

# BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS



Monday 17 August 2020 Term 3 Week 5A



## Relieving Principal's Report

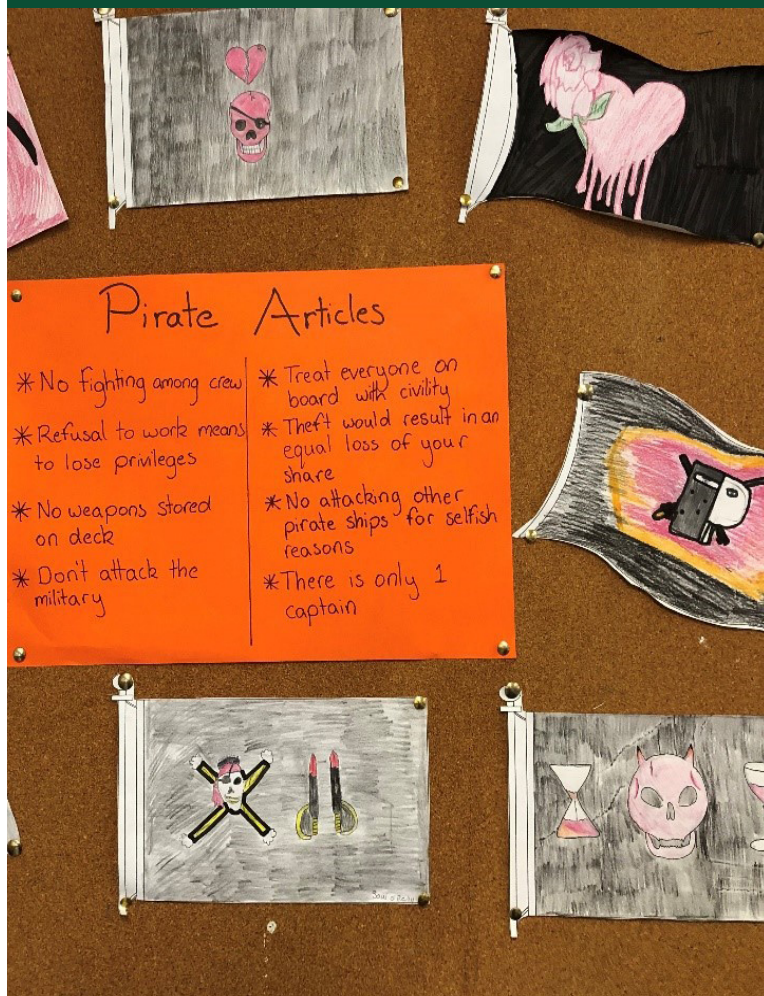
## School Captains

Today we will induct our school captains and sports captains, the assembly will be filmed and placed on our Facebook page for families to view. I'd like to congratulate our new captains and make the point that 2020 has been a great example of how leaders are required to be flexible and resilient. I know our next leadership group will continue to improve our school and represent their peers to the best of their ability.

It's that time of the year when planning for the next school year is well and truly underway. Thank you to the families who participated in the Year 10 Subject Selection evening last week. Many things have changed this year and having a Zoom meeting instead of our usual meeting in the hall is one example of our changing times. Thanks to Ms Nim, the production team, Head Teachers and staff who were involved in the making of the video, it was very a

professional product and most informative. I'm happy to hear any feedback regarding how the process could be improved.

The next Parent/Teacher/Student conference which will be held on the 2nd September and will be conducted through Zoom. Details will be given to students on the 21st August and every effort will be made to ensure everyone has access to feedback from teachers regarding their child's progress. The Year 8 Subject Selection Zoom meeting will take place on the 9 September and students will receive the Zoom details on the 24 August. Please phone the office if you have any difficulties or questions regarding these arrangements. We received exciting news last week that two of our Year 12 students have already gained unconditional entry to University of Canberra for 2021. I'm sure there will be more offers to follow and we congratulate April and Daniel on their achievements.



