

BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS



Monday 3rd December 2018 Term 4 Week 8B



Relieving Principal

As we head towards the end of the term, and the conclusion of the school year, my message to students has consistently been that we will work hard until the school bell rings for the final time this year. I of course have the same expectation of myself and know staff have the same mindset. In fact there is still a lot of work to do before the holidays start. Reports are being produced, awards decided for Presentation Night and the reality remains that we must be prepared for the commencement of the new school year before we complete the last.

As was the case last year, several activities will occur for students before we start our holidays. Some embracing of the Christmas theme, we will again look to support those less fortunate with a fund-raising activity for charity in the last weeks of school. I'm already seeing the signs of Christmas emerge from cupboards around the school and I'm sure by the end of the week our school will again have a Christmas feel to it.

Lovebites

Presentation Night

Our annual Presentation Night will take place on Tuesday the 18 December at 7:00pm in the school hall. Parents/carers will receive invitations in the coming days. As a school we recognise our students' successes in a variety of ways. Our major assemblies include the Education Week assembly, Sports Assembly and the annual Presentation Night. I encourage parents to attend the presentation evening with their child/children; the program has been refined over the past few years and is conducted in an efficient manner usually finishing between 8:30 and 9:00pm. As with each of our major assemblies, it is wonderful to be part of the celebrations of our students' remarkable achievements.

Year 6 Transition

As mentioned previously, we are in the midst of preparing for the 2019 school year. An important step in that process is providing our next Year 7 cohort with the opportunity to

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familiarise themselves with what will be their high school. Year 6 will spend the day with us on Tuesday and attend the typical five periods for the day. Parents may wish to purchase uniforms on Tuesday morning; however, book packs are no longer being sold in the canteen. Students from 7-10 will receive a list of book requirements; these will need to be purchased elsewhere. The decision to cease selling book packs was made by the P and C and reflects some of the other changes that will occur in 2019.

Year 10 Social Evening

This Wednesday night, we will put on our dancing shoes and enjoy a wonderful evening with Year 10 and their parents. Whilst the "Year 10 Farewell" became redundant because the majority of students continue their studies, and complete the HSC, our social dance evening is a lovely way to acknowledge a milestone in the Year 10 students' academic journey. I know our students have been practising for several weeks and are sure to impress. Parents might also need to practise their moves for the less formal part of the evening when we all dance to some more modern music, or if I have my way, to several 80s classics. Thanks especially to Mr Mackinlay who has cemented this event in the school calendar and to Mrs Terlich who has worked tirelessly with Mr Mackinlay to ensure our students can perform the set dances. I look forward to attending what will be a wonderful evening.

Love Bites

Last Friday, Year 10 participated in the Love Bites program. Mrs Heanes, our school counsellor, organised the event and I have heard nothing but positive feedback from not only the students involved but also the numerous presenters. The Love Bites program addresses the concept of healthy relationships and is extremely relevant to our students as they make their way towards being adults. I would like to thank Mrs Heanes for the work she did in organising the program and Mr Pilikas who continues to ensure his Year group are prepared not only for their senior studies but for life after high school.

Ms Julie Bowen
Relieving Principal
Peer Support Camp

On the 20-22 of November, 30 Year 10 students attended the Peer Support Camp in order for them to develop the necessary skills and understanding about the role that they may play in the transition of the Year 7 class of 2019 in Tuesday's Transition Day and Term 1 activities. The camp started off well enough with safe travel and unpacking – with students engaged in their learning about themselves and how they could utilise their own skills and knowledge to better support younger peers. Breaktime was interrupted by the arrival of a red-bellied back snake in the communal area – Mrs Squire and Mrs Fenwick isolating students in their dorms from their positions on top of the table. Camp staff were on top of the threat quickly thanks to Mr Pilikas' sprint to alert. Certainly an ex-ssssssiting start to our time away!

Over the next three days, students worked in three separate groups to develop and strengthen in the areas important as a Peer Support leader such as communication, listening, relationships, decision making and problem solving. In between sessions, students had the opportunity to enjoy the company of their peers and the facilities at the camp such as the "pillow", pool and snack shop. Teamwork activities such as the "Barrels of Fun" and raftbuilding brought out students' competitive streaks in the rainy conditions.

