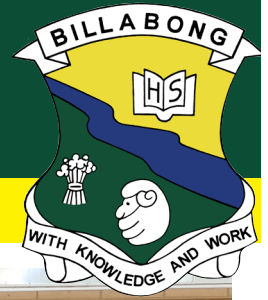


BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS

Monday 15 June Term 2 Week 9



Calendar

Tuesday 15 June

School Open Day@4pm
P & C Meeting @6pm

Friday 18 June

Zone Athletics Carnival

Week 10

Wednesday 23 June

Year 7-10 Parent Teacher
Interviews

Thursday 24 June

CHS Open Netball

Friday 25 June

Last day of term

Term 3 - Week 1

Monday 12 July

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 13 July

Students return

Friday 23 July

Riverina Athletics Carnival



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Principal's Report - Ms Julie Bowen

Open School Afternoon

This afternoon we will open the school to parents and caregivers not only of our current students but also those in Years 5 and 6 who are considering attending Billabong High School. Following the open school a P & C meeting will be held starting at 6:00pm. We are looking forward to having visitors in our school, a Covid-19 check-in station will be set-up in the foyer for people as they arrive. Ms Murdoch, the captains and I will conduct the tours and tea and coffee will be served in the kitchen by the hospitality class.

Years 7-10 Parent/Teacher Afternoon

Next Wednesday June 23, a Parent/Teacher afternoon will be held for Years 7-10. The meeting is a valuable opportunity to receive feedback from teachers and discuss student progress. Hard copies of reports will be sent home this week and electronic copies will be available on the parent portal. Bookings for the meetings can be made through the parent portal. Please contact the school on 6029 8377 if you require assistance to make bookings or accessing the portal.

School Attendance

The Home School Liaison Officer – Mr Ken Mansell, will be at our school each week examining our attendance data. With attendance being a major contributor to student success, it is important that students attend school every day. It is a legal requirement that students do attend school, with the only exception being due to illness or leave. Our goal is to have 90% of students attending school 90% of the time. In some cases students are absent from school for valid reasons but are not presenting a note upon their return or contacting the school. This is then marked as an unexplained absence and appears on the students' school report. Mr Mansell will begin to interview students who have unexplained absences, please send in a note or call the school on 6029 8377 if your child is absent from school.

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5 minutes with.....

Mrs Donna Parker

Science, Agriculture and Primary Industries



Where have you come from?

I grew up in a suburb of Sydney near Parramatta called North Rocks.

What subject do you teach?

I teach Junior Science, Agriculture and Primary Industries.

Are you a cat or dog person?

I have both but I love my new Labrador pup Maisie.

Favourite song?

"Edge of Seventeen"- Fleetwood Mac but I love Bebe Rexha- "You cant stop the girl" too.

Favourite book?

The Fellowship of the Ring
- J R R Tolkien.

Favourite movie?

Notting Hill.

Hobbies?

Playing tennis, walking, yoga and gardening.

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

Roger Federer, the Duchess of Cambridge and Toby Greene.

What's your favourite thing about Billabong High School?

Its a school where there are so many opportunities for those to succeed that want to.



Mathematics/Art Faculty Report - Mr Justin Lawson

Students in Mathematics have been actively engaged in their learning this semester. Students have been excited to work on our brand-new digital platform, Education Perfect. Education Perfect has provided students with the opportunities for deep critical thinking through lessons that contain engaging images and videos. EP for Mathematics covers key concepts aimed at Years 7-10. These lessons cover core skills in Mathematics to ensure students have a sound understanding of the topic before they begin their senior high school years. It is also important to note that students can access this platform at any time they desire.

In Art, students have been busy looking at artist Wassily Kandinsky and abstract expressionism. This has involved students closing their eyes and listening to excerpts of music. While listening, each individual works on a physical interpretation of the sounds in which they hear, and they create an image onto a page.



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Captains visit to Sydney - Robert and Madison

On Tuesday 8 June, we gladly took the opportunity to travel to Sydney for the opportunity to meet members of NSW Parliament and the Governor of NSW, Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC.