Top Left: Year 9 /10 History



Top Right: Year 12 Ancient History

Our teacher professional learning focus this term has been the Eight High Impact strategies from the Centre of Education Statistics and Evaluation. We've been exploring the strategies looking so far at high expectations and explicit teaching. I was pleased to hand the baton to Ms Murdoch last week and she will continue the work as Instructional Leader, this week looking at effective feedback in the classroom. This evidence-based approach to our professional learning is a proven strategy to build the collaborative professionalism within schools and to enhance student learning outcomes.

### Changes to COVID-19 Management in Schools

A reminder to remain vigilant and keep sick students at home. From Monday 17 August, 2020 any student sent home from school with cold or flu-like symptoms will be

required to present a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school. We appreciate your support in keeping our school community safe.

### Julie Bowen

Relieving Principal

### HSIE Faculty Update

The HSIE faculty have been working hard to provide all of our students with exciting and challenging learning experiences. Our faculty consists of Ms Murdoch (HT), Mrs Toogood (Careers Advisor), Ms Loveday, Mrs Mackinlay, Mr McMaster, Mr Tassell and Ms Kennedy. We are also lucky to have Mrs Fenwick teaching Modern History and Mr Smith teaching 10 Geography Green. With such a diverse range of both mandatory and elective subjects, we teach most students across the school. We have classes in 7 and 9 History, 8 and 10 Geography, Stage 5



**Top Left: Year 12 Geography**



**Top Right: Year 12 Hospitality**

Commerce and Elective History, and senior Business Studies, Ancient History, Modern History, Legal Studies, Geography and Marine Studies. Our focus is on developing a love of learning in our students; inspiring them to become critical and creative thinkers for our modern world with a solid understanding and appreciation of community, social justice and environmental issues.

Year 9/10 History Elective have been learning about pirates as formidable historical figures and how they are represented in historical narrative.

Year 11 Legal Studies have been critically evaluating the effectiveness of the law in responding to outlaw motorcycle gangs. Year 12 Ancient History have been locating and describing significant sites in ancient Pompeii and Herculaneum and our Year 12 Geography students continue to refine their use of geographical skills in interpreting topographic maps.

### **Year 12 Hospitality**

Our Year 12 Hospitality Students undertaking their Certificate III in Hospitality have been working hard preparing and serving drinks and meals as part of their Service Assessment.

### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

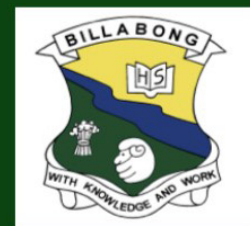
Due to COVID-19 restriction we will be conducting our Parent Teacher Interviews online through ZOOM. We look forward to seeing you there.

Interviews can be booked through the Sentral portal from 3PM 17th August. If you are unable to book a Zoom interview or have technical difficulties on the day, please call the school to organise a phone interview with the respective staff member. You can also email Mr Ken Elliott (Head Teacher Mathematics) prior to the day to get assistance in logging into the portal ([Kenneth.Elliott2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Kenneth.Elliott2@det.nsw.edu.au)).

# BILLABONG HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Interviews Years 7-12

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 4:20PM-7:20PM



Where? Online

How? ZOOM

Parent Portal: Open



Have you received your unique key to book an interview with your child's teachers?

Interviews need to be booked online and will be conducted online through ZOOM.

Please call the school office if you need assistance. 6029 8377



We have emailed your unique key and handed out the information to your child today. Please contact us if you did not get the letter or email. Looking forward to talking to you on ZOOM.

## Calendar

**Monday 24 August 2020**  
Year 11 Exams commence

**Monday 31 August 2020**  
SRC Induction Assembly

**Wednesday 2 September 2020**  
Parent Teacher Interviews

Below: Community Notice - These are not school events



### LIVESTREAM EVENT

For adults  
Friday 21 August  
7.45pm-9.00pm

For families  
Saturday 22 August  
11.15am-12.00pm

Collect your free VR goggles from the library before watching the livestream events and explore the wonders of the universe.

Each library in Greater Hume Council has 20 headsets. Please phone your library to book one headset per family.

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