*some parents buy the students in their group lollies, toys etc and other students miss out,*
*some parents buy treats for their group and expect me to reimburse them after I have already explained that this won’t happen,*
*some parents don’t like to go away for a few days and not enjoy a beer/glass of wine at the end of the day,*
*some parents take their group into areas they shouldn’t go to/get lost/lose track of the time and consequently everyone is late for the bus/next activity/dinner,*
*some parents get disgruntled because the excursion isn’t a holiday, *(no down time, no shopping) it is actually hard work keeping track of a group of students,*
*parents are not permitted to share rooms with any child, not even their own children. This is DEC policy.*

These are only a few of the reasons I find it easier to be ‘parent free’ on excursions. At this time Ms Kime, Milbrodale Principal, and I will be attending the excursion. We have discussed the need to take a ‘male’ adult to assist with the supervision of the male students however no one has been approached and no one has approached me. If you don’t believe your son or daughter can go away for a few days without you then you might need to reconsider sending your child on this excursion. I can assure you they cope! Experience tells me this!

Some benefits for the students attending camp on their own are:
*they develop independent survival skills,*
*taking care of their belongings,*
*getting along with others in different settings, especially when 4 or more have to share a room or a dorm room!*

I always allow the students to ring you at night if they need to, but usually they are too busy having fun to waste time on the phone.

I intended to confirm this week our excursion with Rovers, but I believe parents need to be aware that the students are all welcome to attend, subject to appropriate behaviour, however parents attending is not a given.

**Remembrance Day**

We will conduct a small Remembrance Day service on Tuesday 11\(^{th}\) November commencing at 10.50am. It should conclude at 11.10am. All parents/caregivers and other members of the community are welcome to attend this service.

**P&C Meeting**

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 12\(^{th}\) November commencing at 3.10pm. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the major excursion for 2015 please come along. I will also outline some of the procedures involved in our new school planning process at the meeting. Our next school plan is being developed in a very different way to how it has been done in previous years, with a greater focus on parent/caregiver input.

We use our NAPLAN results as a basis for how we plan and use our funds from the Department of Education and Communities. I am unable to comment too widely on our results for privacy reasons but suffice it to say 35% of our year 3 students achieved in the top 2 bands in all aspects of the test and 80% of year 5 students made significant gains from their year 3 results. Please don’t speculate about which student did or didn’t achieve, rather focus on the positives we can take away from this, our teaching and learning programs are making a difference for the students in their achievements academically.
Sculpture in the Vineyards

The students had a great time exploring the amazing sculptures in the beautiful grounds of the Undercliff Winery. We look forward to seeing next year’s displays.

P&C Chocolate Boxes

We are still waiting on a couple of families to return their chocolate money. Please do this ASAP.

Bulga Community Centre Hosts

Ladies Night Out

15th November 6pm @

Come for a fun evening out at the hall.

Product demonstrations by:

Prop That, Spoil yourself accessories, Tupperware, Body Shop, Krystals Crytals, Moo’s Sweet Treats, Sensational in Singleton, Shellys Sweet Creations & more

Gold Coin Donation for entry BYO drinks and a plate to share supper @7pm

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES & RAFFLES

All proceeds raised go to the running & maintenance of our hall

Enquiries: Belinda 65745113 or Trinette 65745237

Garage sale: Saturday & Sunday 8th & 9th November
2068 Putty Road Bulga
From 7:30am
Weekly Award Winners

Principals Awards
Bilbies
Arabella for always listening and following instructions promptly
Koalas
Ben for fantastic work with trading in Maths
Wallabies
Izaak for great work at writing his name

Student of the Week
Bilbies
Ella for excellent work in Maths
Koalas
Jasmine for working well with base 10 Maths
Wallabies
Paige P for great effort in English

Merit Certificate
Bilbies
Alissa for excellent work in all subjects
Koalas
Tynan for excellent work in Maths
Wallabies
Eva for always doing her best work

Playground Ethics Award
Kayla Maloney
Registering your child to ANZ Tennis Hot Shots for 2014/2015

As an official venue of Tennis Australia’s National School Partnership Program (NSPP), students will experience the national kids' starter program ANZ Tennis Hot Shots in their health and physical education curriculum.

Tennis Australia has partnered with your school and as a valued supporter of the NSPP, all children within the school are able to register to claim their free T-shirt. For every child who registers, your school will be supported by a $2.00 rebate to put towards tennis equipment at the school ensuring the children are always able to play. In addition to this, TennisConnect rewards schools that connect their players to tennis. Tennis Australia are offering an additional $5 reward for every registered participant who provides and verifies their personal details online. Once your child is registered, you will receive an email to verify their information.

By verifying your child/ren’s information and selecting our school as the preferred tennis deliverer, our school will receive an additional $5 towards our reward tally.

Tennis Australia aims to inspire people to play more tennis and by verifying your information, assist them to make better decisions about the future of tennis and motivate tennis communities to get court up in the game.

To register your child simply complete the below fields and return to the front reception or teacher at school. Their T-shirt will be delivered to the school and handed out by their teacher.

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To assist us in the provision of products and services, we need to collect personal information about you. When you provide personal information you agree that this will be used by Tennis Australia and other Australian Tennis Organisations (ATOs) under the terms of this statement, and the tennis privacy policy located at www.tennis.com.au/privacy, which contains information about how you may access and seek correction of your personal information or complain about a breach of your privacy, and how we will deal with that complaint. If you do not agree, you must not provide your personal information, and you may be unable to access all of our products and services. Tennis Australia and other ATOs may disclose your personal information to other parties, including our related companies, other ATOs, and third parties who provide us services. From time to time, these third parties may be located (and therefore your personal information may be disclosed) overseas, including to the USA and the Netherlands and as otherwise specified in the tennis privacy policy. Tennis Australia and other ATOs may use and disclose your personal information for direct marketing purposes regarding the products and services you are signing up to receive, unless you opt-out (which you can do at any time in accordance with the tennis privacy policy).

I have read and understood the terms and conditions tennis.com.au/clubs/my-tennis/privacy-and-security/participant-terms-and-conditions and the above privacy statement. I consent to my child/ward registering as an ANZ Tennis Hot Shots participant through the school and to the school providing the above information to Tennis Australia.

Parent/guardian:

Full name:

Date: