

# Billabong Highlights

Term 3 Week 4

Monday 4 August 2014

AZTEC Exhibition



Star AFL All-Australian Alyce



## PRINCIPAL

The Education Week Formal Assembly was very well attended last Thursday. It was the 60th Anniversary of the celebration of Education Week in NSW and an ideal opportunity to recognise the achievements of our students so far this year. It was very pleasing to see such a large number of students receive certificates and awards. Hospitality students provided an excellent morning tea afterwards.

A number of our Learning Community Primary Schools will be making transition visits to the school this week. This is part of our on-going Transition Program that aims to provide a smooth move to high school in 2015.

There have been a number of important career activities taking place at the school. Last week Charles Sturt University had a guest speaker at the P & C Meeting to talk about the 'Future Moves' Program and they also spoke to the interested Year 12 students. On Friday we had Year 9 students go to the Greater Hume Shire Office for a Work Inspiration Day. This was an excellent awareness raising day for the students and

congratulations to the Council for organising this activity.

Good luck to our students who will be attending the Riverina Athletics Carnival tomorrow. This event has been postponed from last term but hopefully the weather will be much kinder this time.

The P & C Committee held their first meeting for the term last Tuesday evening. The committee has kindly decided to purchase the school a ride on mower to help with the maintenance of the school grounds. The committee will be seeking support very shortly for help with catering at the Henty Field Days. This event does see some funds flow to the P & C Committee because of their support.

## Canteen Roster August

05 Thaya Carman  
06 Melissa Retallick  
07 Michelle Lieschke  
11 Helen Law

**P Carroll**  
Principal



### Solar Car Challenge

The solar car team comprising of Adam Binskin, Jaxon Bodycott-Seymour, Jed Lieschke and Tyler Rogers have been working hard every Friday afternoon with Kotzur engineers from Walla Walla - Syd, Matt and Braedan, and Mr Torocsik.

The car is shaping up well so far and the boys have received some invaluable instruction from the engineers regarding the design process. The boys have all been responsible for measuring and sanding and next week will drive some high powered nitro remote control cars to hopefully give us the edge on race day.

I would like to thank Kotzur's for their professionalism and expertise and for supporting Billabong High School in this event. Our car will eventually be airbrushed in a dinosaur theme and has been named: -

**Solar-saurus Rex.**



### HEARTSTART DEFIBRILLATOR FOR BILLABONG HIGH SCHOOL

The school has recently purchased a HEARTSTART DEFIBRILLATOR.

As a duty of care to anyone who comes to Billabong High School we see this health aid as a valuable acquisition.

Hopefully it will never be needed, but if it saves one life then the defibrillator will have done its job.

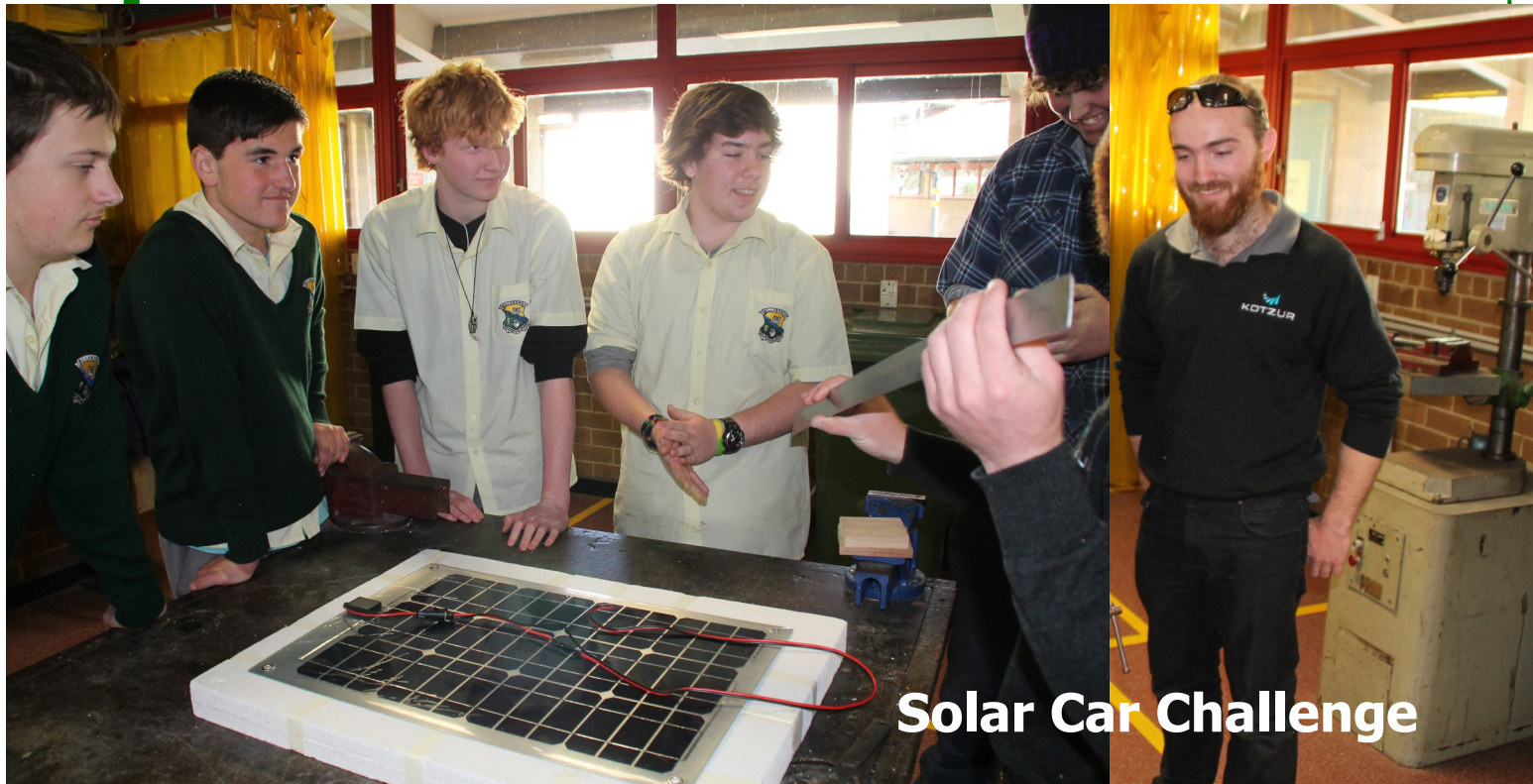
### Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) Subsidy

