1. Congratulations to all the students who represented the school in a wide range of activities last week. The swimmers did well competing against the larger schools and Alyce Parker was the U13 Girls Zone Champion. She also continued on her record breaking way from the school carnival and she broke three zone records. A great effort.

2. Thank you to the Year 12 students and parents who attended the conferences last week with the Year 12 teachers. This was an important opportunity to gauge progress at this stage of the HSC courses.

3. The 2012 School Magazine will be available shortly. There has been a delay as the 'proof copy' was actually sent to Tumbarumba High School. I have since seen the proof copy and you will be pleased with the standard of the magazine when you receive your copy.

4. I have included a Parent Survey about School Culture. Parents are asked to complete the survey and return it to the front office. Results will be collated and included in the Annual School Report.

5. Congratulations to the Show Team who attended the Canberra Show for four days, returning home late last night. The students were outstanding ambassadors for the school and a big thanks to Mrs Godde for the organisation and accompanying the students to the show.

6. Good luck to the students who will be attending the following major excursions this week.
   ⇒ Year 7 Camp
   ⇒ Duke of Edinburgh Camp.

P Carroll
Principal
Milliken Cup Cricket
Billabong’s bid to win the 2012/13 Milliken Cup was ended by Xavier High last Friday. Xavier won the toss and invited Billabong to bat first. Openers, Harrison Macreadie (one run from 16 balls faced) and Keegan Jenkins (22 from 28) got off to a good start before Harrison was bowled. Xavier bowled very well and made scoring difficult, steady contributions from Matt Klemke (17 from 30), Sam Murray (17 from 30). When Hamish Mackinlay’s (11 from 15) wicket fell Billabong where 5 for 79 and on target to reach 120 and enough to win the game.

Cameron Knust (9 from 13) and Joel Merkel (7 from 19) worked hard and took the score to 96 when Cameron was caught. From this point it all went terribly wrong as Billabong collapsed to lose the last four wickets for 6 runs and be all out for an inadequate 102.

Xavier’s opening batsman put their heads down against very good bowling from Matt Klemke (7 overs 0 for 15) and Keegan Jenkins (7 none for 23). Joel Merkel (7 overs 1 for 21) bowled his heart out and was finally rewarded in his third over with a wicket, he was well supported by Keiran McCarthy (6 overs 1 for 17). Xavier finally reached Billabong’s score in the 33rd over of their allotted 35. While Billabong’s top order batsman got off to a good start, they all fell victim to very poor shot selections and bought about their own down fall. Xavier’s top order on the other hand displayed a much more disciplined approach and kept their score board ticking over without the pressure of losing wickets. In the end a disappointing result but hopefully a few lessons learnt for the future.

Rixon Cup Cricket
Billabong host Murray High School this Tuesday in a semi-final of the Rixon Cup and we wish the team all the best in that fixture.

Zone Swimming
The Billabong Swim Team put in a good showing at last Tuesday’s zone swim carnival. Year 7 Alyce Parker had a successful day by breaking three records, anchoring her relay team to a second placing and subsequently winning the 13 year girls age championship. Our senior girls relay team achieved notoriety by being the only relay team on the day to inflict defeat on Albury High School (11 wins out of 12 relays). The team was well lead by their captains Bree McIntye and Cassidy McAliece who set a fine example. Other outstanding contributions came from Emma Parker, Ty Voss, Greta Mackinlay, Sarah Bahr-Withers, Nakita Singe who each competed in seven events on the day. Thanks to Mrs Donna Parker who supported Billabong on the day by acting as a time keeper.

Duke of Edinburgh News
Twenty four students completed a practice walk to the top of ‘The Rock’ last Monday, carrying their back packs and in hot conditions the students acquitted themselves very well and took the chance check the suitability of their equipment in readiness for this week’s three day Practice Adventurous Journey (AJ), starting on Wednesday. Thankyou to Mr Craig Willis and Mrs O’Riain who accompanied the group on the walk. Participating students only have a day left to finalise their equipment needs, tents, snacks and to make final payments for both their registration fee and AJ.
AG n VET VISIT
Mr Greg Robinson, from Culcairn AG 'n' VET, visited the school last Wednesday to talk to the 9/10 Agriculture class, Primary Industries students and other members of the Livestock Team. His presentation covered opportunities in Agriculture and animal judging techniques. His expertise and advice was especially appreciated by students participating in competitions at the Canberra Royal National Show from Thursday to Sunday.
We thank him for sharing his knowledge and giving his time to assist our students.

Mathletics.
This year Billabong High has subscribed to the popular Mathematics program called Mathletics. Many of our students are familiar with this program from their primary schools. It provides an interactive source of revision and practice for all year groups as well as offering Mathletics Live, where students can compete against all other students in timed trials. All our students now have their passwords and usernames for Mathletics and they are able to access the program both at home and at school. We encourage students to make use of Mathletics and feel they will benefit greatly from all that it offers.
If you have any questions regarding Mathletics please contact Mrs Tooney.

HOLBROOK NETBALL CLUB
Registrations—closes 28 February, no late registrations will be accepted in teams that are full. Payments must accompany form. Forms available at www.holbrook.nsw.au or at the Library Complex.

Seniors Training—commencing Thursday 21 February at 6.30pm.
Intermediates and Juniors commences 7 March at 5.15pm.
We are still looking for coaches for Mods and Netta on Saturday and Fun Net on Sunday. For further information contact Lauren on 0411 483 772.
Billabong Highlights

Local Students perform for the Principals Conference with the Riverina School Choir, pictured with their certificates

Mikaela Webster and Emily Jones

Harmony Day Shield for Roll Groups
This year The Harmony Day Shield will be presented to the roll group which excels in Knowledge Skill & Generosity
To decide the winner of this inaugural event, as there are 13 roll groups, points will be awarded 13 – 1 in order of scores in the following competitions:
Trivia Quiz: This will be conducted in conjunction with the Talent Quest on Harmony Day.
Multicultural Sports: These will be conducted in roll group teams for Years 7-10 on Harmony Day.
Coin Line: Students are asked to collect silver coins to form the longest coin line at the morning Roll Call assembly on Harmony Day. Coins from this activity will be donated to Amnesty International.
Start collecting your 5 cent coins now.

Calendar–February/March

26  Senior Cricket at BHS
27-1 Year 7 Camp
4  Year 7 Literacy and Numeracy Testing
Parent, Student Information Night—Year 9 2013 Laptops 6.00pm
6-8 Year 12 Geography Excursion to Mt Kosciuszko

Canteen Roster—February/March

26  Leeann Trebley
27  Benadette Heath
28  Amanda McGrath
  Sue Biti
  Gloria Wenke

LAPTOPS FOR YEAR 9
A notice will be sent home soon regarding the issue of LAPTOPS for ALL YEAR 9
A parent meeting will be held. Paperwork will need to be completed before laptops will be issued.
Mrs J Paech - Technical Support Officer

MATHS PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK

Last week’s winner: Emily Bouma.
The first prime number greater than 90 is 97.
This weeks puzzle:
What is the sum of 1+2+3+…+99+100
(Hint: 1+2+3+4+5+6 = 3x7 = 21).