

BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS



Monday 14 September Term 3 Week 9A



Relieving Principal's Report

Year 9 Tower Challenge

Changes to HSC Exams

A significant announcement was made last week regarding the fast approaching HSC exams. The changes include the following important changes that must be followed by all NSW schools and HSC students:

- Health checks will be conducted before every exam. Students must not attend an exam if they have flu like symptoms and/or have had a Covid test and are awaiting results.
- If any exam is missed due to flu like symptoms, students must have a Covid-19 test and complete a Covid-19 Illness/misadventure form that will be submitted to NESAs. A medical certificate must be supplied.
- An alternate venue will be organised for HSC exams in the event of a positive Covid-19 case occurring within the school. Students will be notified immediately of this change should it occur. We will ensure the HSC exams run smoothly, however it is more important than ever that

students communicate with the school if they are unwell and they follow all guidelines issued by Department of Education and Health authorities.

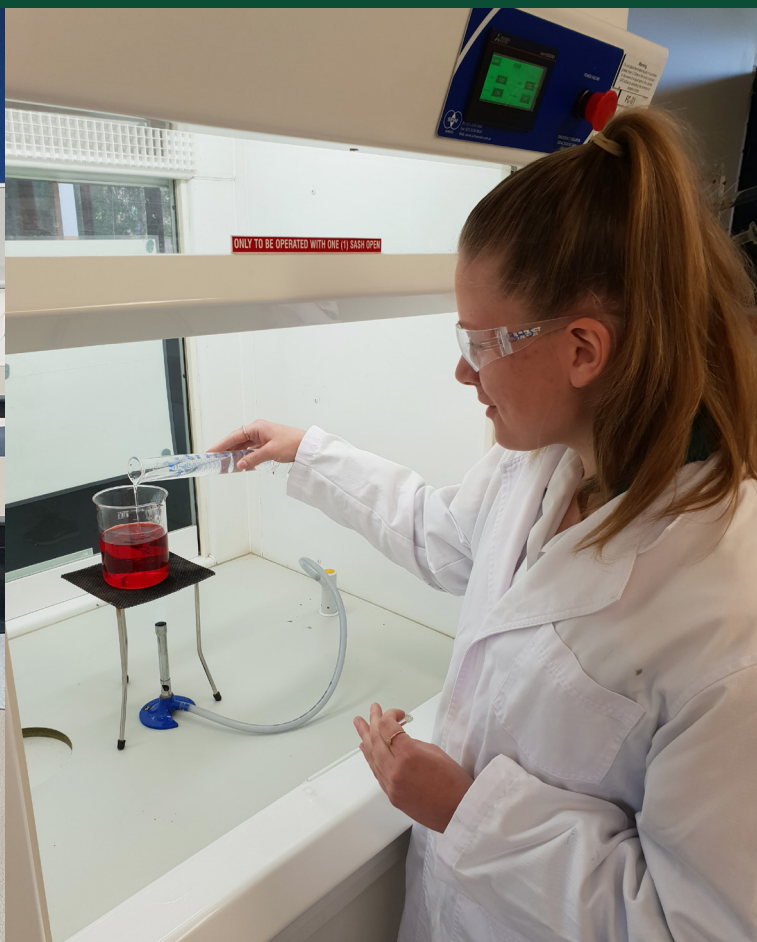
Captains Elections

With the current Year 12 in their final weeks of school, it is now time to elect the next School Captains. Nominations closed last Friday and candidates will now participate in an interview on Tuesday followed by the students presenting a speech to the student body. Voting is expected to occur later in the week with the announcement to be made as soon as possible. I wish all the candidates the best of luck and congratulate them on their willingness to put their hand up to lead our school and represent their fellow students.

