

# BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS



Monday 7 December 2020 Term 4 Week 9A



## Principal's Report

### Staffing 2021

We've almost completed our staffing processes and I can announce Mr Justin Lawson will relieve as Head Teacher Mathematics in 2021. This completes the executive appointments and means our 2021 planning is well in hand. Our 2021 executive team will be:

**Principal:** Ms Bowen

**Instructional Leader:** Ms Murdoch

**Deputy Principal:** Ms Nim

**Head Teacher English:** Mrs Brown

**Head Teacher Mathematics:** Mr Lawson

**Head Teacher Science:** Mrs Torocsik

**Head Teacher Administration:** Mrs Conley/  
Mr Eccleston

**Head Teacher HSIE:** Mrs Mackinlay

**Head Teacher PDHPE/TAS:** Mrs White

**Head Teacher Learning and Support:** Mrs Taylor

I look forward to working with the Executive team to drive continuous improvement and enhanced outcomes for all our students.

## Peer Support Leadership Training

### Structural Changes

Structural changes that will commence in 2021 include:

- Period length changing from one hour to 55 minutes
- A ten-minute roll call at the start of the day
- Recess and lunch will both be 30 minutes long
- Students will have more Thrive options to choose from.

I will speak about the changes at the P&C meeting tomorrow night and am happy to answer any questions parents may have.

### The Learning Hub

We will hold an official opening next year of the Learning Hub. The hub will be a centre for students to access support with their homework and assignments. Literacy, numeracy and special programs will be conducted in the hub to provide targeted support. High potential students will have



**Above: 2021 Peer Support Leadership Training Participants**

the opportunity to participate in STEAM projects and other challenging activities. The hub is the brain child of the school executive who are looking at ways to support students in the most effective and meaningful way. I'm very excited about the hub and see enormous potential to assist student learning needs in a variety of ways.

**Julie Bowen - Principal**

### **Peer Support 2021**

Due to COVID-19 Peer Support training was held for the first time on grounds at BHS. While the setting may not have had the same pizzazz as the Great Aussie Holiday Park, the 24 Year 10 students did a fantastic job engaging in all the leadership activities designed to assist them when helping our new Year 7 students transition to high school life in 2021. Well done to all involved!

### **Presentation Assemblies**

On Friday, 11th December, Presentation Assemblies will take place with students and teachers.

They will be lived streamed at the following times:

10am - Years 7&8

12:15pm - Years 9&10

1:45pm - Year 11

These will replace our annual Presentation Night and unfortunately, due to restrictions, parents, carers and family members will not be able to attend.

### **Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

The Duke of Edinburgh Program is the world's leading youth achievement award and has run at our school for over 15 years. Hundreds of Billabong High School students have completed the various levels, with the majority achieving Bronze. A smaller number have attained the Silver Certificate and a few, the Gold – the most recent being Nicholas Wright.

The Duke of Ed requires commitment over time; however, the sense of accomplishment you'll feel at the end of the journey will be worth it, because it will be something you

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Above: Year 6 Orientation Day Activities

Below: Work Experience Placement: Rachael at Culcairn Early Childhood Centre

did just for YOU! It also looks great on post-secondary applications, scholarships, CVs and job applications.

Starting next year, Mr Pilikas will be coordinating the program. Below is an overview of the program and an information session will be held early next year for students in Years 9 and 10.

### There are three levels to the Award:

- Bronze: 14 years
- Silver: 15 years
- Gold: 16 years

### For each level there are four sections:



Community Service = Give Back



Skill Building = Find Your Genius



Physical Recreation = Break a Sweat



Adventurous Journey = Get Wild and Explore



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## Calendar

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

**Friday 11 December 2020**  
Presentation Assemblies

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

**Friday 29 January 2021**  
Year 7, 11 & 12 - 1st Day Term 1 2021

**Monday 1 February 2021**  
Whole School Return - Term 1 2021

## P&C Meeting

This 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: Year 9/10 Food Tech Assessment Birthday Cakes

