

BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS

Monday 21 June Term 2 Week 10



Calendar

Week 10

Wednesday 23 June

Year 7-10 Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 24 June

CHS Open Netball
Riverina Schools Tennis Knockout

Friday 25 June

Last day of term

Term 3 - Week 1

Monday 12 July

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 13 July

Students return

Week 2

Monday 19 July

Subject Selection Evening

Friday 23 July

Riverina Athletics Carnival



Principal's Report - Ms Julie Bowen

Vaping in Schools

I have included a letter outlining the NSW Department of Education and therefore Billabong High School's policy with regard to vaping. Both Ms Nim and I have spoken to students on assembly several times in the last week about the fact that vaping is banned in NSW schools and on school buses. I am concerned for the health and wellbeing of all our students and can only see vaping as being a risk to students' health that could have dire consequences. If you have information about vaping devices being sold to students please call the school on 6029 8377 and ask to speak with Ms Nim or myself.

Bring Your Own Device to School

I have included a copy of the school BYOD policy. The at-home-learning experience last year demonstrated the value of online learning platforms. Whilst we hope a Covid-19 outbreak doesn't occur and we return to online learning, there is no harm in being prepared for that eventuality. I would also like to encourage students to bring their own laptops to school to use in class. We live in a digital age where electronic communication is the norm. As an incentive to bring your own device, I am offering students the use of a locker for the remainder of the year and waiving the deposit fee. Any student that has paid for a locker and is bringing their own laptop to school can receive a credit on their account.

BHS BYOD Booklet

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hsD4LawXX_A1-pxc8zyx6_5lcujB4X8Y/view

BYOD Student Agreement

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N4LP_y_OZg4r8M8ItEY8HpEzaMSbEnRb/view?usp=sharing

Years 7-10 Parent/Teacher Evening

We look forward to meeting with parents and caregivers on Wednesday afternoon. Students will receive the hardcopy of their report this afternoon and electronic copies have been available on the Parent Portal since last week.

It has been a busy term with many wonderful things happening throughout the school. I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

5 minutes with.....

Mr Jack McDonald

PDHPE Teacher



Where have you come from?

I started my teaching journey at Baranduda Primary School last year and this year have come out to Billabong, as Culcairn has always been a second home to me as I played lots of junior sport here growing up.

What subject do you teach?

PDHPE

Are you a cat or dog person?

I own both and can't pick between the two! Fun fact my cat has no tail!

Favourite song?

Very firm draw between 'Let It Be' by The Beatles and 'Always' by Bon Jovi

Favourite book?

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Favourite movie?

27 Dresses or The Greatest Showman

Hobbies?

Music, 4x4ing, AFL and playing with my Labrador Hudson!

Who are 3 people you would invite to a dinner party?

Richie Sambora, Randy Rhoades and Paul McCartney

What's your favourite thing about Billabong High School?

Billabong High has such a tight knit community which being from a small town (Burrumbuttock) is something I have always loved. I also am very grateful for how all staff and students welcomed me into the school with open arms and have been nothing but fantastic since my first day here.



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Riverina Schools Tennis

On Tuesday 15th June the school tennis team went to Wagga for the next knockout round of the Riverina schools tennis. After an awesome start, winning the first 2 doubles sets 6-1 the boys proceeded to play their singles matches. Fletcher Parker, Joseph Muller and Fletcher Wright all had convincing wins, while Blake Roulston had to fight to unfortunately go down in a tie break. They then played the reverse doubles where they won both 6-1. After winning the day the team will now go on to the next round to play Tumbarumba High next Thursday. Well done boys!

Riverina Dance Festival 2021

Photos are now available to purchase from the Riverina Dance Festival 2021.

If you could please provide your dance families with this link that would be greatly appreciated!

