1. Congratulations to all the students and staff who were involved in the major excursions last week. The weather was a bit unpredictable but the students gained a lot from the experiences. Good luck to the Year 12 students who are undertaking their mandatory Geography field trip to Mt Kosciuszko this week.

2. A Parent-Student Information Night will be held this evening regarding the issuing of the learning devices (laptops) to the Year 9 students. At this stage the program is in its last year and there will be no laptops being issued in 2014.

3. The school was visited by a DEC School Auditor recently and we received our report on Friday. The school did exceptionally well in all the areas that were covered. These included Finance, Work Health-Safety, Chemical Safety, Staff Leave, Digital Education Revolution and Enrolment Returns.

4. The School continues to emphasise the importance of wearing full school uniform each and every day. There has been a significant improvement this year, particularly in the area of footwear. The expectation is that all students will be in full school uniform unless they have brought in a note from home.

P Carroll
Principal

MATHS PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK

Last week’s winner: Mary Leov. The total of 1+2+3+198+199+100 = 5050.

This week’s puzzle: Calculate the perimeter of square that has an area of 1 square metre.
Year 7 Camp 2013

Around fifty students spent three great days at The Snowy River Camp last week. The students braved the elements on Wednesday afternoon, enjoying the challenges of the Leadership obstacles course, Rock wall climbing and abseiling then a movie night rounded off the day.

Thursday saw the weather improve and we filled the day with Kayaking on the lake, riding the flying fox, more obstacle courses, swimming in the pool and a rope bridge challenge. A late night hike up in the back hills of the Tallangatta valley where the views were amazing finished the day and everyone was in bed tired and worn out from fun and exciting day.

Friday morning was glorious weather and more activities were waiting for the students before lunch and eventually the bus trip home. The food was excellent, there were lashings of it and the students did a great job setting up each meal, cleaning their own plates and cutlery and sweeping up the kitchen and meals area three times a day.

Baby Wombats wandered the camp freely and entertained the students, the staff were helpful and welcoming and a big thanks goes out to Peter and Merri, the owners of Snowy River Camp, for their hospitality over the three days.

Solving Equations

Struggling to remember what algebra was all about and need to help your kids with their homework? Take a look at this study sheet for examples: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z/-/maths_glossary/RId5/44/algebra](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z/-/maths_glossary/RId5/44/algebra)

BHS CLOTHING SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be closed tomorrow (5/3/13).

Rixon Cup

Billabong bowed out of the Rixon Cup for season 2012/13 following a close game against Murray High. Batting first, Billabong compiled a very competitive 154 mainly due to Joshua Jone’s 78 and Hamish Casey carrying his bat for a rock steady 41. Murray got off to a quick start and maintained the intensity due to some fearless hitting from Darcy Lanson who struck seven sixes in his 76. A few dents on the green shed wall are testament to just how far Darcy can hit a cricket ball. Well done to the Billabong team on reaching the final with out the services of some very talented players who have either left the school or are currently injured. We look forward to next year’s Rixon Cup with the current crop of Year 10 Milliken Cup players now progressing to the senior team.
Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey

Despite wet weather, 17 bronze and seven silver level students completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Practice Adventurous Journey (AJ).

Bronze students: Abby Austin, Sarah Bahr-Withers, Tristen Beaumont, Hayden Braid, Daniel Hasler, Mitchell Lauriten, April Lieschke, Hamish Mackinlay, Harrison Macreadie, Hayden Shearer, Michael Simpson, Brock Steeper, Paige Voss, Daniel Willis, Madeline Winnett, Nicholas Wright and Andrew Yates.

Silver students: Georgia Cottrell, Myall Hoffmann, Jessica Kane, Riley Martin, Aimee Morris, Anna Takle and Patrick Wall.

These students are to be commended on the manner in which they approached the challenging situations presented by the weather. Due to severe weather warnings, the camp site was based on the grounds at Laurel Hill, Tumbarumba. A total of 28 km were trekked in the wet and slippery conditions with an emphasis placed on compass readings. On Friday morning the weather cleared to provide excellent conditions and views for the final trek. Based on the outcomes of this AJ, the students seem well prepared for their qualifier journey starting on 23 March. Notes and information will be out this week. The students now have chance to get busy organising themselves for the next AJ and also make a start on their skill, recreation and volunteer sections of the award along with writing up their AJ report due on Monday 11 March. A special thanks to Mrs O’Riain who assisted Mr Mackinlay.

Riverina Swimming

A squad of 18 Billabong students have qualified to compete at the Riverina Swimming Trials next Monday 11 March. The trials will be held at Leeton and it is hoped that the Billabong bus will be able to make the trip and carry the team. More information will be available on Tuesday.

Members of the squad include: Individual event swimmers: Maddison Lieschke, Nessa Liston, Harrison Macreadie, Alyce Parker, Ty Voss. Relay team members- 13 year girls; Greta Mackinlay, Melanie Wright, Ruby McGrath and Alyce Parker. Senior girls; Bree McIntyre, Nakita Singe (swum above age), Carrington Melbourne and India Ross. 15 year boys; Hamish Mackinlay, Hayden Shearer, Brock Steeper and Harrison Macreadie. Girls All Age; Madeline Damschke, Alyce Parker, Nakita Singe, Sarah Bahr-Withers, Emma Parker and Bree McIntyre.
VOLUNTEERING PROGRAM

After School Study Club
Every Tuesday (except during school holidays) from 3.45pm-4.45pm.

Afternoon Tea provided—Cost $2.00 per session

The After School Study Club (ASSC) aims to provide the following:

- To assist and support students in primary and secondary school.
- Provide access to modern technology and resources.
- Provide a quiet and safe place to study away from home distractions.

ASSC proudly supported by the Greater Hume Shire.

Further information contact library staff at the Culcairn Library on 6029 8588.

Culcairn Swimming Club Presentation Night
The Culcairn Swimming Club will hold their Annual Presentation Night on Friday 15 March at 5.00pm at the Culcairn Pool. A barbecue tea will be provided and can all families bring a salad or dessert to share with everyone.

Calendar – March

6-8
Year 12 Geography Excursion to Mt Kosciuszko

7
Year 7 Literacy & Numeracy Testing

11
Riverina Swimming at Leeton

12
Motivational Media

13
Year 7-11 Parent, Teacher, Student Conference in the hall 4.00pm-6.30pm

Canteen Roster – March

5 Jane Yates
6 Rebecca Stanford
11 Sarah Bowler