

# BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS

Monday 22nd February Week 5 Term 1



## Calendar

**Monday 1 March 2021**

Riverina Swimming Carnival

**Monday 8 March**

Aurora College Residential  
Camp (All Week)

**Tuesday 23 March**

P & C Meeting @ 7pm

**Thursday 1 April**

Cross Country Carnival  
Last Day of Term

**Monday 19 April**

Staff Development Day

**Tuesday 20 April**

Students return for Term 2



## **Principal's Report - Ms Julie Bowen**

### **The Hive**

Last Thursday we opened The Hive, our new name for what was previously the canteen. The Hive will operate in a very different way to a school canteen. The food we receive comes from the food bank and is free of charge. That's why our students also receive the food free of charge. We don't have a canteen manager; our Student Support Officer Ted Bates is collecting the food from Wodonga and storing it in our cool room.

Perhaps the most significant change is the philosophy behind The Hive. We're working towards a system of reciprocal maintenance whereby those that use The Hive also contribute to the running of the Hive. This could include preparing the sandwiches for toasting and the general food prep, contributing to the clean-up at the end or helping with the production line as students move through The Hive. In other words, we're all working together to look after each other and students in turn are having the opportunity to go to The Hive, have something healthy to eat and continue with their learning.

I know its early days but I'm excited about the possibilities.

### **The Student Representative Council Induction**

This week we will induct our SRC and Captains. The students receiving badges this week will make a commitment to represent their Year group and accept the responsibility of leadership. With that responsibility comes a duty to listen to what their fellow students would like and need within our school. Our students' leaders will also be required to contribute in a meaningful way to the SRC. I'm sure they will embrace the challenge.

### **The Learning Hub**

The Learning Hub will be used from today for our Covid-19 Catch-up program. The first group of students received their letters last week and this week fifteen more students will be notified of their inclusion in the program. This is a great initiative that will ensure students have every opportunity for success with their learning.

### **SMS Messaging**

Please read through Mr Eccleston's article regarding SMS messaging and the parent portal. Both offer an opportunity for improved communication between parents and the school. There may be some teething issues but we will sort them out and make this system work to its full potential.

## Instructional Leader - Ms Elizabeth Murdoch

### Billabong Brain Busters

THIS WEEK: In preparation for the Australian Geography Competition ....

1. What is Australia's largest monolith?
2. What is the floral emblem of the Northern Territory?
3. Where is the eastern most point of the Australian continent?

Write your answers on a slip of paper and return to Ms Murdoch or email your answer to [Elizabeth.murdoch2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Elizabeth.murdoch2@det.nsw.edu.au).



Just a reminder  
that the uniform  
shop will now  
be open on  
Thursday's.  
Please contact  
Sarah on  
0437205297  
to make an  
appointment.



## 5 minutes with.....

Mr Ted Bates - Student Support Officer

### Where have you come from?

I grew up in Lidcombe, in the middle of Sydney. After completing High School, I took a gap year working fulltime and then moved to Bathurst to study at CSU. I then moved further west to Dubbo where I lived for eight years before moving to Albury at the end of last year.



### What subject do you teach?

I am a Youth Worker here at Billabong High School and don't teach a specific class. I am an added resource to the wellbeing team working collectively with students, teachers, parents and the community in a wellbeing and support capacity.

### Are you a cat or dog person

A dog person – my son loves to play with them.

### Favourite song

My favourite song is 'Let it be' by The Beatles.

### Favourite movie

My favourite movie is 'Good Will Hunting'.

### Hobbies

I enjoy watching all sports especially rugby union and cricket, camping, hiking, socialising with friends and anything to do with water. I also love cooking – coming home, prepping dinner and cooking with my kids.