www.bridgettegollaschphotography.pixieset.com/rdf2021/



Yr 12 Industry Technology - Blayne Percy

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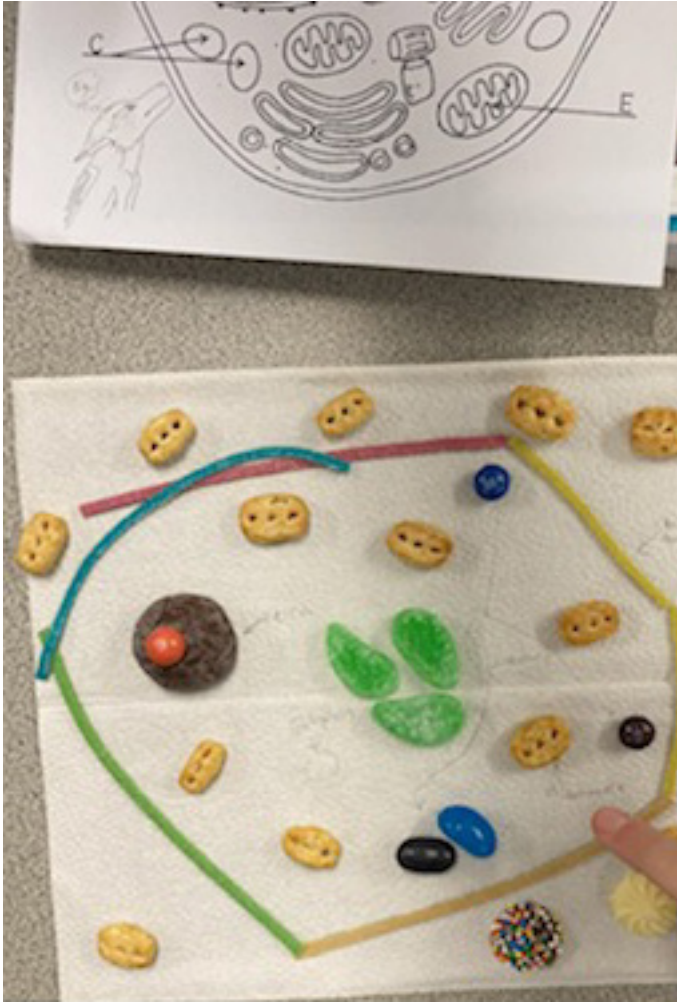
Year 11 Biology: Flower dissection practical. Students were provided with Lillies to dissect and identify various parts of the flower. Steady hands were needed for this practical!



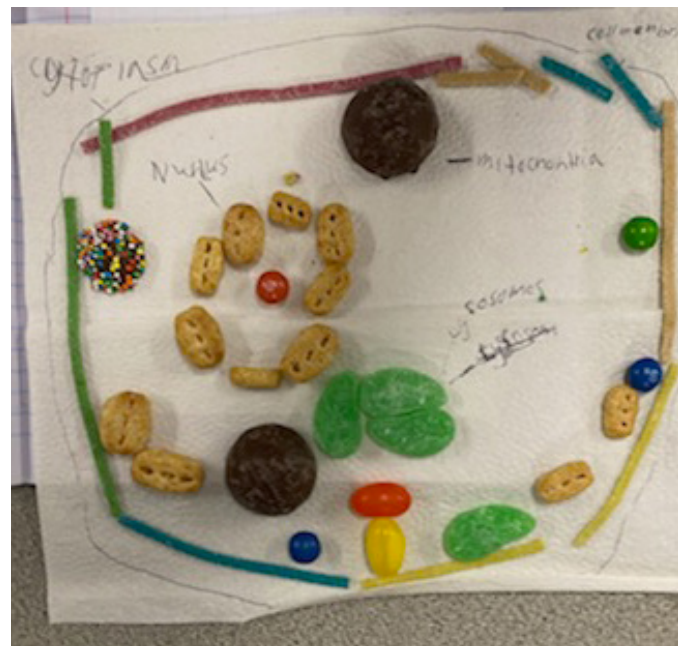
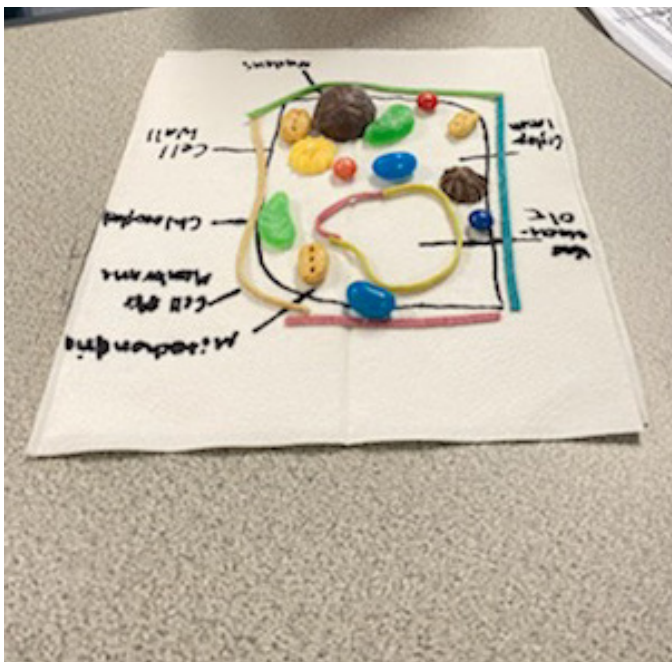
Students conducting a practical to observe the rate of transpiration in a plant.

