

# BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS

Term 4 Week 8A

28 November 2016



## PRINCIPAL

We have another busy week ahead of us as students and staff continue to focus on teaching and learning. Particularly under the compressed curriculum model there is no 'wind-down' and quite rightly we keep working until the last day of the school year, which is only days before Christmas.

This week staff will participate in a range of professional development events. Tonight all teaching staff will work until 7pm, looking at school planning and use of technology in school administration.

Later this week all of our head teachers will attend professional learning sessions about quality lesson observations. Next year we will build a culture of lesson observations, where teaching staff professionally observe each other to constantly work on developing our practice.

Attendance has and will be a strong focus for us into 2017 and beyond. Although as a school we have been maintaining state average attendance rates for the past several years, I believe that Billabong High School should be consistently above state average. In Term 3 I appointed Ms Conley as Attendance Coordinator. Together with staff she has been strengthening our attendance procedures and structures so that parents are supported in getting students to school every day.

As part of this initiative, staff have been issued laptops for the purpose of establishing period-by-period electronic roll marking. This should ensure that we monitor very closely the attendance of all students. Parents are encouraged to contact the school to clarify any concerns about student attendance.



### Year 10 Melbourne Excursion

Congratulations to the Year 10 students who returned from a successful Melbourne trip last week. All reports are that the excursion was a success with students getting a lot out of it. I was particularly impressed with how fantastic the students looked in full uniform in the photos that I saw. We regularly receive compliments from the public for our students' behaviour and presentation.

Congratulations also to former BHS student Harrison Macreadie who was picked No. 47 in the AFL Draft by the Carlton Football Club. Although I have only briefly met Harrison myself, his reputation as a young man of outstanding character has preceded him, and this of course reflects well on his family, community and school. We can be proud of Harrison and I'm

sure many look forward to following his future sporting endeavours.

Next week I will be on parental leave. Ms Bowen will relieve as Principal and Ms Jobe will relieve as Deputy Principal.

**Mr K. Wawzkowicz**  
**Principal**  
**Billabong High School**

### P&C News

There will be the last P&C meeting for the year next Tuesday 6th December 2016.

Canteen meeting 6.30pm to 7.00pm  
General Meeting 7.00pm onwards

In the staff common room. All parents, carers, community members welcome.





### Year 10 Melbourne Excursion

#### Year 9 Melbourne Excursion

Last Wednesday, a group of 50 Year 9 students and 4 teachers left for Melbourne at 6.30am for a 3 day excursion.

They took part in many fun activities, involving Bounce, the Melbourne Aquarium, Hard Rock Climbing and Scienceworks.

They enjoyed a tour of the MCG, as well as going on the Melbourne Star.

A huge thank you to the teachers - Mrs Morgan, Mr Taylor, Mrs Taylor and Mr Eccleston who accompanied the students.

Without the teachers the excursion would not be possible. Also thank you to Mrs Ferguson who spent a lot of time organising the trip.

The students all enjoyed themselves and had a great time.

#### Laser Tag and Ten Pin Bowling

On Wednesday the 23rd of November, 9 students went to Albury/Wodonga for an excursion to laser tag and ten pin bowling. Ten pin bowling was fun, with Kyle, Aidyn and Shania coming out on top. At Laser Tag was brilliant with everyone having a fantastic time teaming up against the teachers.

We would like to thank Mr Abood, Miss Gillis, Mrs Morison (Our prac student) and Mrs Davies for organising and coming along on this excursion.

Report written by Zac Machnig and Bradley Merkel.



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### Canteen Roster

**Tuesday 29th November**

Jane Yates

**Wednesday 30th November**

Sharon Wilson

**Thursday 1st December**

Wayne Muller

**Friday 2nd December**

Karen Bodycott

**Monday 5th December**

Dominique Heriot

### Headlice

There has been an outbreak of headlice at the school. Would parents please check their children's hair and treat outbreaks appropriately. Please be aware that it is DET policy that no student should attend school when they have an active outbreak of headlice.

**Holbrook Netball Club  
are seeking coaches for all grades for the 2017  
season.**

A Grade, B Grade,

C Grade, C Reserve

16 & under, 14 & under

12 & under, 10 & under, Net Set Go

& Selection Committee Members.

Applications close Monday 6th February

Applications to: holbrooknetball@gmail.com

Further information contact Karen 0413810521  
This is not a school event

## Community Notices

### Henty Show Society - Section P School Art & Craft

NO ENTRY FEES

ITEMS CREATED IN 2016 AT SCHOOL ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY.

All entries must be marked with name of entrant, year they are in at school and name of school on BACK OF ENTRY.

One item per sub-section per child.

Entries must be submitted to show office by 4.30 Thursday 9th February, 2017.

Prize money: 1st - \$3.00 2nd - \$1.00 3rd place card awarded if more than 3 entries in class - donated by R&B Kilo and C&B Keene.

Most Successful - \$25 donated by Helen Parker  
Steward: Brenda Jones

Years 7, 8 & 9

20. Any Major School Project
21. Article Made from Metal/Wood
22. Textile Article
23. Any Other Art or Craft

Years 10, 11 & 12

24. Any Major School Project
25. Article Made from Metal/Wood
26. Textile Article
27. Any Other Art or Craft

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### Term 4 Canteen Weekly Specials

#### Monday

Crispy chicken roll with lettuce and mayo	\$4.50
Chicken Crackles 4 for	\$2.00
Hash Browns 3 for	\$2.00
Steamed Dim Sims 3 for	\$2.00

#### Tuesday

Sweet Chilli Chicken Roll with lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Crispy Chicken Strips 3 for	\$2.00
Ham Salad Roll	\$5.00
Potato Wedges	\$3.00

#### Wednesday

Chicken Burger with lettuce and mayo	\$4.50
Pop Corn Chicken	\$2.50
Hash Browns 3 for	\$2.00
Ham Salad Wrap	\$6.00

#### Thursday

Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender Salad Wrap	\$6.00
Chicken Nuggets 4 for	\$2.00
Potato Wedges	\$3.00
Chicken Salad Roll	\$5.00

#### Friday

Beef Burger with lettuce, tomato, cheese & mayo	\$6.00
Chicken Crackles 4 for	\$2.00
Steamed Dim Sims 3 for	\$2.00
Chicken Salad Wrap	\$6.00