Farewell to

Dave Golby 12.07.1945 - 4.02.2014
On the 7th February Dave Golby was farewelled at Bungwahl Cemetery. Dave was born in Bondi and grew up loving to surf and travel. Dave and family managed the caravan park out at Seal Rocks for many years. All Dave’s children attend Bungwahl School. Dave then retired to a more quieter life at Topi Topi. Dave is greatly missed by all.

Iris Atkinson 27.12.1925 - 22.03.2014
On 28th March Iris Atkinson, who has sponsored the Harry Atkinson citizenship Award for many years, was farewelled at the Bungwahl Church by family and friends. A large crowd gathered at St James Church to bid a farewell to a valued community member. Iris attended Bungwahl School up until the age of 11 when her family moved out to Seal Rocks and she had lessons by post. It was reported that she and her sisters would do the weeks’ worth of lessons the day they arrived and spend the rest of the week swimming and enjoying themselves. During the war years, her family returned to Bungwahl where she met the love of her life, Harry Atkinson and after marrying moved away. In 1980 Iris and Harry returned to Bungwahl, Harry to deal with the clerical work at Thomas Sawmill and Iris to run the Bungwahl Post Office. Iris was Post Office mistress for 33 years. Iris loved her town and was an active community member who made great scenes. She was a member of the Hall Committee, the Progress Association and an active Church goer and sponsor. She participated in balls, indoor bowls and darts at the Bungwahl Hall for many years.

Iris was very opinionated and had many great sayings one of which was “You get out of life what you put in.” Wise words to follow. Iris is greatly missed by her family and friends.

Fundraisers
“Walkway of Fame” Pavers
This year the school will once again be running the "Walkway of Fame" pavers fundraiser. Cost of the pavers are $35.00 each. You have a choice of a computer generated paver or a hand drawn paver. If you would like to add you name to this “Walkway of Fame” you can contact the school for order forms or download the forms from the schools website. Closing date for ordering is the end of term 3. We would like to lay all new orders in Term 4.

Easter Raffle at Smiths Lake Bowling Club
On Thursday 17th April Smiths Lake Bowling club will be holding there annual Easter Raffle. Consisting of 18 Seafood Trays. All proceeds will go to Bungwahl school. Come and support our school on Thursday 17th April from 5.30pm.

Autumn Dance
Bungwahl Hall committee once again will be holding an Autumn Dance with all proceeds going to Bungwahl School. Dance the night away to “Galleria”. Keep this date free 31st May 2014. Tickets will go on sale early term 2. Pre Sale only. No ticket sales at door. $20.00 each

A Big Thank You
The staff and students would like to thank all our volunteers. Without the many canteen, garden helpers and class helpers consistently giving up their time, the students would not be progressing and enjoying school life.

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Tallowwood Talks

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Welcome to our first “End of Term” newsletter for 2014.

New Faces

Last new Mrs Hobbs retired after 10 years at Bungwahl school. In October, last year, Mr Greg Kelly accepted the position of principal. To fill in Mr Kelly’s teaching position we welcomed Ms Amy Crozier to the team. Ms Crozier is our Lower Division teacher / drama and singing teacher. This year we said farewell to Mrs Thora-Lou Smith. Thora-Lou started at the school in 1996. Lou has had a range of hats in her day including, music, drama teacher, bus driver, photographer and of course our librarian. Lou will still be around (when Lou is not travelling around the world) for casual work.

Our new librarian/science teacher is Ms Deborah Oirbans. Deborah is a qualified high school teacher who previously worked at Bulahdelah Central School. We welcome Ms Oirbans aboard and hopes she enjoys her time at our school.
All students went on a "Bramble Ramble Historical Tour" with Betty Bramble. Betty took the children to three significant local historical sites—the Church, Smiths Lake and The Hearts.

On the 21st March, students celebrated Harmony Day with one of our artistic parents, Mila Moscova. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

On Tuesday 8th April, we opened our school for a Parent’s day. All students were asked to bring in an artifact that is especially important to them. With all the interesting pieces, we opened up a museum for the day. Not only did parents get a chance look around, they were also interviewed by the students. Questions were asked on how and where they grew up, what they liked and who they gave their first kiss to. After all this talk we had a Easter hat parade. All the students showed off their own creations that were made at home. Following this was a softball match, student’s versus parents. It was a very enjoyable day and a great way to finish off the term.

Active After School Sport’s program for this term included Adventure Cycling. Paul Nixon, from Forster Cycles, spent every Tuesday afternoon teaching our kids bike safety and how to get the most out of bike riding. We had jumps and planks and many obstacles that the children had to conquer.

SAKGP - Stephanie Kitchen Garden Program

The garden this year looks spectacular. The students along with Nikki (Kitchen Garden Specialist) have been able to grow and pick pumpkins (3.5kg in total) eggplant, snake beans, tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, capsicum, broccoli, bok-choy, parsley and chillies this term. With all this produce the students cooked and shared every fortnight. With excess produce the students cooked up jars of sauces, pickles and oils. These items are for sale through the canteen. Most produce is also used for the canteen cooking, making this a very sustainable kitchen garden program.

Through the SAGKP not only do the students get a chance to grow, pick and cook the produce, they also have lots of garden activities. Looking after their compost worms, ph testing the aquaponics, feeding the perch and yabbies, basket weaving using vines from the garden, making windmills from old recycled bicycle rims. The girls even got time to practice their needlework—adding bling to their aprons.

School Life

This year we had 6 new kindergarten students start.

Ella, Peter, Torri, Michael, Rani and Xannah have all had a beautiful start to the year.

Lower Division and year 6 students are lucky enough to be travelling down to Sydney in May to see the live production of the "Lion King". The "Lion King" is a musical masterpiece. The famous storyline, along with its talented cast and its exquisite costuming has made it a success all around the world. This is a very exciting opportunity for all involved.

All students from Upper Division got off to a great start. Captains for this year are Lilly Kennedy and Hunter Bramble.

Back in February, students competed in the "Manning West Small Schools Swimming Carnival. Bungwahl came second overall. Our relay team made it to Zone and then qualified for the Regional Carnival.