

# BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS



Monday 30 November 2020 Term 4 Week 8B



Principal's Report

Junior Boys Cricket Team

## Congratulations Year 10

During Term 3, Year 10 students sat the state-wide VALID Science exam. Much to our delight, the students performed extremely well. Their results were better than "like schools" and above the state average. This is a great reflection of the work the Science faculty have been doing including analysing data and using this information to address areas where the students need further support. Mr Campbell has also been a very proactive Year Advisor providing students with information about effective study skills. Most significantly these results reflect the ability of our students to apply what they have learnt in our classrooms to external tests such as VALID. It sets them up for future success as they move into the senior school.

## Sports Colours Day

Unfortunately, due to heavy rainfall, the highly anticipated Sports Colours Day was

postponed. The SRC will try again next week and we eagerly await the variety of activities they have organised. I met with the SRC last week and they have many plans for 2021 including looking at the technology across our school. They also discussed a Christmas themed ending to the year.

## P & C Meeting

Our final meeting for the year will occur next Tuesday (Week 9). I'd like to thank all of the parents and citizens involved throughout the year for supporting our school. Your feedback regarding school planning, at home learning and the representation on the numerous merit panels has been invaluable. I look forward to our final meeting and encourage as many people as possible to attend.

**Julie Bowen**  
Principal



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**Work experience placements: Left - Bridie at St Josephs and Right - Hannah at Godde's Grain & Fertilizer**

### English Faculty Update

It has been an important term for Year 11 students in English this term, as they have begun the first unit of the Higher School Certificate course. Each of the Year 11 English classes is exploring the Common Module: Texts and Human Experiences. In this module, students examine how composers and texts represent individual and collective human experiences, revealing ideas about what it means to be human. This module asks students to critically assess texts, while making their own personal connections to them. The English Advanced class is critically assessing the acclaimed documentary, *Wasteland*, while English Standard and English Studies are both exploring the film, *Billy Elliot*.

It may seem like still a long way to the Higher School Certificate for these students, but the time will pass quickly, so we would like to encourage all Year 11 students to think carefully about their study routines and to know their assessment responsibilities.

Good organisation and preparation are key in being successful in their future exams.

### Work Experience Continues

Our Year 10 Students are continuing to explore career options through our Work Experience Program. It is great to see them getting hands on in such a diverse range of industries.

### Albury Zone Knockout Cricket Competition

Last week our Senior and Junior Boys Cricket Teams participated in the Zone Knockout Competition in Albury.

Despite playing well on the day our Junior Boys were outplayed by Corowa High School which put an end to their campaign. Our Senior Boys also played well in tough conditions on Friday but were not successful in progressing to the next round.

A special thanks goes to Mrs Terlich, Mr Tassell and Mr Smith for ensuring our teams could participate in this competition.



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**Work experience placements: Left - Jessica at Fox and Lillie, Middle - Jaide at Holbrook Public School, and Right - Troy at Henty Automotive**

### **Year 9/10 Food Tech**

As part of their end of year assessment, our Year 9/10 Food Tech students planned, baked and decorated a birthday cake.

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

They did an amazing job with their Birthday Cake creations showcasing their skills, imagination and creativity!

### **BHS Agricultural News**

Last Friday our Year 9/10 Agricultural Technology celebrated National Agricultural Day by participating in a Zoom session with Queensland Cotton Farmer, Renee Anderson. Renee told us how a cotton and chickpea crop is grown on irrigation country and the marketing and processing that is involved once it is harvested. She had video footage to help enhance our experience.

We also have harvested our purple and white garlic crops which are now for sale. Australian garlic bulbs are very popular online with most sold out quickly.

### **School Calculators**

School Calculators are available for purchase for \$22 from the front office.

You can do this either online or over the phone.

Go to our website <https://billabong-h.school.nsw.gov.au> and select MAKE A PAYMENT or ring the front office on 02 6029 8377 to make a payment over the phone.

Calculators will be engraved with the students name on the back and will be available for collection at the end of the transition day on Tuesday 1st December if ordered by 3:30pm Monday, 30th November. Orders after this date can be collected on their first day next year or by a sibling.



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### Calendar

**Tuesday 1 December 2020**  
Orientation Day

**Tuesday 8 December 2020**  
P&C Meeting

**Wednesday 16 December 2020**  
Last Day Term 4

### P & C Meeting

Next Tuesday 8th December 2020 we will hold the final P&C Meeting for 2020 at the Culcairn Hotel commencing at 6.30pm.

You're invited to come along, and participate in our final meeting of this crazy year. You might also like to grab a meal!

Please RSVP to Julie White

on 0487 484 420 by Monday, 7th December

**Below Left: Year 9/10 AG Students National Agriculture Day 2020 Zoom Meeting**  
**Below Right: Year 9/10 Food Tech Cake Creations**