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Year 7 Science 2 Cell Models



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5 minutes with.....

Robbie Thomas - School Captain



Where have you come from?

I've been around Culcairn my entire life, it's quite nice here.

What subjects are you studying?

I study Advanced Maths, Advanced English, PDHPE, Physics, Chemistry and Extension Maths

Are you a cat or dog person?

While we have both at home, I must say I favour the cat. Only when she doesn't scratch though.

Favourite song?

There are too many to name. At the moment I've got quite a liking for Stuck in the Burbs from JayXander.

Favourite book?

At the moment, I'm really enjoying reading Hag-Seed by Margaret Atwood for English.

Favourite movie?

It would have to be between Star Wars or Back to the Future, absolute classics.

Hobbies?

I love travelling, the occasional road trip and cooking.

Who are 3 people you would invite to a dinner party?

I'd have to invite Daniel Ricciardo, Chris Pratt and Andy Samberg. It would be quite entertaining to watch the 3 of them joke around.

What's your favourite thing about Billabong High School?

I love that as students, we can have such good friendships with the teachers and staff, it really helps us engage with our learning.



BILLABONG HIGH SCHOOL



Principal: Julie Bowen

Deputy Principal: Nim Weerakoon

Monday 21 June 2021

Letter to parents regarding smoking/vaping concerns

Dear parent/carer,

I write to share my recent concerns regarding students smoking, including electronic cigarettes (vaping).

Students have been observed smoking/vaping in and around school grounds as well as on transport to and from school.

Smoking, which now includes the use of electronic cigarettes (vaping) has been prohibited on all school premises and in administrative areas since July 1988. Smoking/vaping is also prohibited at all public transport stops and stations in NSW and on transport to and from school.

Health risks

Smoking is a major risk factor for a variety of diseases and conditions including:

- coronary heart disease: 10 times higher risk than non-smokers
- stroke and peripheral vascular disease
- lung cancer: 20 times higher risk than non-smokers
- other cancers such as stomach, bladder, mouth and cervical cancer
- emphysema
- osteoporosis
- type 2 diabetes and metabolic syndrome.

Electronic cigarettes (E-cigarettes) can contain high levels of nicotine. Adolescence is a critical period for brain development and exposure to nicotine can have long-term health consequences, impacting memory, attention and learning.

E-cigarettes are often available in different flavours which can be appealing to young people and may expose them to chemicals and toxins such as formaldehyde, heavy metals, particulate matter and flavouring chemicals, at levels that have the potential to cause adverse health effects.

Second-hand smoke exposure can cause disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke. Specifically, children exposed to second-hand smoke experience a range of upper and lower respiratory illnesses and symptoms such as colds and flu, cgh, phlegm production, wheezing and pneumonia.

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What we are doing to support your child's health

We will continue to take appropriate opportunities to promote the Department's policy on smoking on school premises. We will also report any breaches of outdoor smoking bans to NSW Health via an online form found here:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/let-us-know-reports-complaints.aspx>

Your support

There are ways you can help protect your children. These include:

- Talking to your child about why smoking/vaping are harmful for them. It is never too late to have the conversation
- Learning about the different types of e-cigarettes available and the risks associated with using these products
- Setting a good example by being tobacco free
- Reporting those who are selling cigarettes and e-cigarettes to minors. You can do this by completing the online reporting form or calling the Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412.

Helpful resources

You may find the below resources helpful when talking with your child:

<https://www.icanquit.com.au/reasons-to-quit/smoking-and-your-family/what-if-your-child-smokes>

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/e-cigarette-young-people.aspx>

Please contact the school if you have any particular concerns for your child and help will be made available as soon as possible.

Telephone Interpreter Service

If you would like more information and you need an interpreter, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation.

You will not be charged for this service.

