Welcome Back

I would like to welcome everyone back to the 2013 school year. In particular, the new Year 7 cohort and a significant number of other students who are starting at Billabong High School for the new school year. I’m sure you will be made to feel welcome at the school. This year again promises to be a very big one with a large number of opportunities being offered to our students.

Staffing

We are very fortunate to have a very stable staff at the school. The following teachers have become permanent at the school: Mr Duke (PDHPE/TAS), Mrs Mackinlay (HSIE) and Mrs Morgan (Learning and Support Teacher). The following teachers will be working as temporary teachers: Mrs Bowman (English), Mrs Hofman (English) and Mr Pilikas (Maths).

HSC Results

The 2012 HSC results were again outstanding. There were some wonderful individual achievements and over 50% of the subjects studied had results that were above the state average.

These subjects were: Biology, English (Standard), English (Advanced), English (Extensions 1 and 2), Industrial Technology, General Mathematics, Modern History, History Extension 1, Senior Science, Society & Culture, Textiles and Design and Primary Industries. There were a large number of band six results (a mark above 90). These were gained in: Industrial Technology, English Extension, Ancient History, Legal Studies, Automotive, English Advanced, Society & Culture, Chemistry and Biology.

Fleur Thompson’s Viva Voce for Music was identified as being exemplary and she is in the honour list of students in the 2013 ENCORE Concert Program. This is an outstanding achievement.
Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest

Congratulations to Sarah Bahr-Withers (pictured)

Highly Commended.

Maths Puzzle of the week?

The number 1 is spelt ONE. The letters are not in alphabetical order. What is the first number where the letters are in alphabetical order.

If you know the answer to this problem write your name, class and the solution on a piece of papers and leave in the specially marked box in the Maths staffroom. All winning entries are eligible for a randomly drawn prize. The winner will be announced in the next newsletter.

Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to Gemma Wall (Community Involvement) and Alyssa Savill (Sport) who were recognised at the Greater Hume Shire Council Awards on Australia Day.

College Model Parent Meeting

An important meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 February at 6.00pm in the library to outline the proposal to move to a College Model for the delivery of the HSC to our students. This proposal will involve the current Year 10 cohort and not the current Years 11-12.

The proposal involves students studying three subjects at the Preliminary and HSC levels in each senior year instead of the current pattern. Students would sit HSC exams at the end of their first and second year of studies. Students would have double the number of lessons in each subject during this time to allow both the Preliminary and HSC courses to be studied.

This model is already being used successfully across a range of schools in NSW and the important issue for the school is that it will allow us to offer a greater number of subjects in the senior years. This is critical for a school of our size.

P & C Meeting

The first P & C Meeting for 2013 will take place on 12 February at 7.00pm in the common room. Current members and potential new members are invited to attend.

School Swimming Carnival

The first of our all school carnivals will be held this Wednesday. The Swimming Carnival is a compulsory event and it is important that all students turn up to ensure the success of the day. My tip for the day is that the staff will defeat the students in the relay.

P Carroll
Principal
Let’s Prepare Early

“Many stories – One Australia”

You will be asked to come to school either in a national costume or in the colour “Orange”.

Competition to enter:
- Story writing: see your English teacher
- Song writing: see Mrs Anquetil
- Artwork: see Mr Torocsik
- Talent Quest: see Mrs Taylor, Mrs Hendriks or Mr Velikans
- Best Dressed

We have 8 weeks to prepare for the talent quest. So choose an act to perform, and practise, practise, practise.

Give thought to your entry in the poster competition which is around the theme “Many stories – one Australia”.

More details of the writing competition will be supplied by your English teacher.

Keep a lookout for garments and accessories that are Orange.

Plan early and contribute to the success of the day
Canteen Manager: Lolita Landman

Please order your lunch to avoid disappointment.

**Canteen Term 1 Weekly Specials**

**Monday**
- Potato Wedges $3.00
- Chicken Burger/lettuce & Mayo $4.00
- Chicken Crackles 5 for $2.00
- Sweet Chilli Chicken Tenders $1.00 each

**Tuesday**
- Hamburger/lettuce, tomato, cheese & Mayo $4.50
- Mini Dim Sims 4 for $2.00
- Crispy Chicken Strips $1.00 each
- Teriyaki Chicken Pocket/Salad $4.00

**Wednesday**
- Toasted Chicken/Bacon Foccacia/Pineapple, tomato, cheese & Mayo $4.50
- Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender/Salad Wrap $4.00
- Chicken Crackles 5 for $2.00
- Potato Wedges $3.00

**Thursday**
- Meatball Salad Pocket/Mild Salsa & Cheese $4.00
- Toasted Ham Foccacia/Tomato, Pineapple, Cheese & Mayo $4.50
- Mini Dim Sims 4 for $2.00
- Crispy Chicken Strips $1.00

**Friday**
- Potato Wedges $3.00
- Chicken Salad Burger/Cheese & Mayo $4.50
- Seafood Sticks $1.50 each
- Chicken Crackles 5 for $2.00

**Available Daily**
- Cheese Buns $1.00
- Finger Buns $1.00
- Cheese & Bacon Buns $1.00
- Pizza $2.00
- Meat Pie $3.00
- Sausage Rolls $2.50
- Egg & Bacon Pie $3.00
- Ham/Salad Roll $4.00
- Chicken/Salad Roll $4.00

**Summer Salads**
- Potato & Bacon Salad $3.00
- Pasta Salad $3.00
- Chicken Caesar Salad $3.00
- Garden Salad $3.00
- Chicken or Ham & Salad $5.00

Please note: A Student ID Card is available. Correct money must be inside the pre-pay envelope—NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN.

Henty Grand Scottish Debutant Ball 2013
19 April 2013

First practice 15 February at Henty Public School Hall at 7.30pm.

If you would like to find out more please call Helen Terlich (69 293 733) or come along on the 15 February.

**School Photos**

School Photos will be taken on Friday 8 February 2013. Pre-pay envelopes will be given out in roll call tomorrow.

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**Calendar—February**

- **6**
  - School Swimming Carnival
- **8**
  - School Photos
- **11**
  - Year 11 Assessment Booklet handed out
- **12**
  - College Model Parent Information Evening 6.00pm-7.00pm
  - P & C Meeting 7.00pm
- **15**
  - Captains Induction Assembly 10.00am

**Canteen Roster-February**

- 4 Julia Muller
- 5 Leanne Trebley
- 6 Jane Yates
- 8 Gemma Damschke