Tuesday night began with some exploration of the Sydney CBD, with some unintentional orienteering in the rain after our navigational skills failed us. We felt like we'd settled into Sydney well, after returning to our hotel soaked.



Wednesday's weather was much more welcoming, as we again explored Sydney's landscape in our spare time. We visited the Opera House, Hyde Park and the busy area of George Street's shopping district. We fit in well with Sydney fashion, travelling around in our school blazers.



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Once we arrived at parliament, we had the opportunity to meet multiple members of NSW Parliament, including the member for Albury, Justin Clancy MP. They explained to us their pathways into government, and what their purpose is within our community. We also got to meet the school leaders from James Fallon High, Albury High and Murray High. Justin gave us the opportunity to watch the Legislative Assembly first hand before he presented a new bill.

After our experience at Parliament House, we travelled down to Government House to meet the Governor of NSW. She was surprisingly down to earth, and was happy to answer any of our questions. She gave insight into her pathway to being Governor, rising through the ranks of the legal system before being endorsed by the Queen herself. She told us about her everyday duties, and some of her more interesting opportunities. She described her role as encompassing the 3 Cs: constitutional, ceremonial and community.

The trip was an amazing opportunity to experience and understand what the actual role of members of parliament is, alongside the varying pathways into government. We're very thankful to Mr Eccleston and Ms Bowen for allowing us the opportunity.



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Covid Catch-Up Program in the Learning Hub - Ms Elizabeth Murdoch

Our students involved in the Covid Catch-Up Program have been working brilliantly over the past term. We are very pleased with their progress. Our Learning Hub tutors have now worked with 53 students across Years 7-9 during Terms 1 and 2, with another 43 students from Years 7-10 joining the program in Term 3.

Students have improved their skills in spelling, reading comprehension, grammar, punctuation, writing and fluency. Every student who participates in the program will be plotted on the Literacy Progressions using the PLAN2 recording tool. This assists our tutors in identifying areas of strength and areas for improvement and allows classroom teachers to work with students in developing specific aspects of their literacy.





HSC Minimum Standards - Ms Elizabeth Murdoch

Students need reading, writing and numeracy for everyday life after school. This is why students in NSW are being supported to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the HSC. To show they meet the HSC minimum standard, students need to achieve Level 3 or 4 in short online reading, writing and numeracy tests of skills for everyday life.

Students can take the tests from Year 10 until up to five years after starting their first HSC course. We will begin our minimum standards testing with Year 10 early next term. Students who do not achieve minimum standards in their first attempt have the opportunity to sit each test up to four times per year. Our Learning Hub tutors will work with students in Years 11 and 12 who require extra support to achieve their minimum standards.

We will talk to our Year 10 students about HSC Minimum Standards over the coming weeks. If you would like any further information, please visit the NESA website <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard> or contact Ms Murdoch.

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Headspace - Practical Stress Management Techniques

Billabong High School Years 11 and 12 students were engaged in a Headspace presentation during week 8 as part of their year meetings supported by their Year Advisors. The seminar engaged students in a process of coping with their personal stress responses and educating them about stress management. It helped to build resilience by helping students to identify their own sources and signs of stress, but also how to apply practical stress management techniques. The session was interactive with students access online apps and navigating through helpful resources. With life challenges along with upcoming milestones and exams it was an insightful and timely discussion surrounding an important topic.

Australian Geography Competition

Students from across Stage 5 and 6 engaged with the opportunity to compete in the Australian Geography Competition.

A nationwide test of geographic skills, all students were stellar participants in the difficult test, with two students achieving a credit and distinction. Students involved: Cohen Dowell, Lucas East, Hayley Gleeson, Lauren Hawkins, Hannah Mackinlay, Elina Rattray, Brooke Schirmer and Thomas Wiffen. Well done all students!



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Riverina Cross Country Team

Congratulations to Bianca Terlich, Cameron Terlich, Joseph Muller, Oscar Preston and Kobie Skeers who have made it into the Riverina team to compete at the state championships.



