

# BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS



Monday 6th November 2017 Term 4 Week 5A



**Principal**

**Year 7 & 8 Debating Team**

HSC Exams come to an end this week. Well done to all Year 11 and 12 students, teachers and parents for the effort they have put in. For Year 12, many of you will be able to have a rest, though no doubt some of you will be anxiously waiting for results, which will be released in over a month's time. Of course there is nothing more that can be done after you've put your best effort in, so do try to enjoy a rest. I look forward to seeing students and parents later this week at the Formal.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Heather Barrett and her staff for their ongoing management and supervision of HSC exams. As well as her impeccable organisation, I think many would agree that Mrs Barrett aims to make the exam process as comfortable and supportive as possible for students, in what can be a stressful time.

Last week many Year 10 students attended a successful Peer Support Camp. At this camp, students learn invaluable life and leadership skills that will place them in good stead to be senior leaders at Billabong High School, and

into the future. Thanks to Ms Jobe, Ms Baldwin and Mr Lawson for supervising the students over several days. This is again a big after-hours commitment by those teachers in supporting our students.

Finally, this week is the final week of study for the 2017 school year, as next week the whole school rolls over into the 2018 academic year. It is a great time for students and parents to reflect on the journey so far, and it is always good to think about the progress being made as students move up to the next year level. Our school's academic growth results for 2017 showed impressive improvement, but we are a long way off achieving what we should expect of Billabong High School. Outstanding results for 2018 begin on Monday when everyone gets a fresh chance to commit to their teaching and learning. I look forward to continuing to lead a school in which we all work together to maximise learning for each student.

Mr K. Wawzkowicz  
Principal  
Billabong High School





### Aboriginal Studies

#### Regional Final of Premiers Debating

The Year 7 & 8 Debating Team took on Koorringal High School in the Regional Final on Thursday last week. As the affirmative, arguing 'that all sports involving animals should be banned', the Billabong team was at a slight disadvantage as they were limited to ethical arguments. Unfortunately the Koorringal team were able to disprove the practicality of the Billabong case and so won the debate and will represent the Riverina at state level. Congratulations to Anastascia Coles, Madeline Hamson, Benjamin Medley, Robert Thomas, Genevieve White and Connor Murphy for their determination and effort throughout the year, having effectively defeated 19 other schools in the Riverina Region.

#### Peer Support Report

On the 1st of November, 35 Year 10 students attended a 3-day Peer Support Camp at The Great Aussie Holiday Park. Over the three days the students worked in small groups aimed at preparing them to be Peer Support Leaders in 2018. A variety of activities ranging from communication, decision-making, problem solving and trust were conducted. Students

overcame their fears of the flying fox and showcased their knowledge and creativity in the annual trivia and skit night.

The students in attendance on the camp displayed excellent leadership qualities and will be responsible for the implementation of the program next year. A big thank you to Mr Lawson and Ms Jobe for helping to ensure the camp ran smoothly.

Libby Baldwin

#### Aboriginal Studies

The Aboriginal Studies class spent their double lesson this week out under the trees. We divided into three groups after our Acknowledgement of Country given by Mr Schneider who recognised the land we stood upon and it's relevance to the many activities we have carried out during the last year.

Mr Schneider used his camper/trailer to do the cooking. He made three different pizzas with the able assistance of one of the groups – a kangaroo, a barramundi and banana macadamia. Each was delicious in its own way and the students certainly enjoyed tasting food that some had never had. We moved from each group after a "coooo".





### Year 10 - Peer Support

The second group took to the drawing board with Ms Gillis and sketched the surrounds in different forms, either a leaf, or a tree or some part of the natural environment. The class had used various techniques during the year.

The third group sat on the logs and listened to some Dreaming stories such as "Creation" and "Why the platypus is special". Mrs Murdoch discussed the relevance of each story and the students enjoyed applying it to their daily lives. The pizzas were delicious, the company great and we all enjoyed being in the outdoors. A great way to tie the ends of our course together. As Bradley said, "This is the life!" and it was the life drawing on the many areas of Aboriginal life that we have studied.

#### Milliken Cup v Murray High School

Billabong recorded a win against Murray High School in round one of the Year 7 and 8 boys Milliken Cup. Billabong won the toss and batted first. After a shaky start, opener Ewan Mackinlay reached 34 before retiring. He was well supported by Nick Newton (26 runs) with other notable scores coming from Toby Murray (19), Braydon Eddy (15) and Lachlan Knobel a hard hitting 16 enabled the score to reach

163 at the end of the allocated 35 overs. In reply Murray High School began very well and moved to 79 before leg spinner Harry Kreutzberger struck. At the drink break (taken after 17 overs) Murray were well on track to reach Billabong's score. But some smart fielding and clever bowling saw Murray lose their last eight wickets for 30 runs and Billabong winning by 40 runs. Wicket takers: Ewan Mackinlay 4 for 19, Nate Kohlhausen 3 for 9, Harry Kreutzberger 1 for 20, Nick Newton 1 for 2 and Nathan Wardius 1 for 1. Two excellent out field catches from Rohan Jepson and Hamilton Black were fine contributors. Well done to the boys on a fine team effort in a game that was played in the right spirit. Thanks to the parents who turned up to support the boys.

#### Year 10 Social Evening

Notes have been handed out to all Year 10 students in preparation for the Year 10 Social Dance Evening which will be held on Monday 20th November at the School Hall. Practice sessions will be held this Thursday and Friday.



### Calendar

**7th November**

Melbourne Cup Day

**9th November**

Year 12 Formal

**13th November**

Seniors return to school

**20th November**

Year 10 Social Evening

**29th Nov - 1st Dec**

Year 9 Melbourne Excursion

### HSC Minimum Standards Testing

Most of the students in Year 9 will be trialling the online HSC Minimum standards test in Week 6 (November 13-16). This trial will be used by NESA to check the suitability of the questions for inclusion in 2018 testing and to allow students to gain an early understanding of the test format. Year 9 parents/carers will find further information in the Departments flier that has been included in Highlights.

### SRC NEWS – Melbourne Cup

On Tuesday 7th November the SRC will be celebrating the Melbourne Cup with a fashion parade and BBQ. We encourage all students to come dressed up in their finest attire and enter the fashion parade during lunch. Please bring a gold coin donation for dressing up and \$2.00 for the BBQ lunch. The SRC are looking forward to seeing a great range of stylish fashions on the day.

### Canteen Roster

**Tuesday 7th November**

Help needed

**Wednesday 8th November**

Terri Anschaw

**Thursday 9th November**

Michelle Candy

**Friday 10th November**

Help needed

**Monday 13th November**

Leanne Kreutzberger

### Year 10 - Peer Support

