BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS

Term 4 Week 10A

12th December 2016



PRINCIPAL

Isabelle Cottrell - Riverina Blue Sports Award

I am a firm believer that you should always run at full speed through the finishing tape rather than taking a few slow-down steps just before the line. In school terms, this means that teaching and learning will occur up until 3:30pm this Friday. Students are of course expected to attend on Friday, and there will be meaningful tasks in place right up until the celebratory pool excursion on Friday afternoon.

I congratulate students, parents and staff for a successful 2016 school year. With a change in principal it was always going to be busy, but I thank our school community for getting on board in a positive spirit and setting us up very well for a great 2017 and beyond.

Our school is in a strong position heading into 2017. Our enrolment numbers continue to grow, and are the highest they'vebeeninoveradecade.TheAurora College Selective Stream is in place, our second Multicategorical Support Class will begin, and we enter 2017 with some excellent additions to our staffing team. I am very pleased to announce that Elizabeth Murdoch will take up the role of Head Teacher Teaching and Learning next year. Ms Murdoch is currently the Head Teacher Teaching and Learning at Leeton High School, and we look forward to her bringing her experience and expertise to Billabong.

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In other staffing news, I am very pleased to say that Mr Adam Preston (currently a teacher at Holbrook PS) will be joining us for 2017, replacing Mrs Terlich who will be on maternity leave. Many will know Mr Preston as an excellent operator and we look forward to his contribution to BHS. While we are disappointed to hear that Ms Rachel Hislop will be leaving_us in Page 1

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Emily Jones - School Spectacular 2016

2017, we have been very fortunate to get an outstanding replacement in the form of Ms Lauren Forner, a highly-regarded teacher from Deniliquin High School.

This Tuesday night at 7pm we will celebrate student achievement at our annual presentation night. I look forward to seeing our school community there for one last 2016 gathering. On behalf of the staff of Billabong High School, I wish our students and parents a safe and enjoyable holiday break. While I personally will enjoy the break, I am also genuinely excited at the prospect of what 2017 will bring for our school.

Mr K. Wawszkowicz Principal Billabong High School **District SRC**

District SRC Report

The final District SRC meeting was held at James Fallon High School. Georgia Nicholls and Connor Heir attended and presented a report and presentation on the events and activities that the Billabong High School SRC group have been involved in throughout 2016. It was a great opportunity to hear from other schools and further develop ideas moving forward into 2017.

A highlight of the day was hearing from guest speaker, Jeff Duck, General ManageroftheCommercialClubAlbury. Jeff provided insight into leadership, creating a positive environment, time management and the importance of open communication. It was an excellent day and Georgia and Connor are to be congratulated by the way in which they represented our school.



P & C Notice

Twilight Swim Carnival Thursday 9th February 2017 - Helpers needed please!

The P & C will be catering for the swim carnival again this year.

Food will be available as soon as students arrive at pool until 7.30pm.

If you could assist please contact the following people, who are coordinating for their locality;

Melissa Retallick (0429 415411), Monique Doig (0447 962152)and Kristie Preston (0419 327644)

If you wish to assist but are not in Culcairn, Henty and Holbrook, please contact any of the coordinators. Melissa will coordinate 3.00-4.30pm, Monique 4.30 -6.00pm and Kristie 6.00-7.30pm.

Steakette \$4.00, Sausage \$2.50, both served with onion and coleslaw, soft drinks \$2.50 and water \$2.00

Thank you in advance for your support.

Riverina Blue Sports Award

Congratulations to Isabelle Cottrell of Year 10 who was awarded a highly regarded Riverina Blue Sports Award on Friday. She was awarded her Blue in recognition of her outstanding achievements this year within Australian Rules Football.

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Canteen Roster Tuesday 13th December Lyneen Merkel Wednesday 14th December Michelle Candy Thursday 15th December Bernie Heath Friday 16th December Toni Hasler

Calender

Tuesday 13th December School Presentation Evening 7pm Wednesday 14th December Positive Level Excursion Friday 16th December Whole School Pool Excursion Last Day of Term

Community Notices - These are not school events



Fibre Optic Fantasy Makeup for Teens+ Cost: \$10 Wednesday 18th January 2017.

Morning session at Culcairn Library from 10am-12pm ph: 0260298588. Afternoon session at Holbrook Library from 2.30pm-4.30pm ph: 0260363262 Bookings essential.

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Coach Terminal, Railway Parade

CULCAIRN

Friday, 27 January 2017

9.30 am to 4 pm

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