

Billabong Highlights

Term 4 Week 8

Monday 24 November 2014



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Year 10 Social Group Photo

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

Congratulations to **Jessikah McCarthy** who will be presented with her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award this Wednesday in Sydney. This is a great achievement. **Gemma Wall** will be receiving this award at a future ceremony. Thanks to Mrs O'Riain who will be representing the school at the ceremony.

Year 9 Melbourne Excursion

The annual Year 9 Melbourne excursion is on this Wednesday to Friday. Mrs Ferguson has done an excellent job in organising the activities and Mr Mackinlay is looking forward to showing his year group around Melbourne.

Home School Liaison Officer

Mr Honeyman, the Home School Liaison Officer, continues to visit the school on a weekly basis to interview students who have poor attendance or a number of unexplained absences. Parents/Carers are asked to provide a note the day after a student is absent from school.

The New Academic Year

The students have done an excellent job of moving into the new academic year. The remaining three

and a half weeks are crucial in setting the ground work for 2015 studies. All students need to continue to be focussed and working to the best of their abilities in all classes.

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School Plan

It has been an interesting and worthwhile process working through the construction of our 2015-2017 School Plan, and having the opportunity to listen to the valuable feedback that has been provided.

In response, the following Strategic Directions have been set;

- Student Learning and Engagement
- Teacher Quality and Reflective Practice
- Leadership and Governance.

These three areas will now drive the programs we implement as part of the plan. Our goal is for Billabong High School to provide the best education possible to all students. This process of review and evaluation is crucial to achieving our aim.



Updated Permission to Publish Form and Internet Permission

The Department of Education has advised that the Permission to Publish Form and access Internet for students has needed to be re-worded.

Thank you to most students who have returned their forms, however, there are a number of students who have not returned their forms and this needs to be done as soon as possible.

Return to the office.

T Nelson
Computer Coordinator



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Congratulations to **Damien Wardius** and **Tristen Beaumont—Gillett** who have both been awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.



Calendar

November 25

Lions Debating Competition Final
Culcairn Public School vs Henty Public
School 6.30pm

26-28

Year 9 Excursion to Melbourne

December 3

Blood Bank
Year 7 2015 Orientation Day
Primary Schools Debating 4.00pm

New website gives easy access to vocational courses

Students can explore the range of subsidised courses available to them in 2015 by visiting

<https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/>

The website features an Eligibility Checker and a Course Finder, which enable students to find approved training provider that meets their needs, as well as calculate their estimated fee. It also contains comprehensive information on apprenticeships and traineeships.

For enquiries, students can contact
enquiries@smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au.





Guide to technology tools

The holidays are traditionally the time for the big gifts that kids have been begging for all year. Here's what to watch out for when choosing technology toys for your kids.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/hu/technology/using-technology/a-guide-to-technology-toys>

Different types of writing

You child may be asked to present an assignment in a particular text type. Text types mean writing according to a purpose or an audience. For example, factual texts inform and literary texts entertain. This fact sheet gives several examples and the purpose of different types of writing.

Find out more: <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4108.pdf>



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