On behalf of the school community I would like to wish all our senior students ‘all the best’ for the HSC Exams that start next week. The exam period runs until Wednesday November 5.

The end of last term saw a number of formal events to recognise the achievements of our students. I would like to thank all the parents and family members who attended these special events.

These included:
- The Sports Assembly
- Year 12 Graduation Assembly
- Year 12 Graduation Dinner.

All of these events were very well attended and successful.

Congratulations to the Show Team for their continued success at the Royal Melbourne Show. The team worked extremely hard to prepare their animals and they enjoyed great success with both the sheep and cattle. A special thanks to Mrs Godde for her continued co-ordination of the team.

Congratulations to the students in Years 10-11 who represented the school as models at the Henty Field Days. All the students did a great job and they received numerous positive comments on their efforts. Thanks to Mrs Dengate for the co-ordination of this annual event.

The next P & C Meeting will be held on October 21 at 7.00pm in the common room. A Canteen Committee Meeting will take place at 6.30pm. The P & C would like to thank all the parents who supported them by helping out with catering at the Henty Field Days.
2014 ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW

Billabong High School excelled once again at the Melbourne Show winning major awards in both the sheep and cattle sections.

Seven students from Year 7 presented the schools South Suffolk sheep to the judges. They were fortunate to take out the Champion Ewe and Reserve Champion Ram, as well as best Group of 3 and the Sires Progeny group (ie 3 sheep from the same ram). The students also came second in the Best Maintained School Award for keeping their area clean and organised while interacting positively with the anonymous judges who questioned them. Overall they achieved 4th place out of all schools when judging and parading was finished. A great effort from our newest team members.

The 5 cattle team members were kept busy looking after and preparing 8 steers for competition. Several ribbons were received in parading classes and in the Led Steer Competition. One of our animals eventually won Champion Heavy Weight Steer. When later compared to the Medium and Export Weight animals he was selected as Grand Champion of the show out of 186 animals!!!

All the students had a great time and it was wonderful to see skills improve and confidence develop as they took part in the various competitions. Many positive comments have been made about their behaviour and work ethic at the show by parents and staff from other schools and the community.
Now that the football season has finished the footy boots are pushed aside. This is a campaign being run by Fairfax media in partnership with Coles and Linfox aiming to raise 10,000 pairs of footy boots for Aboriginal children in rural and remote communities across Australia. All the boots will be washed and paired with some socks before being trucked to the communities and given to the kids by the program.

If you have any boots lying around the house or the current ones will be too small for you next year bring them along to the Social Science staffroom and we’ll organise to have them delivered. You may be contributing to the career of a future star.

Do you have a spare bed?
On February 6 2015 AFS will be welcoming over 70 students and volunteers from across the globe to experience the Australian way of life and either attend a local high school or volunteer at a local community organisation.

Can you family host one of the above students? If so, we’d love to hear from you!

For more information on how you can become an AFS Volunteer Host Family please contact the AFS Hosting Team:
Phone: 1800 023 982. Email: aus.hosting@afs.org. Website: www.afs.org.au/host

Congratulations to Jeremy Finlayson, ex BHS student—selected in the AFL draft, Jeremy has the opportunity to realise his dream of playing AFL.

CULCAIRN’S Jeremy Finlayson has been snapped up by Greater Western Sydney.

Finlayson, 18, has spent the past two seasons as part of the Giants Academy and played for the NSW-ACT Rams in the TAC Cup, as well as the UWS Giants in the NEAFL this season.