

Billabong Highlights

Term 4 Week 8

Monday 11月25日 2013



Remembrance Day

Ty Voss and Chelsea Cronin from Year 8 attended the Culcairn Remembrance Day Service at the Culcairn Memorial hall. They are photographed here with a member of the Culcairn RSL.

PRINCIPAL

1. The annual Melbourne Excursion is on this

week. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities and I would like to thank Mrs Ferguson for all the organisation that has taken place.

2. We are now in Week 3 of the new academic year. Students are working well in the classroom and they need to maintain this momentum until the end of the year.

3. The next P & C Meeting will take place next Monday December 2. Please note the change of day from Tuesday to Monday. The meeting will take place at 7.00pm in the common room. A light supper will follow. **The Canteen Committee will meet at 6.30pm.**

The committee is also looking for a new secretary as Mrs Chris Davenport will not be continuing in this role after the Annual General Meeting in Term

1 next year. Parents are asked to consider helping the committee in this regard.

4. The Year 7 2014 Orientation Day will take place next Wednesday, December 4. It will be a full day and an excellent opportunity to again meet our incoming students.

5. Mr Nathan Honeyman, the Home School Liaison Officer is continuing to meet and interview students on a weekly basis. The biggest issue at the moment is the number of unexplained absences. **Parents are asked to send a note in straight after any absence.**

Canteen Roster

26/11 Leonie Heir
28/11 Julie Pitson
29/11 Jo Wall
02/12 Gemma Damschke

**Phil Carroll
Principal**



Years 7-8 Debating Semi-Finals

Congratulations to Emily Jones, Phoebe Crilly, Alyce Parker and Claire Holt who competed in the Riverina Semi-Finals Premier's Debating Challenge. This debate took place on Monday November 11 via video conference against Griffith High School.

The topic was 'Sports people that use performance enhancing drugs should receive a life ban' and our team was the negative. In the rules of the competition only one hour is given to prepare the topic.

The team made an excellent effort and although they weren't the final winners they are to be commended for their well-developed arguments and analytical thinking. Well done to the team on this outstanding achievement.

Courage to Care Exhibition

On Thursday November 21 Year 12 Advanced English and Years 9 and 10 Elective History travelled to the Wagga Wagga Museum of the Riverina to attend a Courage to Care Program. The program

explored issues of discrimination, prejudice, bullying and tolerance through Holocaust stories from World War II. Students participated in three sessions including an exhibition, an encounter with a Holocaust survivor and a discussion group forum.

The encounter with a survivor enabled students to learn about personal accounts of survival and the strength and courage that was needed during this time period. The survival story also shed significant light on how rescuers had the courage to care for these individuals and for others in need.

As the key presenter highlighted our students will be the last generation to hear these personal accounts from actual survivors.

The exhibition section included eyewitness recorded stories and artefacts to provide students with a deeper insight into events that occurred during the Holocaust.

This was an excellent opportunity for students to gain an enriched perspective and to make connections to contemporary society.



Calendar

27/11

Riverina Cricket Trials

27/11-29/11

Year 9 Melbourne Excursion

28/11

*Year 9 and 10 PASS Activity Day
at Holbrook Stadium*

29/11

*PIP Study Day for Society &
Culture*

2/12-3/12 & 5/12

Year 10 TAFE Taster Courses

4/12

Year 7 2014 Orientation Day

6/12

Year 9 and 10 PASS Canoe Trip

Cricket

Keegan Jenkins and Coby Ross have been invited to the Riverina Cricket trials which will take place in Wagga this week. We wish both boys all the best. Billabong played James Fallon High School today in round three of the Milliken Cup, scores unavailable at time of printing.

PASS Activities

PASS students who intend to take part in the canoe trip on **Friday December 6** are urged to get their notes and money in quickly as numbers are limited. This Thursday Mr Mackinlay's PASS class will travel to Holbrook and play a mini basketball competition at the stadium. Students will then have lunch and aquatic activities at the Holbrook Pool. Again, notes need to be in ASAP.

Duke of Edinburgh

PASS students have been briefed on the requirements of undertaking next year's Bronze Duke of Edinburgh program. It is suggested that the students discuss this with their parents and carers. If parents require any information they should feel free to contact Mr Mackinlay at the school.

Gold Duke of Edinburgh

Year 12 student **Jessikah McCarthy** is to be congratulated on completing all sections of her Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Over the past three and a half years, Jessikah has displayed a high level of organisational ability and determination to meet all requirements of the award. Once Jessikah's paper work is processed she will be informed about the presentation ceremony which will take place at Government House Sydney.

Gold Adventurous Journey

Gemma Wall, Myall Hoffman, Georgia Cottrell, Aimee Morris and Jessica Kane are busy planning a gold level adventurous journey which will take place between 11 and 15 December. For many of these students it will be their final Adventurous Journey as they continue to work towards completing their gold level award, which is an outstanding achievement and well worth working toward.



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PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING HUSBANDS, PARTNERS AND CHILDREN

THE GARDEN WALK: Wednesday 27th November

9AM - 'Round Hill' – Cam and Wendy Mackie
(Face painting for kids also available at this garden)

'Round hill' is located about 2km out the Culcairn Holbrook road on the right, with a white timber entry.

From 10am 'Orange Grove' – Adrian and Trish Feuerherdt
(10:30am morning tea provided at this garden)

A map will be provided at 'Round Hill' to get to 'Orange Grove'

11am guest speaker from **RAMHP** – Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

Farming is a great way of life but can often be very stressful in many different ways. Remember that there is always someone there and various support options if you need to access them.

Please rsvp to Kerry Bourke (02)69293102 or Sheree Hamson 0458 298 787
(For catering purposes)



4th November 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some information about the public dental services available for children in the Albury area.

Murrumbidgee Local Health District employs dental therapists at the Albury Community Health Centre dental clinic which is located at 596 Smollett Street, Albury. Dental therapists are registered clinicians who provide general dental treatment for children and adolescents up to the age of 18 years.

The treatment is **free**. Please ring 1800 450 046 to register your child.

In addition, I would like to provide you with some information about the dental program that has been established between NSW Health, the Murrumbidgee Local Health District and Charles Sturt University (CSU) to provide **free** dental treatment for children who have been registered with the public dental service but have not yet received an appointment at the Albury dental clinic.

The children will be treated by 2nd and 3rd year Bachelor of Oral Health students at the CSU dental clinic in Thurgoona under strict supervision.

If your child/ren are not already registered with the public dental service, please phone the intake centre on 1800 450 046 to register. Please indicate to the intake staff if you would be happy for your child/ren to be treated at either clinic, that is either Albury dental clinic or CSU, depending upon which clinic has the first available appointment.

Regards

D.M. Aldrich

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Dental Therapist / Team Leader

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