Yours sincerely

Julie Bowen
Principal

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NAIDOC WEEK 2021 at Billabong High School



The theme for NAIDOC Week 2021 is 'Heal Country!' Aboriginal Australians have strong spiritual, physical, emotional, social and cultural connections to Country. Through languages and songs, Aboriginal Australians speak to and celebrate Country. For generations Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been calling for stronger measures to recognise, protect, and maintain all aspects of our culture and heritage for all Australians. This includes lands, waters, sacred sites and cultural heritage. Healing Country means hearing those pleas to provide greater management, involvement, and empowerment by Indigenous peoples over Country. **Heal Country, heal our nation.**

Billabong High School was very lucky to be asked to contribute to the NSW Department of Education's NAIDOC celebrations this year. We were one of only a handful of NSW schools to be asked to record two questions that we would like to ask best-selling author of 'Dark Emu', Bruce Pascoe. Our questions, asked by Kiara De Costa (Year 10) and Taleika Worldon (Year 12), and Bruce's answers will be live streamed during NAIDOC Week to all NSW public schools.



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BHS Merit Award Winners



Mia Anschaw
Rachael Aygun
Seveti Bai
Kalara Beaumont-Butler
Chilli Bergic
Konnar Betts
Tayla Bodycott
Cooper Bower
Angus Boyce
Ashtar Cameron-Pani
Harlan Candy
Gemma Casanova
Ryan Chandler
Phillip Chant
Annie Coles
Max Davis
Lily Delahunty
Madison Doughty
Kane Dwyer
Saul Farrell O'Reilly
Jordan Fraser
Zanthia Green
Daniel Grunow
Halen Hall
Eliza Hallam
Madeline Hamson

Ned Harrison
Natalie Hasler
James Heir
Erin Hogan
Molly Kennedy
Allysha King
Taylan King
Ace Kohlhausen
Matilda Leitch
Daniel Lilley
Emily Lukins
Rylee Manning
Eboney McPherson
Benjamin Medley
Callie Metcalf
Nathan Miller
Chayse Montgomery
Joshua Morris
Esther Muller
Skye O'Brien
Georgia O'Connor
Connor O'Loughlin
Lachlan Parker
Raphael Parker
Gabby Phillips
Cheyanne Priestly

Felicity Quinn
Dylan Rainbow-Horton
Chloey Roberts
Caleb Royal
Ashton Scholz
Neve Scholz
Jaxon Scott
Daizi Sedgwick
Aidan Semmler
Conrad Shearer
Kobie Skeers
Nikita Stevenson
Katarina Stewart
Robbie Thomas
Tristyn Thompson
Jye Van Deventer
Julia Wake
Peter Wake
Tyler Watson
Ellie Webster
Carl Wenke
Charles Wilson
Ava Wolter

Student Assessment Calendar

TERM 2

Week 10: 21-25 June

Year 12 Food for Canteen
Year 12 Earth and
Environmental Science
Year 11 English Advanced
Year 11 Standard Maths
Year 11 Advanced Maths
Year 9 & 10 Geography

TERM 3

Week 1: 12-16 July

No assessments

Week 2: 21 July

Opportunity Class Placement
Test

Week 3: 26-30 July

No assessments

Week 4: 2-6 August

No assessments

Week 5: 9-13 August

Year 12 TVET Trial Exam
Year 11 Marine Studies

Week 6: 16-20 August

Year 12 Trial HSC Examination
Week
Whole School Science Fair

Week 7: 23-27 August

Year 12 Marine Studies
Year 12 English Studies
Year 11 Examination Week
Year 10 Science - VALID

Week 8: 30-31 August

Year 10 Science - VALID

Week 8: 1-3 September

Year 10 Science - VALID

Week 9: 6-10 September

Year 11 VET Work Placement

Week 10: 13-17 September

No assessments

Leukaemia Foundation

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Tuesday
22nd June at
Lunch time
under the
Billabong
COLA

Sausage Sizzle
available for purchase

\$2 per sausage
\$2 per soft drink can

Ted's Deal
2 sausages
1 soft drink
All for \$5

Leukaemia Foundation

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LET'S GO BOWLING

July School Holiday Program in Wagga
Wagga
7th July 2021 - 10:00am - 2:00pm
Ages 12-24

Bus Available
Culcairn 9.00am - Bus Depot
Henty 9.15am - Old Highway Store

**Come and enjoy a
morning of Bowling,
followed by Lunch.**

Cost: \$5 per person
Bookings Essential - Limited Spaces
Book in by 1st July (Thursday)
For more info or to book call Angela 02 6036 0178
Email: AMoriarty@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au



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