This is a very busy term with NAPLAN, Cross Country, visiting shows and Quad Sports to name just a few. Bullarah Public is very lucky that we have dedicated people in the local and broader community who are willing to travel the long distances to provide our students with fantastic sporting, educational and social activities.

Congratulations go to Elsie who competed at Curlewis Horse Sports Day last Friday. She represented Bullarah with pride and managed to catch up with Mr Baum. Elsie’s results were: 1st 9yrs Rider, 1st 9yrs Hack, 1st 9yrs Pleasure, 2nd pairs and 5th Pony Twist. Elsie also won the Overall Sportsmanship Award.

The School Plan and 2014 Annual School Report are on the school website for you to access. Miss Winter now has responsibility for the school uniforms and will distribute them on Mondays. An order form can also be found on the school website.

The Year 3 and Year 5 students are currently doing NAPLAN testing. Yesterday they completed the Language Conventions paper and the Writing paper. Today the students undertook the Reading test and tomorrow they will do the Numeracy paper.

ATTENDANCE
It is extremely important that children attend school every day so that they can maximise their learning opportunities. If your child is away please ring the school that day or write a note on their first day back. Absences due to being sick for two or more days will require a doctor’s certificate. It is DEC policy that:

4.1.2 Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence.

4.2.6 Principals are responsible for ensuring that when frequent absences are explained as being due to illness that:
* medical certificates are sought for the absences
* strategies are developed to ensure regular attendance at school.

Sport
Tennis lessons have started and the children are really enjoying them. Mrs Buckley loves coming out to Bullarah and comments every week on how polite our students are. The tennis coaching will continue into early next term, with a total of ten lessons in all. This term while the lessons are on Mrs Brazel and I will be preparing the students for the Quad Sports at Bellata which will be held on Wednesday 24th June.

This Friday Bullarah will be holding a school Cross Country. From this students may wish to compete in the Zone trials at North Star on Wednesday 27th May. More details and a permission note for this will be sent home next week. Approximate distances for the Cross Country are: 8/9/10 years – 2000m, 11/12 years - 3000m.

Canteen
Next Monday – 18th May – the PSC are having a hot dog day. The cost is $3.00 and for catering purposes money and orders need to be sent to the school no later than Friday 15th May.