

BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS



Monday 18 November 2019 Term 4 Week 6B



Principal's Report

Year 12 Graduation Dinner

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the extreme challenges faced by so many New South Wales residents, schools and students over the past week as they face emergency and catastrophic fire conditions. Statewide, the burnt area covers 1,650,000 hectares – more than during the past three bushfire seasons combined – and we are only in November. 476 homes have been lost so far (compared to 37 in last year's season). 600 NSW schools were closed and some are still affected by fire danger this week. As a school community, I know our thoughts have been with those suffering. We appreciate that, on this occasion our community is not directly involved, and that our students have been able to continue enjoying their school activities.

Last week, Year 12 enjoyed an excellent formal event with family, friends and school staff. A special thanks to our parent speakers, Mr Lionel Plunkett and Mr George

Mackinlay. Also, an enormous 'thank you' to the organisers, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Mackinlay. It was a proud occasion for students and parents. Congratulations and best wishes to Year 12.

This week, Tine, Bianca and Kendra will travel to Sydney to perform in the Schools Spectacular. They have been practising for the event and are no doubt excited by what promises to be a very significant and valuable experience for them. Thanks to the staff, students and community members who have supported this opportunity. We will be watching for you on the television broadcast!

This week, staff and students will be focusing on ensuring that we are all able to get on with our day free from verbal harassment. Students and staff have been asked to think about the conversations that are occurring in the classroom and playground,



Tine, Kendra and Bianca - School Spectacular

and to think about whether students are speaking courteously to each other, treating each other with dignity, and developing positive and respectful relationships. There is absolutely no room at our school for judgemental comments about physical appearance, sexuality, culture or race. But the standard should be much higher than this. Name-calling, teasing, and verbal harassment needs to be called out and removed from our classrooms. Let's not dress it up as "just a joke", "banter", "sledding" etc...On several occasions recently this behaviour has led to much more serious events, including physical altercations. Let's work together to ensure our school is the respectful, safe, positive space that we all expect it to be for our students and staff.

Kurt Wawszkowicz
Principal

P & C News

On Saturday, the P&C held a sausage sizzle in conjunction with selling raffle tickets outside the Jindera IGA. The event was a success in raising some additional funds and also in selling more tickets for our major raffle. We would like to thank the Jindera IGA for generously supplying all of the equipment and food at no cost to us so all funds raised have gone to the P&C. Also a big thanks to the parents and students who gave up their time to do a shift, your effort is most appreciated.

We really need ticket books (sold or unsold) to be returned in the next week as we are fast approaching the end of the school year! So if yours are still sitting on the kitchen bench please see if you can sell them to some friends or neighbours and return to the school office ASAP.



Year 12 Graduation Dinner



Calendar

Tuesday 19 - Friday 22 November 2019

School Spectacular

Wednesday 20 - Thursday 21 November 2019

Peer Support Camp

Wednesday 27 - Friday 29 November 2019

Year 9 Excursion

Thursday 28 November 2019

Year 10 Lovebites

Tuesday 3 December 2019

Year 6-7 Orientation Day

Thursday 5 December 2019

Year 10 Formal Dance

Tuesday 10 December 2019

Make Bullying History

Tuesday 17 December 2019

Presentation Evening

Wednesday 18 December 2019

Final day of Term 4



Above : Year 12 Graduation
Below- Remembrance Day Ceremony 2019

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Last Monday, on the 11th November at 11.00am, our school commemorated our past and active servicemen and women at our Remembrance Day ceremony. We learnt about the importance of wearing poppies and the significance of the Last Post and Rouse. Thank you to Ms Loveday's History Elective volunteers, Kasey Henry, Maggie Jamieson, Josh McIntyre, Tamara Stewart and Erin Hogan, for assisting to chair the assembly.