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National Youth Mental Health Foundation

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BHS Merit Award Winners



Claire Allen
Jordie Allen
Hayley Anschaw
Mia Anschaw
Elizabeth Aygun
Will Baldwin
Jackson Barba
Annelise Bedggood
Chilli Bergic
Annabelle Bickley
Olivia Binskin
Maddie Black
Tayla-Anne Black
Chase Blundell
Tayla Bodycott
Ricki-Lee Borg
Angus Boyce
Regan Brown
Zoe Byatt
Josslyn Candy
Jason Chambers
Luke Chandler
Ella Cheshire
Kaden Cheshire
Breannah Coghlan
Annie Coles
Chloe Creek
Lily Delahunty
Thomas Delahunty
Boaz Delphin
Madison Disley
Shayla Disley
Harry Doig
Madison Doughty
Mia Doughty
Cohen Dowell
Marshall Dunning
Lucas East

Safi Farrell O'Reilly
Saul Farrell O'Reilly
Eden Feagaiga
Jerome Feagaiga
Jordan Fraser
Noah Fraser
Rachael Galvin
Hayley Gleeson
Hannah Godde
Madeline Hamson
Isabella Harrison
Lauren Hawkins
Lara Heather
Kasey Henry
Aaron Heritage
Abbey Hogan
Erin Hogan
Chaz Holden
Rachael Honeywill
Jaide Hughes
Jasmyn Hughes
Jade Hunt
Aylee Jenkyn
Wil Jenkyn
Rohan Jepson
Tara Jepson
Rose Kennedy
Henry Kilo
Lucy Kilo
Ryan Klemke
Chloe Koch
Ace Kohlhagen
Chloe Kuhne
Leo Laffan
Aaron Lansdown
Billieann Leck
Taj Lieschke
Rohan Lilley

Cameron Lyons
Zac Machnig
Ewan Mackinlay
Hannah Mackinlay
Darcy Major
Bridie Manning
Dekoda Marshall
Heidi Martin
Jemma McCabe
Thomas McGrath
Bill McMillan
Lara McMillan
Levi McMillan
Eboney McPherson
Callie Metcalf
Nathan Miller
Lachlan Mitchell
Maddison Mohr
Joshua Morris
Esther Muller
Isaac Oehm
Connor O'Loughlin
Lara Pardey
Raphael Parker
Isabelle Parsons
Jasmin Patrick Beale
Blayne Percy
Matilda Preston
Cheyeanne Priestly
Alicia Pyers
Felicity Quinn
Olivia Quinn
Dylan Rainbow
Horton
Elina Rattray
Ebony Russell
Brooke Schirmer
Cruz Schirmer

Tadhg Scholz
Jaxon Scott
Daizi Sedgwick
Andrea Seymour
Jemima Southwell
Nikita Stevenson
Katarina Stewart
Tamara Stewart
Alex Syme
Bianca Terlich
Robbie Thomas
Taylor Threlfall
Olivia Toll
Alexandra Toogood
Jessica Toogood
Shania Towns
Jordan Tunks
Troy Twentyman
Alisha Van Deventer
Hayley Vankerkoerle
Annabell Wakefield
Carl Wenke
Jezabella Wheeler
Madelyn-Lee Wheeler
Thomas Wiffen
Campbell Wilde
Charles Wilson
Ava Wolter
Oliver Wood
Lachlan Wotten
Michaela Wotten
Fletcher Wright
Lincoln Wright
Jacinta Yelland

Student Assessment Calendar

TERM 2

Week 9: 14-18 June

Year 12 English Extension 1
Year 12 Extension Maths
Year 12 Music 1
Year 12 Physics
Year 12 English Studies
Year 11 Marine Studies
Year 11 English Advanced
Year 11 English Studies
Year 11 Modern History
Year 11 Legal Studies
Year 11 Business Studies
Year 9 English
Year 8 Japanese
Year 7 History

Week 10: 21-25 June

Year 12 Food for Canteen
Year 12 Earth and
Environmental Science
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

Monday 21 June 2021
5^{PM} - 7^{PM}

QEII Square, Albury &
Live stream on Facebook



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Keynote Speakers:

Georgie Dent
Kerry O'Brien
Linda Burney MP


Host:

David Astle

Entertainment:

Melody Pool
The Northern Folk
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