1. Year 9 students had a meeting with Keiron Hedge from the World Challenge Organisation on Thursday. A letter is being sent home to further explain an overseas ‘Outward Bound’ type of activity that is being offered for the end of Year 10. It is hoped that 12-15 students from the Albury Area Public High School Schools will join together to enable this program to run.

2. Congratulations to the SRC for the success of their planning day last Thursday. I look forward to see their leadership skills develop and they will lead the school through a range of worthwhile activities.

3. Harmony Day is on this Friday. I would encourage all students to be involved in the spirit of this important day. Thanks to Mrs Anquetil and staff for their organisation. The school was also successful in gaining a small financial grant to help cover costs associated with the day. The guest speaker is from Amnesty International.

4. Congratulations to the students who represented the school at the Riverina Swimming Carnival last Monday. The following students will represent the Riverina at the CHS Championships at Homebush. Alyce Parker and Ty Voss will swim in individual events and the U13 Girls Relay Team also qualified to go. The Relay Team is Greta Mackinlay, Ruby McGrath, Alyce Parker and Melanie Wright.

5. The first major Year 6 Transition Day took place on Thursday last week. It was great to see all the prospective students and parents at the school. It was also an excellent opportunity for the students to meet their Year 7 Adviser, Mrs Narelle Morgan. There will be further activities held during the year.

6. Mr John Dowling, School Education Director, visited the school last Friday. His first comment was about how wonderful the students were in their full school uniform. A reminder that students are to bring in a note if they are out of uniform. A reminder that black leather shoes are compulsory.

7. The AGM of the P & C will be held next Tuesday 26 March at 7.00pm in the common room. A Canteen Committee Meeting will be held at 6.30pm.
Adventure in Childcare for Volunteers
By Tanisha Morey-Devlin

Last Wednesday during sport, the volunteers set off down to the Early Childhood Centre in Culcairn. All volunteers got to mingle with the youngsters and have a lot of fun. Some volunteers even made new friends along the way. All volunteers had an awesome time and a big thank you to Wendy Knust and Jenny Baldwin for letting us join them for the afternoon.

Lawn Bowls Report

After a bye in the first round of the State CHS Triples Lawn Bowls we won the second round 33-9 after 16 ends against Wagga Wagga High School. Billabong High School won 11 ends with the skipper Rachel Hensel in fine form. She was given very valuable assistance by Cameron Knust and Brodie Hall. The sixth and seventh ends were won by six bowls each time.

Thanks to Lolita for the sandwiches and the Culcairn Bowling Club for the venue.

Canteen Roster - March
19 Leeann Trebley
20 Lynene Merkel
22 Gemma Damschke
25 Dominique Heriot
Calendar – March

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Year 9/10 Elective History & Year 9 English to Site Study at Glenrowan

21
Visual Arts HSC Study Day
Year 11 Rypen Driver Education - Wagga

22
Harmony Day
CSU MyDay at Wagga

25
Japanese Students Visiting BHS

25-27
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze & Silver Qualifer AJ

26
Canteen Committee Meeting 6.30pm
P & C Meeting 7.00pm

Riverina Combined Schools Music Camp 2013

Applications for the Riverina Combined Schools Music Camp have now opened. Please see Ms Taylor for an application form.

Electronic applications are due Friday 5 April.

Earn & Learn

Students unpacking boxes of books received from the Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers last year.

Zone Swim Championships at Leeton—Boys Relay
Harrison Macreadie, Hamish Mackinlay, Hayden Shearer & Brock Steeper
MATHEMATICS COACHING

Highly experienced, recently retired Mathematics Teacher is offering after-school, evening and weekend coaching for Years 7-12.

**Catch up, stay on top, get ahead!**

- Revision, practice and consolidation of basic and advanced concepts and skills.
- Preparing for assessment tasks and exams.

Students need to be motivated and genuine.

Contact: Mr D Clancy 0438 834 685.

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Writing in the Social Sciences

Literacy is a priority for all teachers at Billabong High School. In the Social Science Faculty we are implementing an initiative where students sit common geographical writing tasks. We believe that explicit teaching is essential; we are specific about the purpose, structure and the language used in the writing. Support is provided in the way of teacher modelling, writing scaffolds and class discussions that focus on examples.

Year 9 Geography classes have been writing an explanation about the origins of our continent. Through their writing, students have been able to communicate their understanding of the tectonic plates and Continental Drift Theory. The photos show students completing research in preparing for the task and completing the writing task in class (students received a chocolate frog - a little reward for working so hard all lesson).

The other geographical writing assessment tasks this week were:

- **Year 7**: Recording information on the local built and natural environment
- **Year 8**: Writing a discussion on the impact of globalisation
- **Year 10**: Answering questions as they listened to a guest speaker from Albury City Council on Waste Management.

Some of these tasks have proved challenging to students, but the manner in which they have engaged with the activity and made their best effort have been impressive.

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MATHS PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK

Last week’s winner: Amber Marsh with the palindrome 11022011.

This week’s puzzle: The sum of the first 4 odd numbers is \(1 + 3 + 5 + 7 = 4^2 = 16\).

Therefore the sum of the first 10 odd numbers is \(1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 9 + 11 + 13 + 15 + 17 + 19 = ?\)