## School Information

### English Update

One of the English Textual Concepts that many of our students are considering this term is the idea of literary value. We are challenging students to consider what makes a text worthwhile and important, and who makes those decisions. It is necessary that students understand that texts may be valued for a range of different reasons such as aesthetics, themes, historical importance or for the ways in which they innovate with technology. Year 7 and 8 are completing units designed to build their basic understanding of literary and film technique. Year 9 are currently studying a Shakespearian play with a focus on considering why the work of Shakespeare continues to be studied, transformed, reinvented and performed daily around the world. Year 10 are completing a unit of learning titled 'A Clutch of Classics', in which they read and critically assess the importance and relevance of a novel considered to be a classic. Our senior students are endeavouring to build their personal writing styles and are studying the work of renowned writers to inspire their own skills and creativity. These students are required to reflect critically on their writing and analyse it in terms of literary technique. We hope that across the full broad sequence of learning from Year 7 to Year 12, students learn to think critically about the film and literature they are exposed to. While this contributes to success in the Higher School Certificate, these skills ultimately are vital for navigating communication in the modern world. To discover more about the concepts taught in English at Billabong High School visit this website, <http://www.englishtextualconcepts.nsw.edu.au/>.

Ms Melanie Brown  
Head Teacher - English

### Year 12 Career Interviews

Over week 5 and 6 Year 12 will be seeing Mrs Toogood in Careers to individually discuss their possible post school paths, and the steps they need to start taking.

Students have been given an interview sheet and appointment time. Parents are welcome to phone in during these interviews, or a more suitable time can be organized.

At this stage, it is very important that these discussions are occurring between student, parent and a career adviser.

Mrs Naomi Toogood  
Careers

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### University of Wollongong Discovery Day

On Monday 15th February a group of Year 12 students along with Mr Eccleston and Mrs Toogood travelled to Wollongong to explore that city as a possible destination for tertiary education. A drive through the city area, a visit to the lighthouse and then off to explore the University campus were the highlight of the afternoon before settling into the accommodation at Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort. A walk on the beach was also appreciated. On Tuesday 16th February it was off to the University's Discovery Day where our students along with approximately 1,000 other Year 12 students attended a series of preselected lectures throughout the day.. A very long and busy day was had, returning to Culcairn later in the evening.

Ms Naomi Toogood  
Careers



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### Best Start Year 7 Assessment

Year 7 students will participate in the Best Start Year 7 Assessment in Term 1, 2021.

Best Start Year 7 is an online literacy and numeracy assessment available to secondary schools that assesses key literacy and numeracy skills of Year 7 students. It is designed to assist teachers to identify students who may require additional support in developing their literacy and numeracy skills. The assessment is undertaken between 1 February to 5 March.

The purpose of the Best Start Year 7 assessment is to provide feedback to teachers to help identify student needs. Feedback will be provided to teachers who may choose to share this with students, parents and carers during teacher interview processes.

Best Start Year 7 is just one of a range of assessments the school uses to assess students.

Please inform the school if your child has special needs requiring support to complete an online assessment.

Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB. Some additional headphones will be available.

Mrs Sandra Taylor  
Head Teacher - Learning Support





## School Information

### Daily student absence text messages

Following our trial last week, we will be rolling out SMS absence notifications for student absences by the end of this week. Once operating correctly, parents/carers will receive an SMS message each morning that their child is marked absent from school and we don't already have the reason why recorded.

If you receive an SMS that your child is absent from school you can let us know the reason by replying to the SMS with the reason. It's helpful for us if you include the date of the absence you're explaining in your message. You can also login to the Parent Portal, ring the school or send a note in with your child to explain absences. Remember that absences must be explained within 7 days.

If you receive a message that your child is absent but they are actually at school, we would appreciate it if you could please ring the school so we can work out what went wrong.

If you haven't already, please make sure that your child returns their update details form and that you include a parent/carer mobile number. You can also ring the school to check that we have a mobile number recorded for you.

### Introducing the Parent Portal

This year, Billabong High School is utilising a Parent Portal to provide parents and carers with better access to information about the school and their child.

In the past, we've only used the Parent Portal to book parent teacher interviews; however, throughout the year additional features and modules will be tested and, hopefully, turned on.

