

# BULLER HIGH SCHOOL

## Te Kura Tuarua o Kawatiri

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It is really rewarding to be back at school and see the progress students are making in their studies and their sporting and cultural activities. There is a settled working atmosphere this term with seniors preparing for exams in the week of 23 August. Junior reports were sent out last week, and these reflect the great effort most students are making in all of their subjects. I congratulate them on the work and study ethic they are developing.

However, I have noticed an increase in students arriving late to school. Caregivers are reminded that school starts at 8.45am, and by the time the bell rings, students should be in their house classes, ready to begin their day. If students are walking to school, please get them out of the house in a timely manner, and if you are dropping them off, please do so by 8.40am. Employers tell us that punctuality is the first thing they require in their workers, so this is one of the most important things we can teach our students.

Could caregivers also check that students are wearing uniform polar fleeces or jackets to school in this cold weather? These are readily available in Westport and are the only outer garment which can be worn.

Please note that normal classes will be disrupted on 25 August due to a Teachers' union meeting in Greymouth. Arrangements are outlined in this newsletter.



### OUTSTANDING EFFORT BY BULLER GIRLS:

Three junior students from Buller High School, Rebecca Heath, Dannielle Crackett and Shanae Douglas, were chosen to represent the West Coast in the NZ U15 Hockey Tournament. They travelled to Wellington in the last week of the School holidays to compete. The team came fourth out of 12 teams and as a team they represented the Coast and Buller very well with their fair play and attitudes.

Although they lost the semi final by one point to Auckland, they didn't go down without a fight, taking the match to a draw at final whistle, then to strokes and then to sudden death as there had to be an outcome.

Comments overheard were, "What an awesome team attitude". This was said as the girls were heard saying, "we tried our best on the day".

Congratulations girls. We are all very proud of you!



2010 NEWSLETTER

### NZQA 2010

Accounts for NZQA will be posted out on 30 July. The standard fee is \$75 per student and enables students to have their results recorded on their Record of Achievement and to receive any certificates.

**Financial Assistance** is available to parents/caregivers who meet one of the following conditions:

- Are getting a Work and Income or Study Link benefit
- Have a Community Services Card
- Have a joint family income that qualifies for a Community Services Card
- Have two or more children entered as candidates this year with fees more than \$200

**Financial Assistance forms will be available from the School Office.**

**Applications for Financial Assistance must be made to the School prior to Wednesday 1 September.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT APPLICATIONS MADE AFTER THIS DATE CAN NOT BE CONSIDERED**

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**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!**



Now that the Buller High School Board of Trustees is a full board, we will be seeking a Student Trustee for a one-year term (Sept 2010 - Sept 2011).

Any student at the School above Year 9 (but hey, you have to be under 20 years old) is eligible and will take on the role as a full Board member. That means as Student Trustee you have the same standing, voice, accountability and vote as other Board members.

We plan to call for student nominees around 20 August, followed by an election of the Student Trustee on 17 September.

After that, the elected Student Trustee will take up their role on the Board.

The Board is really excited to have a Student Trustee (after many years without), and should anyone be interested, we are happy to discuss the Board of Trustees system. This includes what a trustee does and the meeting process etc.

There will be posters around the School shortly outlining the process, key dates, where to get information, key contacts and where and how to vote (remember...your vote **will** count and is **important**).

It is an exciting time for the School with a lot happening, and we encourage you to please give this some thought as it will be a worthwhile experience.



**PREFECTS 2011**

Applications for Prefects/Peer Support are now available from the Office.  
**Applications close 27 August.**

**HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES???**

**REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS/CAREGIVERS**

**It is very important that we have the correct contact details for you.**  
**If we have a medical emergency or need to contact you urgently, we need to know the correct number to contact.**  
**If you are not able to be contacted, then please provide us with an alternative number.**

**STUDENT NAME:**.....

**PARENT/CAREGIVER:** .....

**PHONE NUMBER:**.....

**ALTERNATIVE NAME AND NUMBER:**  
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<b>SCHOOL CALENDAR</b>	
20 Aug:	Junior Dance - Westport North School Hall
23-27 Aug:	Senior exams
30 Aug- 3 Sept:	Tournament Week
<b>1 Sept:</b>	<b>Final day for NZQA Financial Assistance applications</b>
8 Sept:	Year 12 Geography Trip - Hanmer
<b>10 Sept:</b>	<b>NZQA fees due</b>



**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

Change to School Timetable 25 August  
The Buller High School branch of the Post Primary Teachers Association has advised that members will be attending a paid union meeting on Wednesday 25 August 2010 at 2pm in Greymouth. Parents/Caregivers are advised that Year 9-13 afternoon classes will not operate.

The buses will run to normal timetable. Bus students will be supervised until normal bus times unless parents make alternative arrangements.