School Planning

The school executive is in the process of completing a situational analysis of our school in preparation for the development

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Above Left: Students investigating and identifying fraudulent scientific reports
Above Right: Investigating chemical reactions

of the 2021-2025 School Plan. A crucial part of this process is community consultation. The usual methods will be used during this consultation period however a greater emphasis will be placed on Zoom meetings as well as surveys that will occur in the absence of the ability to meet face to face. Initial conversations regarding school planning will occur at the P and C meeting being held tomorrow night. As always, all parents are invited to attend the meeting, it is being conducted using the Zoom platform.

Ms Julie Bowen

Relieving Principal

Investigating Science

Investigating Science is a brand new course that can be studied by itself or in combination with any other science course(s). This course covers all facets of science and focusses on developing the student's scientific thinking skills to critically analyse the world in which they live. Year

12 students have been examining a range of peer reviewed scientific research papers and identifying fraudulent scientific reports. Students who study this course are better suited to navigate the fast paced digital world in which we live and will not believe everything they read or are told.

Biology

Biology is the science of life. Its name is derived from the Greek words 'bios' (life) and 'logos' (study). Biologists study the structure, function, growth, origin, evolution and distribution of living organisms.

Year 11 Biologists have worked hard to refine their microscope skills this year and can now draw a range of microscopic organisms.

Year 9 - Restless Earth

As part of Year 9's 'Restless Earth' topic they participated in an earthquake tower challenge. Students were given straws, paper clips, string, thumb tacks and a piece of cardboard to collaboratively design and



Above: Students and the towers they built for the Earthquake Challenge

Below Right: Making Static Electricity

Bottom Right: Elephants Toothpaste

build a tower that could withstand shaking while holding up to 400g of sand. Students in 9Sc1 and 9Sc3 then joined classes to see who had made the best tower. Both classes had a great time working together then versing each other in the tower challenge.

Year 8 Physics - Forces

Year 8 Science have been studying a physics based unit of work 'Forces'. Here students can be seen experimenting with generating static electricity with hair raising effects. Students conducted this experiment in pairs utilising the working scientifically skill of collaboration.

Year 9 - Elephants Toothpaste

9 Science 3 students made red coloured elephants toothpaste which they used to model the impact of lava flows on our biosphere. They constructed model volcanoes out of cardboard and then produced a chemical reaction to simulate the volcano 'erupting'.



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Calendar

Monday 14 September 2020

Uniform Shop Sale Commences

Tuesday 15 September 2020

P&C Meeting (via Zoom)

Friday 25 September 2020

Year 12 Graduation Assembly



REMINDER

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 15 September 2020

Via Zoom (All Welcome)

Please contact Julie on 0487 484 420

or email: billabongpc@yahoo.com

for the zoom code

Year 7 Uniforms for 2021



The uniform shop will be open for the next two weeks on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 9am to 3.30pm

Daylight have launched an online ordering system for the purchase of School Uniforms. Simply create an account profile and place your order.

The online shop works in conjunction with the physical shop at the school and can be found at:

daylightsportswear.com/billabong

All pick ups and fittings are by appointment only, Covid19 regulations apply. Please ensure all regulations are followed while on site.

Please contact on Sarah on
0437 205 297 or billabong@daylightcorp.com
for all enquires.

UNIFORM SHOP

20% OFF SALE*



**MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER
TO**

FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

SPECIAL SALE SHOP HOURS

* 20% OFF STOCKED ITEMS
(EXCLUDING SOFTSHELL JACKETS, WOOL JUMPERS,
BLAZERS & BACKPACKS)

* NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES
(UNLESS GARMENT IS FAULTY)

* NO RAINCHECKS



TUESDAY & THURSDAY 9-3:30pm

Below: Community Notice - These are not school events

WE'RE RECRUITING LIFEGUARDS NOW

FOR THIS POOL SEASON
APPLICATIONS CLOSE 25 SEPT 2020



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Obtaining a certificate – book a NSW Royal Life Saving Course (most people go to Wagga for the Riverina course). This is the link to book a course:

<https://nsw.training.royallifesaving.com.au/courses/>

For more information & to apply now:

<https://bit.ly/2Gpat78>

or contact Greater Hume Council