

BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS

Monday 16 November 2020 Term 4 Week 6B



Principal's Report

Last week we celebrated NAIDOC Week and reflected on the rich culture of our First Nations people. We should both reflect and celebrate not only during NAIDOC Week but throughout the year. With this in mind, I am pleased to announce that we are a step closer to the completion of our school yarning circle. The yarning circle will be used for outdoor wellbeing lessons and discussions. There is also the possibility that traditional smoking ceremonies could be held when the circle has been completed.

Remembrance Day was also celebrated last week. Our students watched a filmed presentation featuring our student leadership team. The last post rang out in stereo across the school. I was impressed with the way our students showed respect for this significant day that represents such a momentous time in our nation's history. Last week I mentioned a number of new

Year 7 Orange - Growing Crystals

staff that will be joining us in 2021. I'm pleased to announce the first of several, Mr Phillip Langlade. Mr Langlade is a graduate teacher who will join the English faculty. His teaching qualifications include English and Drama and we look forward to welcoming Mr Langlade for what will be the start of his teaching career.

The 2021-2024 School Planning cycle has commenced, with community feedback an important aspect of this process. The online survey has now closed and this week I will conduct phone interviews with interested parents/carers. Please return the attached slip if you would like to be involved. The interview should take no more than ten minutes and will ask similar questions to the online survey.

Julie Bowen
Principal

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Top Left: Hannah and Jessica have been accepted into a Young Scholar Program
Top Right: Work experience placement: Nathan at Piney Ridge Shearing

Student Success

Congratulations to Hannah Godde and Jessica Toogood who were both accepted into the Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program.

This academic program is designed to support high achieving secondary students who are considering studying at Melbourne University.

Year 10 Work Experience

From the start of Term 4 Billabong HS Year 10 students have had the opportunity to undertake work experience, under COVID-19 safe conditions.

Thank you to all our host employers for offering these wonderful opportunities. Our students were able to experience the real workplace and see first hand the skills and knowledge needed to work in these fields. All Year 10 students are encouraged to

take this opportunity this term, and take steps to prepare for their future.

What's happening in Science?

Students have been engaged in their Science studies this term and have recently completed their end of year exam. In addition, Year 8 sat their VALID 8 exam along with all of their cohort from across the state. We look forward to seeing how our students perform in these exams.

Students in Year 11 have started their HSC studies with Physics students analysing projectile motion. Biology students are currently studying plant diseases and were fortunate to have Ms Nim give a talk on plant pathogens, which was the basis of her PhD thesis.

In Junior Science, Year 10 are currently doing an ecology unit, while Year 9 are finishing a unit on Electricity. As part of

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Top: Work experience placements: Lachlan at Brentech Auto and Jessica at Elders Albury
Bottom: Year 8 students experienced Electrostatic Energy with the Van de Graaff generator

the Year 8 unit on forces, students had an opportunity to use the Van de Graaff generator – a hair raising experience!

Year 7 has had lots of fun making copper sulfate crystals with some impressive results as pictured on the front page.

Cake Decorating

As part of their end of year assessment, year 9/10 Food Tech students had to bake a birthday cake.

Students were then required to decorate, style and photograph their cake in order to publish a recipe card that was suitable for posting on social media.

The students did a fantastic job with lots of creativity and different techniques being used, showcasing their impressive skills and imagination.



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Calendar

Tuesday 17 November 2020

Year 6 Taster Day

Monday 23 November 2020

Sports Colours Day

Tuesday 1 December 2020

Orientation Day

Wednesday 16 December 2020

Last Day Term 4



Above: Year 9/10 Food Tech Student's Birthday Cake creations

SPORTS COLOURS DAY

YEAR 7 & 8
NETBALL, BASKETBALL, & VOLLEYBALL.
YEAR 9 & 10
CRICKET, TOUCH, & SOCCER.
YEAR 11 & 12
HANDBALL, TABLE TENNIS, & AFL9

Fight Cancer Foundation
Bring A Gold Coin Donation
Canteen is Selling - Canned Drinks

DATE: MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2020
WHEN: DURING ASSEMBLY & THRIVE

SCHOOL UNIFORM COMMITTEE

There are some proposed adjustments to the school uniform which the committee, P&C and school have been discussing and we now ask for feedback from the school community before moving forward:

GIRLS FORMAL UNIFORM:

Option to wear BLACK TAILORED TROUSERS for winter and BLACK TAILORED SHORTS for summer.

- School uniform supplier would stock these for purchase.

SPORTS UNIFORM:

Change over to BLACK SPORTS SHORTS for summer and BLACK TRACKSUIT PANTS for winter. Green/Gold will still be available for purchase until sold out.

- Families to purchase their own choice however no large logo's, writing or stripes permitted.
- This will allow better fit for girls/boys, also warmer pants can be worn in cold months.

We would appreciate feedback from students and school community, either via email to: billabongpc@yahoo.com or call or text Julie White on 0487 484 420.



SCHOOL PLANNING PARENT/CARER PHONE INTERVIEWS 2020

I _____ am willing to participate in a phone interview regarding Billabong High School.

I understand the information will be used to support the development of the 2021-2024 School Plan.

My best contact number is _____ and the best time to phone is _____.

Please return this slip to the front office by Friday 20 November. All information provided will remain confidential.

Ms Julie Bowen
Principal