Parents are asked to complete the survey that is included in the newsletter on the Teaching of Science at the school. The results will help planning and will form part of the Annual School Report.

2. The first Orientation Day for the Year 7 students for 2014 will take place this Thursday. Mrs Baker is our co-ordinator for the year. It will be great to see all the Year 6 students at the school and I am looking forward to meeting them and introducing their 2014 Year Adviser, Mrs Morgan.

3. Students in Year 9 will shortly receive the results of the ESSA tests that they completed for Science at the end of last year. Overall, the results were pleasing, being above the Regional average.

4. The first Community of Schools Meeting was held with our partner Primary Schools last Thursday. The schools will be working on a number of projects during the year that will provide opportunities for the primary and high school students.

5. The Year 12 Geography Field Trip to Mt Kosciuszko last week was a success. Again, very warm conditions but educationally very productive. Thanks, to Mr Iszmail and Mr Taylor for accompanying the students.

6. Students and parents are being asked to complete an evaluation on the one-to-one laptop program. The formal evaluation is being undertaken by the NSW Department of Education and the University of Wollongong. It is an effort to determine how the DER-NSW Program may impact on learning and teaching education across the state. Please go to the links below and complete the survey.

   - Parents:  http://www.surveymonkey.com/sDER-NSW-Pr2013?c=8503

P Carroll
Principal
Billabong Highlights

Bright Future for Tennis at Billabong High
The school Tennis Championships were held this week in near perfect conditions. The majority of matches were played on Tuesday with more than 60 students competing in round robin doubles and knockout singles.

The day was made possible through the great support of Culcairn Tennis Club, who made their courts and facilities available. Tony Nelson helped with organisation and Sue Wright did a great job coordinating the matches with all courts being full for the entire day.

There was a lot of good tennis played and the enthusiasm of our kids was impressive. Some matches were epic: Shantelle Cocking and Lauren Lieschke played a singles match that went for well over two hours. Congratulations to all players and particularly to our champions. In the boys final, Nick Wright won a hard fought contest with Blake Lieschke. At a critical point in the match when Blake was trying to fight back to ‘5 all’, the boys had a rally that went well in excess of 50 shots. The final for the girls was also an endurance game with Lauren Lieschke winning through in the end.

A pleasing aside was the representation of clubs and towns from right across the Billabong High drawing area. With so many promising juniors, the future of tennis at Billabong and in the Hume Association looks bright.

Billabong High Tennis Team
The Billabong High tennis team has been selected and the following students will play in the Zone matches at Albury Tennis Centre on Friday 15th March. The team is:

Girls: Claudia Wright, Lauren Lieschke, Emma Parker, Georgie Pitson and Shantelle Cocking
Boys: Nick Wright, Blake Lieschke, Harrison Macreadie, James Pitson and Pat Wall

Parents and friends welcome to come and watch. Our students will be playing from about 10 am onwards.  

Peter Schneider

Clean Up Australia-By Taylor Manton
On March 7, volunteers at Billabong High School participated in a ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ activity. The volunteers partook in the cleaning of the school grounds during sport on Wednesday afternoon.

Nathaniel Upton and Tanisha Morey-Devlin were both presented with coupons from McDonald’s, for a wrap.

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.
Duke of Edinburgh’s Award
Students involved in the next AJ which takes place in week 9 have been handed their permission notes and mapping exercise. These students also need to hand in their Practice AJ report. Mr Mackinlay will be doing a final equipment order this week so if you need anything please see him asap.

Swimming for PE
This week is the last week of swimming for PE as the pool closes on March 17th. This means that students who have not completed their swimming tests will have to do so by Friday. All PE classes will commence athletics training next week in preparation for the carnival which will be held at Alexandra Park on the first Friday (3rd May) of week one, term 2. So in the mean time, bring your swimming gear to PE lessons this week.

Cross Country Carnival
The Cross Country Carnival will be held on the last Wednesday (10th of April) of this term during sport time. There will be a practice run for Years 7 and 8 during sport in week 10.

Holbrook Triathlon
The Holbrook Lions Club Triathlon will be held this Sunday (17th March). The junior race, which has three age categories, will commence at 9.00 am. The senior race, for those over age of 18 will start at 10.00 am. Juniors are also welcome to take part in the senior race. Competitors can enter team or individual categories. Individual bike riders may also use their bike leg as part of a team during the same race. Mr Mackinlay has both team and individual entry forms and will accept entry fees during the week, or you can go to www.holbrook.nsw.au download a form and pay on line.

Riverina Under 15 Football Trials
Boys interested in nominating themselves for the Riverina Murray ANF trials should leave their name outside the PE staffroom. The trials will be either last week of this term or first week back next term.

AFL Umpire Course
AFL Riverina umpire coordinator Luke Olson will again be conducting a level O umpiring course at Billabong. The sessions will run during period 5 on Mondays, there is no cost. The course is open to students who are members of Mr Duke’s or Mr Mackinlay’s PASS classes. Students who undertake the course will be eligible to umpire at the Paul Kelly Cup, Bernie O’Connor Gala Day, Holbrook and District Public Schools Carnival and various other days during the year. The course is well run and gives the students a greater understanding of the game and the confidence to take up the whistle when required.
Calendar – March

12
Motivational Media

14
SRC Planning Day
Lawn Bowls at Wagga Wagga
Year 7 Transition Day 9.00am-11.30am

15
Zone Tennis Tournament in Albury

18
Year 12 Chemistry Study Day

HENTY ART & PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW
It is that time of the year again for the Henty Art Show. Artworks can be photographs, paintings or drawings. Art exhibits must be presented ready for display.

Please attach title, artist name, address, phone number and either ‘not for sale’ or ‘for sale’ (with a 10% commission). If the work is for sale, please include price. Final entries need to be in to Mr Torocsik by Tuesday 19 March.

Lions Youth of the Year
School Captains Laura Kane and Hayden Davenport competed in the regional finals of the Lions Youth of the Year in Albury at the weekend. Both students had successfully represented the school at the local Lions Youth of the Year Competition progressing to the regional finals.

Laura and Hayden presented very interesting prepared speeches and delivered articulate, thoughtful responses to the impromptu questions.

Congratulations to Laura Kane who was named Regional Lions Youth of the Year and will progress to the District level of the competition to be held in Albury in a fortnight.

Earlier in the year a number of Year 11 students; Jessikah McCarthy, Gemma Wall, India Ross and Jessica Winnett also participated in the initial round of this event at the Lions Club of Henty, Culcairn and Walla Walla. These students acquitted themselves well and built valuable skills. At the Culcairn Club Jessikah McCarthy was named Best Public Speaker for her speech on ‘Volunteering’.

All students are to be congratulated for their participation in the prestigious event.

MATHS PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK

Last week’s winner: Alyce Parker, Year 7.

Perimeter of square = 1+1+1+1+ = 4m

This week’s puzzle: glenelg, tumut and racecar are all Palindromes (the same backwards).

Write an eight digit number that is a Palindromes.

Canteen Roster
March

12 Leaann Trebley
14 Natalie Martin
18 Cindy Wardius