Overall, it was a very positive experience with camp staff taking various opportunities to give positive feedback to BHS staff about the behaviour and attitude of the students. Tomorrow, Peer Support leaders will have their first opportunity to meet the incoming Year 7 cohort during the Year 6 Transition Day. We are sure that you will do a wonderful job! Thankyou to Mrs Squire for organising and co-ordinating the camp, Mr Pilikas and Mrs Fenwick (Year 10 and Year 7 2019 Year Advisors, respectively) for their attendance and to Ms Bowen for visiting the camp on the Wednesday evening.

Year 10 Formal Evening

Year 10 have been busy preparing for this Wednesday's formal dance and social evening. Extra dance classes have taken place, along with much work by the food and decorating committees. The formal part of the evening will begin at 7.30 and run till around 8.45. At this stage all parents and carers are invited to the staff common room for supper and a chat. Students



Milliken Cup

will remain in the hall for their supper and disco, which will end at 10 pm. Students and parents are asked to be at the hall at 7 pm so that group and family photos can be taken before 7.30.

Milliken Cup

Billabong won the toss and batted first in the game against Xavier High School last Tuesday. While openers Nate Kohlhagen (14 retired) and Mitchell Way were untroubled, they found it difficult to score freely against the accurate Xavier bowlers, reaching the 20 over drink break on 44. Billabong attacked determinedly after the break and some free hitting by Mitchell Way (42 runs) and contributions from Nicholas Newton (10), Rohan Jepson (15) and nine each to Blake Roulston and Nathan Wardius took Billabong to 5 for 122 at the end of their 35 overs. Another 25 runs would have been ideal but the boys still had a chance. The Xavier openers to their credit, made a fine start despite Nicholas Newton and Rohan Jepson's excellent bowling. Billabong took their first wicket in the 14 over through Mitchell Way, but with Xavier on 60 runs and 20 overs left, it was going to be difficult. Billabong stuck to the task and claimed four more wickets before Xavier reached their target in the 27th over.

Wicket takers for Billabong were Mitchell Way (2 for 23), Nicholas Newton (2 for 19) and Harry Kreutzberger (1 for 41). Well done to all the boys on a fighting effort by all involved. Thanks to Thomas Newton, Jack Driscoll, Ewan Mackinlay and Toby Murray who assisted the team as umpires, scorers and warm up specialists. Next game will be next term after the holidays.

Duke of Ed

Last week Year 8 students attended an information session about the 2019 Duke of Edinburgh Program. The requirements and many benefits were discussed. Some of the benefits include improving self-discipline, perseverance and responsibility, and it looks great on a CV. We encourage Year 8 to talk to their parents/carers about this unique opportunity and be involved. A meeting for interested students will be held next week.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
**"Set a goal that makes you want
to jump out of bed in the mornings"**

Canteen Roster

Tuesday 4th December 2018
Gemma Damschke
Wednesday 5th December 2018
Sonia Murphy
Thursday 6th December 2018
Rita Bowler
Friday 7th December 2018
Debbie Clancy
Monday 10th December 2018
Help Needed

Calendar

Tuesday 4th December 2018
Year 6 Transition Day
Wednesday 5th December 2018
Year 10 Social Evening
Junior State Debating Championships
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Luncheon
Friday 14th December 2018
Catering for Senior Citizens
Henty Christmas Party
Tuesday 18th December 2018
Presentation Evening 7pm



Below - Community Notices - these are not school events.

Above: Students at Dr Karl

CLOSURE OF COMMUNITY EARLY YEARS CHILDCARE HENTY

As a result of Community Early Years Childcare Henty (FARMS) closing at the end of the year, the community and families of CEYC Henty have organised a meeting at the

**Henty Community Club on Thursday the 6th of
December 2018 at 6pm**

Everyone is welcome to come along and share their opinions, gather an understanding of what is happening and to support us in ensuring Henty has a childcare centre

Dr Karl Kruszelnicki

During week 6, students in 9 Science 1 had the opportunity to listen to Dr Karl Kruszelnicki speak at the Albury Entertainment Centre. Dr Karl spoke about Computer Science, Engineering, Biology and Global Warming. He gave insight about the various fields of Science that students could enter and made links to our ever-changing world. His inspirational knowledge led students on a journey of discovery about modern technology and the future endeavours of our society. After the event, students enjoyed a short lunch at QEII Square before returning to school, inspired to pursue their future aspirations.