

# Billabong Highlights

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15<sup>th</sup> December 2013

Dear George,

Aimee Morris, Georgina Cottrell, Gemma Wall, and Myall Hoffmann completed their Qualifier Gold Duke of Ed Adventurous Journey from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2013 on the Hume and Hovell Walking Track.

Jessica Kane completed her practice Gold Duke of Ed Adventurous Journey from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2013 on the Hume and Hovell Walking Track.

Regards,

Owen Fitzgerald

**CONGRATULATIONS to Alyce Parker on being awarded a Riverina Sporting Blue, this award is a richly deserved and only one of 15 in the Riverina, outstanding**

## PRINCIPAL

1. The annual Presentation Night is

being held tomorrow night at 7.30pm in the school hall. I would like to invite all students and parents to attend. This special event is a very fitting way to celebrate student achievements from 2013.

### 2. Key Dates:

LAST Day of Term 4	18/12/13
Years 7, 11 & 12 return	29/01/14
Years 8-19 return	30/01/14.

3. **Congratulations to Alyce Parker who received a Riverina Sporting Blue on Friday at a special ceremony in Wagga.** The award recognises her achievement in Cross Country at the State Championships.

5. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas break and I look forward to more great achievements in 2014.

Phil Carroll  
Principal

## Duke of Edinburgh Gold Camp

On Wednesday 14 December Year 11 & 12 students **Georgie Cottrell, Aimee Morris, Jessica Kane, Myall Hoffmann and Gemma Wall** travelled to Laurel Hill Forest Lodge to undertake either their first, or final Duke of Edinburgh Gold Camp.

From Thursday to Sunday the students hiked along the Hume and Hovel track, camping each night.

Congratulations to these students on completing the camp.







**Congratulations: Emily Jones has been selected for 2013 Schools Spectacular**

### Years 8, 9 and 10 Debating

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of December 8 students from Billabong High School went to CSU in Thurgoona to compete in a round robin debating competition.

Billabong team 1 consisted of **Alyce Parker, Emily Jones, Clare Holt and Melanie Wright**, and Billabong team 2 consisted of **Sarah Bahr, Annie Pumpa, Samantha Wilkinson and Victoria Leov**.

Both teams won two out of two debates in the round robin and continued onto the grand final which included Billabong High School team 1 against team 2. Team 2 won the final debate, though both groups represented the school extremely well.

It was a great day, which consisted of both debates and workshops and all students seemed to learn a great deal. A big thank you to Mrs Bowman and Mrs Parker for taking the girls to this great event.



**Duke of Edinburgh—Gold Camp Hike**





### NEW DEMOUNTABLE INSTALLATION

Arrived in 4 sections, craned into position and then bolted together. Finishing touches to be complete for the 2014 school year.

### Calendar

17/12

School Presentation Night

18/12

Last Day of School for Students

20/12

Last Day of School for Staff

2014

28/01

Staff Development Day

29/01

Start of 2014 for Years 7, 11 & 12

30/01

Start of 2014 for all Students

### Canteen Roster

17/12 Jane Yates

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## Hothousing Billabong's Thespians'

**By Cynthia Hendriks, Drama Teacher**

A two hour workshop run by Hothouse Theatre's Associate Director Travis Dowling kept our senior Drama students learning on their feet last Monday. Travis, a Border newcomer, visited the school to impart his practical knowledge of the 1940s famous theatre maker Bertolt Brecht.

His energy and enthusiasm made Year 11 and 12 Drama students forget it was Week 10, Term 4 and by the end of two hours they had devised and performed more hysterically funny parodies of social issues ranging from poverty to vegetarianism, from the BHP spill cover-up through to racism.

The students level of interest in this very challenging topic was a testament to the learning provided but also the quality of students undertaking the course.

## Year 11 & 12 Summer School

For students studying Year 11 and 12 subjects in 2014 lectures are being held at the University of Sydney in January 2014.

Brochures have been put on the Senior Noticeboard upstairs.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact one of the following: Phone: 1300 364 173, Fax 1300 364 065, Email: [admin@tsfx.com.au](mailto:admin@tsfx.com.au) or the website: [www.tsfx.com.au](http://www.tsfx.com.au)

## NSW Public School Terms and Holidays

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<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>