

BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS



Monday 26th November 2018 Term 4 Week 7A



Relieving Principal

School Spectacular

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We received a lovely message from a lady who was travelling in a train carriage with our School Spectacular students whilst they were on their way to a rehearsal. I have included a copy of the post:

I was on the Sydney bound train on Tuesday afternoon and I was surrounded by school kids, happy, healthy, cheerful, polite, well-mannered school kids... The two teachers with them did a great job. Not that they needed to keep them under control. They were a credit to the school and to your community. Regards Car D seat 1.

I'm very pleased that a member of the public was able to make such an observation about our students and our school. It's also a reminder about the impression we can leave on others even in a brief moment in time. I'd like to think we now have another advocate for Billabong High School in the wider community.

From all reports our School Spectacular

students were amazing and performed to the highest standard. Congratulations not only to our sixteen students but also to Mrs Preston in particular who led, supported and organised our participation in what is the NSW Department of Education performing arts showcase. Thanks also to Mr Preston who attended the excursion last week and supervised our students throughout the excursion to Sydney.

Peer Support Camp

Our potential Year 10 Peer Support Leaders successfully completed their training at the Lake Hume camp last week. My visit on Wednesday night affirmed in my mind the calibre of students we have at Billabong. The fact that they are prepared to participate in leadership training for three days so they can support our incoming Year 7 students as they transition to high school is to be commended. The Peer Support program has been an important part of our school tradition and greatly enhances the "settling" in process



Peer Support Camp

for what can be a very nervous and anxious time for Year 7 students. I'd like to thank Mrs Squire for leading Peer Support in 2018-2019 and Mr Pilikas and Mrs Fenwick for ensuring the excursion was not only productive but enjoyable for our Year 10 students.

Year 9 Excursion

On Wednesday morning at 7:00am (don't be late for the bus), our Year 9 students will leave Culcairn and travel to Melbourne for their three-day excursion. They will participate in a variety of experiences including a visit to Melbourne Zoo, a cooking lesson and a visit to Melbourne Goal. The excursion provides students with the opportunity to visit a number of significant sites in Melbourne, it also allows students the chance to strengthen the relationships they have with their peers and interact in a different environment than usual. I look forward to hearing about the many adventures Year 9 are about to have. The students will return to Billabong High School at approximately 6:00pm on Friday night.

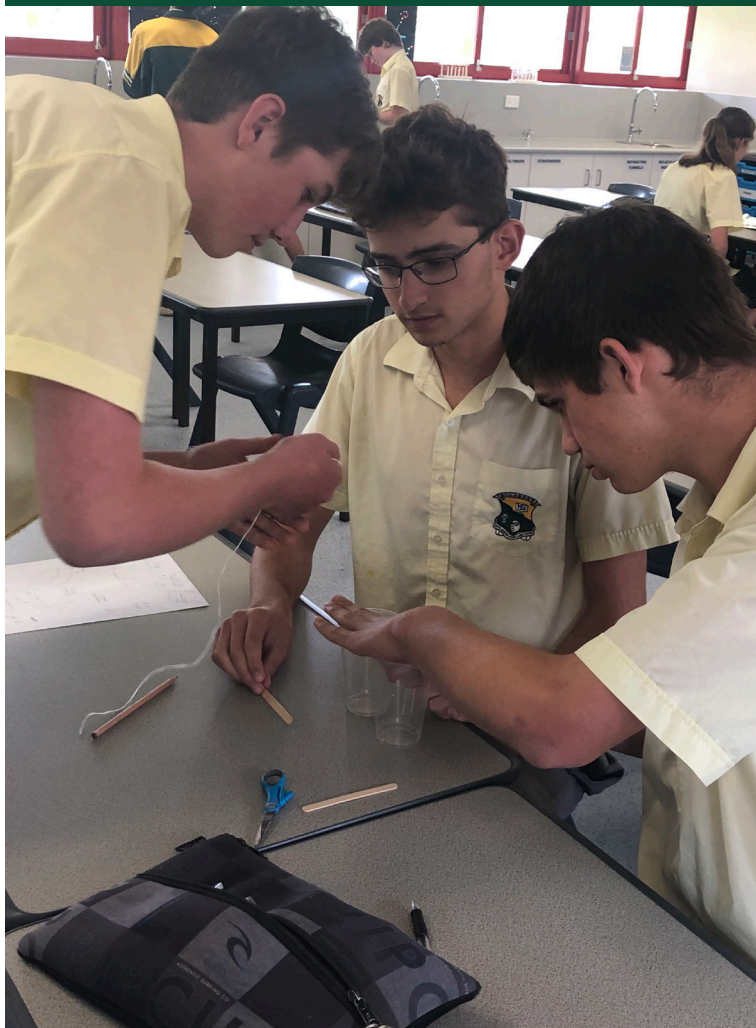
Road Safety

As mentioned last week in Highlights, the local highway patrol officer is concerned that students are not following the road rules and walking to school down the middle of the road. The police officer was also concerned that students were using their phones and are therefore not aware of their surroundings. As a result there will be an increased police presence around our school until the end of term.

Ms Julie Bpwen
Relieving Principal

Riverina Cricket Representatives

Rory Jenkins and Thomas Heriot enjoyed a week of high quality cricket in Armidale last week. The boys were representing Riverina at the CHS State Cricket Carnival. While the team only won one game, the boys came away from the experience with a new perspective on the quality of players in their age group. The experience will only benefit their cricket development.



Science STEM Workshops

Milliken Cup Cricket

The Year 7 and 8 Boy's Cricket Team will play Xavier High School tomorrow in round two of the Milliken Cup. The match will be played at Xavier and is expected to be a hard game.

Science STEM Workshops

7S1, 8S1 and 9S1 had the opportunity last week to participate in a STEM workshop run by students from ANU in Canberra as part of their Outreach Program.

The presentation got students to think about a housing problem that exists in Cambodia where low lying villages on the edges of lakes and river floodplains are frequently flooded. As a result locals use whatever materials are available to them to construct floating homes. Many homes look very "rustic" but at least they stay dry.

Students were given a "budget" from which they could purchase resources to build a floating structure. After a period of construction time the models were tested by adding weights to them. The overall winning group for the day was from the Year 7 class and included Cianna Toll, Molly

Kennedy, Emily Black and Jessica Galvin. Their model supported 101 weights, which far exceeded the next contender with 89.

Report to the Front Office

Could all parents, carers and visitors to the school please report to the Front Office on arrival.

Year 6 Transition Day

Year 6 Transition Day will be held Tuesday 4 December. Students are to come in their current school uniform and assemble at the hall by 9.10am. They will attend 5 lessons and will need to bring their own recess and lunch or may purchase food from the canteen. For more information please contact the school on 02 6029 8377.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

**"Don't count the days,
make the days count"**

Muhammad Ali

Canteen Roster

Tuesday 27th November 2018

Mandi McGrath

Wednesday 28th November 2018

Michelle Candy

Thursday 29th November 2018

Help Needed

Friday 30th November 2018

Lyneen Merkel

Monday 3rd December 2018

Heidi Weston

Calendar

Tuesday 27th November 2018

Round 2 Milliken Cup Cricket

Wed 28th - Fri 30th November 2018

Year 9 Melbourne Excursion

Friday 30th November 2018

Love Bites Program

Monday 3rd December 2018

Inclusion Day

Tuesday 4th December 2018

Year 6 Transition Day

Wednesday 5th December 2018

Year 10 Social Evening

Tuesday 18th December 2018

Presentation Evening 7pm



Above : School Spectacular team caught up with Alyce Parker at the Giants
Below: The School Spectacular Formation