At this stage, the features we hope to enable include access to student's timetables, school reports, attendance at school and in each class, and information about positive and negative behaviour entries. The school is also looking whether it is possible to provide access to the student daily notices, homework and assessment tasks, and an ability for parents and teachers to communicate with teachers through the Portal.

On Wednesday, students will receive a letter from the school which provides parents with their log in details for the Billabong High School Parent Portal.

Mr Callan Eccleston





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# Student Assessment Calendar

## **Week 5: 22- 26 February**

Year 12 Biology

Year 12 Marine Studies

## **Week 7: 8-12 March**

Year 12 Chemistry

Year 12 Earth and Environmental Science

## **Week 8: 15-19 March**

Year 12 Business Studies

Year 12 Modern History

Year 12 Construction/ Hospitality Work Placement

Year 11 Biology

## **Week 9: 22-26 March**

Year 12 English Studies

Year 12 Geography

Year 12 Music 1

Year 12 PDHPE

Year 12 CAFS

## **Week 10: 29-31 March**

Year 12 English Advanced

Year 12 English Standard

Year 12 Mathematics Advanced

Year 12 Mathematics Standard 2

Year 12 Mathematics Standard 1

Year 12 English Extension 1

## **Week 10: 1-2 April**

Year 12 Mathematics Advanced

Year 12 Mathematics Standard 2

Year 12 Mathematics Standard 1





# BHS Merit Award Winners

**As part of the Positive Behaviour Flowchart the following students have received Merit Awards. These awards can be received for Class, Thrive, School representation or School service. Stay tuned for each weeks winners**



Damian Betts  
Annabelle Bickley  
Olivia Binskin  
Tayla Bodycott  
Ricki-Lee Borg  
Angus Boyce  
Tamzyn Brown-Ray  
Zoe Byatt  
Harlan Candy  
Jason Chambers  
Ryan Chandler  
Phillip Chant  
Ella Cheshire  
Cordelia Clarke  
Annie Coles  
Tyson De Costa  
Boaz Delphin  
Mia Doughty  
Sophie Dowell  
Kallee Dubenko  
Marshall Dunning  
Zaydan Feltrin  
Peter Fox  
Tahlia Francis  
Abby Fraser  
Jordan Fraser  
Khyla Gardiner  
Hannah Godde  
Amilia Haines  
Eliza Hallam  
Jake Hamson

Thomas Hamson  
Ned Harrison  
Charlotte Harvey  
Natalie Hasler  
Lara Heather  
James Heir  
Erin Hogan  
Rachael Honeywill  
Eden Hoskinson-Lacey  
Jasmy Hughes  
Harry Janetzki  
Wil Jenkyn  
Lucy Kilo  
Ryan Klemke  
Logan Knobel  
Halle Kohlhausen  
Fletcher Kohlhausen  
Leo Laffan  
Bridgette Le Busque  
Jason Lilley  
Rohan Lilley  
Sophie Loftus  
Mackellar Lyons  
Noah Mair  
Bridie Manning  
Thomas McGrath  
Bonnie McMillan  
Lara McMillan  
Levi McMillan  
Maddison Mohr  
Joshua Morris

Justine Naughton  
Skye O'Brien  
Georgia O'Connor  
Sienna Oehm  
Lachlan Parker  
Jasmin Patrick-Beale  
Gabel Patten  
Gabby Phillips  
Alex Power  
Max Pumpa  
Felicity Quinn  
Dylan Rainbow-Horton  
Chloey Roberts  
Blake Roulston  
Caleb Royal  
Brooke Schirmer  
Izak Schirmer  
Carly Seymour  
Andrea Seymour  
Conrad Shearer  
Zachery Thomas  
Jessica Toogood  
Mitchell Turner  
Troy Twentyman  
Anarchy Twentyman  
Julia Wake  
Peter Wake  
Erica Wakefield  
Annabell Wakefield  
Bailey Walker  
Domynic Wayenberg

Ellie Webster  
Jett Weston  
Jezabella Wheeler  
Tarnee Wilson  
Jayden Worldon  
Luke Worth  
Lachlan Wotten  
Lincoln Wright  
Rory Wyer

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### INLAND RAIL COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR CULCAIRN RAILWAY YARD AND FOOTBRIDGE

They are having a stall on Railway Parade near the Bakery on

Thursday 25th of February 11-1pm, if you are able to come and talk face to face with their reps, that would be great. More details are here:

<https://inlandrail.artc.com.au/events/culcairn-community-information-session->



## Become a foster carer

Foster Carers are needed in your area more than ever before.

