

# BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS

Monday 23 November 2020 Term 4 Week 7A



Principal's Report

SRC Representatives - Sports Colours Day

## Staffing 2021

Following the completion of a merit selection process, I am pleased to announce that we have filled the substantive Head Teacher Science position and the successful applicant is Mrs Beth Torocsik. Mrs Torocsik has led the Science faculty for an extended period of time and brings a wealth of expertise to the position. I know the Science faculty will be in very capable hands as they prepare for 2021 and beyond under the leadership of Mrs Torocsik.

## Sports Colours Day

Today our students are dressed in their favourite sporting colours and are involved in a fund-raising activity to support the Cancer Foundation. The Student Representative Council (SRC) have organised several sporting activities that will take place this afternoon during our usual Thrive session. We're already enjoying the benefits of an SRC that are enthusiastically representing the student body and looking for ways to improve our school. Discussions between the SRC

and myself are occurring regarding the school mobile phone policy, as well as conversations around the potential for adding further sporting equipment to the playground to give students more activities to enjoy during lunch breaks and in Thrive lessons. From all accounts the upgraded basketball courts have been very well received by the students and may be the start of several changes to the school grounds.

## Assessments for Years 7 -10

Students have been, and will continue to complete their final assessments over the next few weeks. As with any challenge, the key to success is preparation. An hour each night looking over school work, pasting in handouts and completing homework can make a significant difference to students' confidence and results. This is due partly to the way our brain stores information. The laying down of memory is more effective straight after the learning experience. It is recommended students completing the Higher School Certificate (HSC), complete two hours and fifty minutes per night on





**Above Left: Work Experience Placement: Tyron at Ten Mile Engineering**

**Above Right: Work Experience Placement: Cameron at North East Genetics**

average of study and homework. Being able to complete homework and/or study to this degree takes time to build-up to. Years 7-10 is a great time to start the training.

Ms Bowen - Principal

### Work Experience

With the support of our local community Year 10 Students are continuing to explore future career opportunities through our Work Experience Program. This hands on experience is invaluable as students begin to make choices about their future career pathways.

### Basketball Court Resurfacing

Our school basketball courts look amazing after being resurfaced. As part of the upgrade the courts have been marked to enable our students to play Basketball, Tennis and Volleyball.

### 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](mailto:billabongpc@yahoo.com) or call or text Julie White on 0487 484 420.



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Above: Basketball Court Transformation (Before and After)  
Below: Year 9/10 Timber students restoring benches for Kiltarn House





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### Calendar

**Wednesday 25 November 2020**

Junior Boys Cricket

**Friday 27 November 2020**

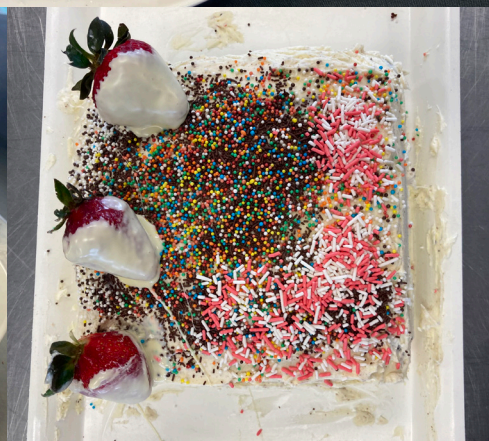
Senior Boys Cricket

**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**

**Below: Community Notice - This is not a school event**



**For ages 16 to 24  
at the  
Holbrook Library  
5.30pm Thursday  
26th Nov. 2020**

We have just 15 spaces available for a fun demonstration on making bees wax wraps. Each participant gets to take home a pack that will make three wraps. This session is funded by Greater Hume Council Youth Services. Punch and a cheese platter provided. Bookings essential. Phone 60363262 or message us at the Holbrook Library Complex Facebook page.