**Classes for all students will resume as usual on Thursday 26 August 2010**



Last Wednesday the Buller High School Senior A Netball team travelled to Greymouth for a mini tournament against Grey High and Hokitika. Both games were very challenging with girls from all three schools showing off high levels of skill. Unfortunately, we didn't come away with any wins. The scores were 35-24 against Hokitika and 46-15 against Grey High. It was a great trip overall as we got some insight into what our competition will be like for Tournament week. It was good practice, with our two newest players, Sophie Heaphy (Yr 9) and Sophie Currie (Yr 10) who have come up from the Junior A team to play this tournament with us. Thanks to Mrs Dent for taking the girls down.



Thank you to those people who have donated fabric, patterns, lace etc to the Textiles Technology classes. If anyone is having a Spring clean out and has any items that we could find useful, please feel free to drop them in to the School Office.



### NEW HALL UPDATE

If you are passing the School you will have seen that our hall refurbishment project is well underway, We are now in week six and timeframes continue to be on target, with the exterior framing beginning to take shape and internal demolition of the ceiling and staging areas almost complete.

Fine weather conditions have assisted the building team and there have been no delays to date.

The next part of the project will concentrate on the installation of a new roof and building of the stage, storage and the Greenroom areas.

We are delighted with progress and look forward to sharing more news with you next month.

### SENIOR EXAMS

Senior exams will run from **MONDAY 23 August till THURSDAY 26 August.**

Senior students will be on study leave during this time and will be required to wear full School uniform when they are sitting their exams. Please note that all seniors are required to be at school on Friday 27 August

**Exams will be held in D Block**



### JUNIOR DANCE

**DATE:** Friday 20 August  
**TIME:** 7.30pm - 11pm  
**VENUE:** Westport North School Hall  
**COST:** \$5  
**DRESS:** Semi Formal

TICKETS ON SALE AT LUNCHTIMES FROM BULLER HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE

### WESTPORT WATER

A reminder to all parents/caregivers that Westport water is currently untreated and is therefore undrinkable.

Please encourage your child to bring either bottled or boiled water to school.

Buller District Council anticipates that this should be rectified by approximately Monday 23 August.

### Tips for parenting your teenager:

- Talk to your child about their lives
- Know who your child's friends are
- Know who the parents of your child's friends are
- If your child says they are staying at a friends, call and check with the parent that this is okay
- When you set limits for your child, stick to them



Congratulations to the following students who were successful in their Trinity Guildhall music exams held in Westport on 11 August by Mr George Brown from London:

INITIAL: **Sophie Anderson - (classical guitar)** Distinction  
(pupil of Rona Halsall)  
GRADE 4: **Mairin Borlaise - (piano)** Merit (pupil of Tina Taylor)  
GRADE 8: **Charlotte Ensor - ( piano)** Distinction (pupil of Rona Halsall)

## WINTER TOURNAMENT

All the very best to all teams competing in the Winter Tournament around New Zealand. We know you will represent us very well.  
Results will follow in upcoming newsletters.

## TRIP DETAILS

### **TEAM: Girls Soccer**

DESTINATION: Invercargill

LEAVING: Leaving 7.30am Saturday 28 August from main office at School.

RETURNING: 4pm Friday 3 September

CONTACT PERSON: Andrew Basher – number provided to parents

### **TEAM: Girls Hockey**

DESTINATION: Stratford

LEAVING: Heather Orchard's place - 83 Queen Street 6.30am Sunday 29 August.

RETURNING: Approx 10pm on Saturday 4 September to 83 Queen Street

CONTACT PERSON: Ainslie Savage – number provided to parents

### **TEAM: Boys Hockey Team**

DESTINATION: Accommodation: Rakaia Holiday Park. Tournament Location: Ashburton

LEAVING: 9:00am Sunday 29 August from School Gym

RETURNING: Approx 9pm at the School Gym

CONTACT PERSON: Steve Jar: or Mandy Coleman: - numbers provided to parents

### **TEAM: Boys Basketball**

DESTINATION: Alexandra

LEAVING: Michelle Johnson's place 82 Peel Street 7am on the Sunday 29 August.

RETURNING: Saturday 4 September to 82 Peel Street - time to be advised.

CONTACT PERSON: Kevin Fastier - number provided to parents

### **TEAM: Girls Basketball**

DESTINATION: Nelson

LEAVING: Information not available at time of printing – please contact School

RETURNING: Information not available at time of printing – please contact School

CONTACT PERSON: Robyn McMillan - number provided to parents

### **TEAM: Girls Netball**

DESTINATION: Blenheim

LEAVING: Information not available at time of printing – please contact School

RETURNING: Information not available at time of printing – please contact School

CONTACT PERSON: Angela Basher - number provided to parents