Whether you are giving a child a long-term home, or stepping in to help in a crisis, being a foster carer is a hugely rewarding experience.

If you have room in your heart and your home, please take the first step and contact Challenge Foster Care on **1800 084 954**, [fostercare@challengecommunity.org.au](mailto:fostercare@challengecommunity.org.au) or visit our website [challengecommunity.org.au](https://challengecommunity.org.au) to find out more about becoming a foster carer.



**CHALLENGE**  
Community Services

**Foster Care**

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# DECISION MAKING & STRESS MANAGEMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSES



when: **Monday 15 March**  
**10.30am to 1.30pm**

where: **Henty**  
**Bowling Club**  
**37 South Street**



**Sign Up**

<https://bit.ly/36BdQT8>

**This session will provide you with:**

- *An understanding of how stress impacts decision making*
- *Strategies to improve your decision making skills*

**Rural Adversity Mental Health  
Program Coordinator**

**Faith Rogers**

[faith.rogers@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:faith.rogers@health.nsw.gov.au)

Partnered with:



**Health**  
Murrumbidgee  
Local Health District





## COMMUNITY NEWS



# STARTING MARCH 2021

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AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS?

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Access Passcode: 5LbdQ#3P  
[co.412sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au](mailto:co.412sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au)



The Culcairn Football Netball Club season will start soon. We are looking for juniors who would like to play for 2021.

### NETBALL

Grades from 17 and under through to NET SET GO are available. All registrations AND payment are to be done online before kids can take the court. For more information please contact Barb on 0411 019116.

### FOOTBALL

We have Auskick, under 14s and under 17s available. Registrations are done online but payment is to be made to the club.

For all junior players (netball and football) we will have a registration, come meet the coaches/players day. This will be held on Thursday March 11th, between 5 and 6pm. Here you can bring in your Active kids voucher (football) as well as purchase uniform requirements (dresses, shorts and socks). We hope to see you there, GO LIONS!

# OUR LOCAL HEROS

**Henty  
Rescue  
(First  
Responders)  
& Fire  
Fighters**

Station 322



**SUNDAY 21ST MARCH 2021  
4.00PM TO 5.30PM  
HENTY COMMUNITY CLUB**

Light Club Meal & Drinks available.

This is a **"Public Thank You"** by the community to express our gratitude to Fire & Rescue Members and families for their valuable contribution. **Everyone Welcome.**

## **Guest Speakers**

**PRESENTATION TO FIRE & RESCUE  
Q & A OPPORTUNITY  
LIVE MUSIC BY 'LEFT OF COUNTRY'**

Music to commence at 4pm with  
presentation to commence at 4.30pm.

**Proudly supported by** Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network,  
Henty LHAC, Henty Community Bank and Local Businesses  
& Sporting Organisations and Henty Community.



## **Further information Contact**

Hannah Kilo 0407268089 or Mick Broughan 0447293286



'Henty Local Heros'

**8-14**  
**MARCH**  
**2021**

**Celebrating and learning  
from women's home  
grown business**



**NSW**  
**WOMEN'S**  
**WEEK**

**Free Women's Week Event for Women in business or wanting to start a business with a presentation by the Business Enterprise Centre and a Q&A panel of local women in business**

**Monday 8 March 21 at 6pm @ Culcairn Library**

**Wednesday 10 March 21 at 6pm @ Henty Library**

**Thursday 11 March 21 at 10am @ The Ten Mile Holbrook**

**Thursday 11 March 21 at 6pm @ Jindera Library**

**Tea and Coffee provided**

**Bookings Essential RSVP 5 March 21**

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