

BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS



Excellence and Success in a Supportive Community

Term 4 Week 6A

14 November 2016



PRINCIPAL

This morning I had the pleasure of addressing a whole school assembly to open the new school year. As you no doubt are aware, under our compressed curriculum model, today is the first day of the 2017 academic school year. Years 7-11 all advance to the next year group, and Year 11 return to school as Year 12 students to begin their next half of HSC subjects. Far from spending the next five weeks "winding down", all of our students start afresh now, and can have a productive five weeks working on relevant curriculum topics.

At this morning's assembly I spoke to students and staff about our recent achievements and our school direction. Over the weekend I reflected on the year that has been by reading the thirty or so Principal columns that I wrote for our newsletter. Pleasingly, the things that

I have been talking about all year are still at the forefront of my mind, and are reflected in the many initiatives we have underway. Teaching and Learning has been and will continue to be our primary focus.

I encouraged students to be active participants in our school's journey, and to not simply be passengers along for the ride. This means adopting a growth mindset in which students reflect on their progress. Students should currently be reflecting on their own year at Billabong, and thinking about how the many initiatives we have underway may benefit them into 2017. In my first newsletter I described my vision as being that "our school will operate in a culture of respect, where students, parents, staff and community work together in partnership to maximise educational



Taiko Drumming Workshop

outcomes." I am confident that this year we have worked towards achieving that vision, and it remains entirely relevant as we head into this new school year.

On a personal note, my partner Rebecca and I are expecting our second baby boy to be delivered this Thursday. I therefore will be absent for a couple of days here and there, and will be taking five days Parental Leave in Week 9. While our first son was born in Sydney 16 months ago, our second will be born in The Riverina, and that will be a connection to this area that we will value forever. Thanks to everyone in our extended school community for your ongoing support.

Mr K Wawzkowicz
Principal
Billabong High School

Milliken Cup Cricket

Despite compiling a very competitive score of 5 for 152 runs, Billabong were unable to contain Corowa's opening batsmen who put on a 77 run partnership to set up their successful run chase. Billabong's Captain Jack Driscoll's patient 51 and Rory Jenkins' quick fire 46 laid a solid foundation. Other contributions came from; Brenton Keogh 11, Luke Driscoll not out 11 and Ewan Mackinlay's not out 14.

While Billabong bowled well, Corowa hit the odd loose ball and ran well between wickets with their Captain Bailey Minogue hitting a fine 88 not out. Well done to all the Billabong lads who made the team and really worked hard all game, but are now out of the Milliken Cup.



Remembrance Day

Victor Chang Science Award

Congratulations to Guy Nicholls who travelled to Junee High School last Wednesday to receive his Victor Chang Cardiac Research Award. Guy was nominated by Billabong because of the excellent work he has completed in the area of Chemistry. He was among a group of students from around the Riverina to receive the award.



Remembrance Day

On Friday 11th November Billabong High School students attended the Culcairn RSL Remembrance Day Service. This service was led by six Year 9 students including Mustafa Aygun, Isabelle Cottrell, Michael Driscoll, Leilani Feagaiga, George Leov and Mackensie Melbourne. These students addressed the audience with a focus on the significance of the occasion including the importance of Armistice Day, the symbolism of poppies, the courage and resilience of past and present men and women involved in the armed forces and the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Fromelles and the Battle of Pozieres.

Congratulations to the students who were involved in researching, preparing and being leaders of the service and to staff and students who supported the ceremony.



Year 10 Social

Calender

Friday 18th November
Work Inspirations Day - Year 9

Canteen Roster
Tuesday 15th October
Selina Kohlhagen
Wednesday 16th October
Karly Way
Thursday 17th October
Sarah Male
Friday 18th October
Jodie Hoffman
Monday 21st October
Natalie Martin

Holbrook Library Complex

APPLY FIRST AID

When: Wednesday 30th November
Time: from 5pm
Where: Library Complex Holbrook
Cost: Full course \$180.00
(includes Child Care Accredited)
Refresher \$160.00
CPR \$75.00

Bookings and full payment essential.

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Prior to the course a workbook or online component is to be completed by all participants doing the full course. Please contact the Library Complex to organize. FULL payment is required at this time.



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