

BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS



Monday 26 October 2020 Term 4 Week 3A



Principal's Report

Show Team Ribbon Presentation

HSC exams began last week and have been operating smoothly so far. Students and parents are reminded to stay up-to-date through Facebook – our official communication channel for HSC organisation. The Facebook page contains an outline of processes and expectations for students. It covers what to do if you are sick, or showing any possible symptoms of COVID-19. If in doubt, call the front office to enquire.

Tomorrow night our P&C meeting will again be held via Zoom. All parents and community members are welcome – including parents of incoming Year 7 students for 2021. Information for how to join the meeting can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Term 4 is of course a big term for school planning. During Term 3 Ms Bowen has been leading a team in conducting a situational analysis that, combined with

other consultative feedback, will inform our writing of the plan this term. We look forward to shaping another effective school plan that will build on the positive directions we are taking to improve outcomes for all students.

Kurt Wawszkowicz
Principal

Royal Melbourne Show Presentation

Last week the ribbons were presented to Mrs Parker for the show team on the awards they had won for the 2020 Royal Melbourne Show Hoof and Hook competition.

Due to Covid restrictions the steers were delivered to the Yea Showgrounds for an unled presentation and Hoof judging. Out of our 6 steers 5 gained a place in the hoof class, 2 firsts, 2 seconds and one third. Our Limousin from Mrs Margaret Pierce won overall Grand champion from 137 other steers both from private exhibitors and



Above: Show Team Ribbon Presentation

schools in Victoria and NSW.

On the Hook we were a little back but still presented excellent carcasses with our top places at 5th and 15th again out of 137 steers. Due to our results we came second overall in the Schools competition behind Wagga Christian College.

The students in our show teams are to be congratulated for their dedication and commitment to continually prepare the animals to an exceptional standard. We had many juniors from Year 7 who had started learning steer preparation from our experienced and dedicated year 8, year 9 and year 10 students and the overall effort was rewarded.

Our main prize was a \$500 voucher from Clipex to spend on equipment of our choosing. The result also indicates the dedication of our breeders Mrs Margaret

Pierce, Huon Charolais Jindera (Dave and Judy Gray) and Black Diamond Speckle Parks at Macorna Vic, to producing the very best temperament and genetic characteristics for their respective breed. We are so thankful that they have continued to support and entrust us with their animals.

Girls Enterprise

Last Wednesday and Thursday 15 girls ranging from Years 7-11 attended the online Young Change Agents course.

The course teaches young people to see problems as opportunities through social entrepreneurship. We were virtually interacting not only with the course leader, but also with 4 different local schools. Billabong's groups consisted of Years 7 - 8, 9 - 10 and 10 - 11.

Throughout the two days we identified

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Above: Girls Enterprise Students from Year 7 to 11 participating in the Virtual Young Change Agents Course

an issue in our communities and found solutions to then fix the issues. At the end of the second day each group presented their solutions as either a Social Enterprise, Charity or Business.

Thank you to Ms Nim for organising the event and thank you to Mrs Terlich, Mrs Fenwick, Mrs Squire and Mrs Ferguson who took time out of their days to support/help us throughout the two days.

P&C Meeting

Tomorrow night Tuesday - 27th October 2020
at 7:00pm
Via Zoom Conference Call

All Welcome

Please contact Julie on 0487 484 420 or via email billabongpc@yahoo.com for Zoom code

Year 6 Transition Activities

Now that some Covid19 restrictions have been eased, we are able to put our Transition activities into place this Term.

The first of these is a Zoom meeting with the Year 6 classes from our feeder primary schools on Thursday 29th October at 9.30am. The students will meet their Year Advisor, Mrs Donna Parker, and other BHS staff and will hear from a group of Year 7 students about their experiences of their first year at High School.

Year 6 students have been asked to prepare questions to ask about high school in readiness for this meeting.

On Tuesday 17th November, Year 6 students will attend a Taster Day at BHS from 9.30 – 3pm. This day will include some regular high school lessons and some other familiarisation activities. Only those students

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Calendar

Monday 20 October 2020

Year 12 Exams Continue

Tuesday 27 October 2020

P&C Meeting (via Zoom) 7:00pm

Thursday 29 October 2020

Year 7 Immunisations
(Please wear Sports Uniform)

Tuesday 3 November 2020

Year 8 VALID Testing

who have submitted their enrolment form for 2021 will be included. Parents are asked to drop off and collect students from the front of the school, and are not allowed on site without a pre-arranged appointment.

Students must bring their own food and drinks for the day, as well as a basic pencil case with equipment to avoid sharing of equipment. Students should wear their primary school PE/Sport uniform.

Any questions about Transition activities should be directed to Ms Narelle Morgan on the school number or by email at narelle.morgan1@det.nsw.edu.au

Above: The MC Garden is thriving and looking fabulous