If you're not close to public transport and need to drive a student to a bus stop or school, the PVC subsidy can provide twice-a-year payments to help you cover the expenses.

You will need to apply for **each** child in the family.

Ask about the PVC subsidy at the school or call 1800 010 123 for more information.

To apply online and see full terms and conditions visit [transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc](http://transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc)



### DON'T TEXT N' DRIVE

The SRC is raising awareness of the dangers of texting when driving this Friday 8 August. The following activities will take place:

- ◆ Assembly item
- ◆ Cupcakes for sale \$1-
- ◆ Students vs teachers obstacle course - A cup of water is your steering wheel as you navigate bounding kangaroos, kids running out on roads and broken down cars while texting 'don't txt n drive'. So come along to see the students win and the teachers end with up with water on them.

Money raised will go towards signs to be placed at the front and back of the school.



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### Career in Accountancy?

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand's Wagga CareerConnect event is a networking event for students and local firms to engage with each other about careers in accounting. It is also a great opportunity for year 11 and 12 students to gain an understanding of the industry and encourage them to consider studying a degree in business/accounting.

**Where and when-Wednesday, 17 September 2014**

**From 5.00pm – 6.00pm for High School Students**

**From 5.30pm – 7.00pm for University Students**

**Convention Centre, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga**

**Attendance: FREE** – food and drinks will be provided.

*Parents are also welcome.*

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to:

- ◆ Meet and network with a wide range of employers.
- ◆ Gain hints and tips from HR recruiters on what employers are looking for in students.
- ◆ Network with current graduates, vacationers and Chartered Accountants.
- ◆ Discover the steps to becoming a cadet or graduate accountant.
- ◆ Enjoy drinks and canapés
- ◆ Attend for your chance to win an Apple iPad Mini!

Don't miss out. Register today!

[charteredaccountants.com.au/Students/Whats-on/Event-listing/NSW/Wagga-Wagga-CareerConnect-2014.aspx](http://charteredaccountants.com.au/Students/Whats-on/Event-listing/NSW/Wagga-Wagga-CareerConnect-2014.aspx)



### AZTEC Excursion

#### **Aztec Exhibition: Melbourne Museum** **By Samantha Wilkinson & Jayden Keogh**

On 28 July Years 9 and 10 Elective History and Year 8 History 1 travelled to Melbourne to view the Aztec Exhibition. After an early morning start and a number of hours of travel we arrived at our destination.

Before entering the exhibition we were provided with an educational overview of the Aztec civilisation. In a theatre we watched an interactive clip that provided background information about the culture, beliefs and lifestyle of the Aztecs.

There was a short break before we entered the exhibition which was a terrific educational experience. The statues and artefacts were amazing and provided students with additional information on this fascinating civilisation. Below are what some students had to say about the exhibition:

*The Aztecs were an intriguing race and it was a privilege to experience and visually see their artefacts first hand.* Guy Nicholls.

*It was great to see the Aztec artefacts, especially the Jaguar.* Hamish Mackinlay.

*It was intriguing to learn about their customs and how they differ from us today.* Sarah Bahr-Withers.

*It was interesting to visually see the items used in Aztec culture and it really put things into perspective.* Emily Bouma.

Thank you to Mrs Phillips for organising the day and to Mrs Colley and Ms Morgan who also supported and attended the excursion.

### Calendar August

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Riverina Athletics Carnival  
Year 10 'Future Moves' Workshop period 1 & 2  
**Year 6 Transition 9.30am-12.30pm**  
**Culcairn, Walbundrie, Walla & St Pauls**

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**Year 6 Transition 9.30am-12.30pm**  
**Holbrook & St Josephs**

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**Year 6 Transition 9.30am-12.30pm**  
**Henty, Yerong Creek, The Rock & 2 Wagga**  
**students**

Defence Force visit  
Distance Education Study Day at BHS 10.00am-  
2.00pm

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Year 12 Drama Parents & Friends 'Showing'  
5.00pm in Drama Shed