Billabong Highlights

Term 4 Week 4

Monday 27 October 2014

The school community is mourning the passing of Mr Bill Taylor. Bill began teaching at the school in 1991 and had only officially retired two weeks ago. He leaves a lasting legacy at the school and he had a very significant impact in students and staff alike. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to his family.

The Morgan Country Learning Community will be holding a joint and extended staff meeting tomorrow afternoon. All teachers from Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook and Billabong will be working in groups on the literacy continuum. Mr Dave Crilley from Tumbarumba High School will be our guest speaker.

Mr Campbell and the Year 10 students will be going on the Peer Support Camp this week. These students form a valuable part of our Transition Program for Year 7 students at the start of next year. They will also be involved in the final Year 6 Orientation Day on December 3.

The HSC enters its third week today. Exams on this week include: Chemistry, Drama, Mathematics Extension 1, Legal Studies, English Extension 1, Physics and Society and Culture.

The academic year roll over is only two weeks away. All students need to be organised with books and uniforms. November 10 will see the Senior College fully operational after the transition phase this year. The senior students now have a significantly increased curriculum to choose from.

Congratulations to the Solar Car Team who participated in the Solar Car Challenge against 14 other high schools on Friday in Wodonga. A special thanks to Kotzurs for providing fantastic technical advice and working with our students over a significant period of time. Also, thanks to Mr Torocsik for co-ordinating the team this year. The Solar Car Team is a great opportunity for students and will be available for Year 9 students again in 2015.

Team members were: Adam Binskin, David Damschke, Jed Lieschke, Tyler Rogers and Jaxson Bodycott-Seymour.
Calendar

October/November

29
HSC Exam—Legal Studies

29-31
Peer Support Camp

30
Year 10 Food Technology catering in Wagga

31
HSC Exam—Physics
HSC Exam—Society and Culture

3
HSC Exam—Visual Arts
Junior & Senior Cricket at BHS & Culcairn Oval against Albury High School

4
HSC Exam—Geography

Davidson Shield Cricket
After an early start and long bus trip, Billabong won the toss and batted first with Captain Keegan Jenkins leading the way with a well compiled 41. Other contributions came from Sam Murray 21 and Harrison Macreadie 18. Deniliquin Captain and Riverina under 17 representative Todd Marshall (4 for 18), showed his class as an off spinner and had all Billabong batsmen fighting for survival as he slowed the run rate. Billabong finished all out for 108.

Our bowlers began well and bowled many early maidens to restrict Deniliquin to 43 for their first 15 overs. Keegan Jenkins (4-1-0 for 11), Kieran McCarthy (6-1-2 for 28). Again it was Todd Marshall who came in at the fall of Deniliquin’s second wicket who swung the game completely and belted his way to 47 not out including some towering sixes. In fact Deniliquin’s fourth wicket partnership yielded 71 runs in seven overs to finish the game early and end Billabong’s Davidson Shield campaign. To the Billabong team’s credit they bowled and fielded very well but came up against a team that contained two excellent batsmen.

The team’s next game will be a Rixon Cup clash with Albury High School on Monday November 3 at the Culcairn Sports Ground. The Milliken Cup Team (Year 7 and 8) will play that day at the Billabong Oval.

Year 10 Canoe Trip
Amendment to last week’s Billabong Highlights which stated the Year 10 canoe trip was taking place on December 6, this is incorrect, the trip will take place on Thursday November 6 week five.
You are invited to attend a showcase for the upgraded Hair, Beauty and Massage facilities at TAFE NSW Riverina Institute Albury Campus.

DETAILS...

Date: Wednesday 12 November
Time: 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Venue: TAFE NSW Riverina Institute Albury Campus Poole Street

Light refreshments will be provided

FOR MORE INFORMATION...
Lisa Barker—Call 02 6058 2824
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Free Demonstration Learn How to Make Authentic Italian Meatballs and Vegetarian Style, with tastings
Venue: Henty Library, 30 Sladen Street, Henty
When: Wednesday 5 November 10.00am-12.00pm
Cost: $5.00
Bookings essential Phone 6929 3770

WANTED: BOARD & CARD GAMES
Do you have any Board Games or Card Games that your family no longer uses?
We are starting a lunchtime activities group for students and would appreciate any donations to assist us. Please give to Mrs Morgan at Billabong High School.

Many thanks.
Bill lived to help young people

By BRETT KOHLHAGEN  Oct. 22, 2014, midnight

RESPECTED school football coach Bill Taylor has died aged 64.

Taylor, who coached players of the ilk of John Longmire, Brett Kirk and Leo Barry during his time at the helm of the Riverina and NSW CHS schoolboy sides, passed away on Monday after a long illness.

Originally of Culcairn, he taught at Maroubra Bay, Murray and Albury high schools before finishing his teaching career at Billabong High School.

Taylor was instrumental in the formation of the Armidale City Football Club in the 1970s while attending university in the town.

He later played in two senior premierships with Walla, won the club best and fairest in 1982 and coached the Hoppers’ thirds in 1987.

Taylor also served as president at Culcairn.

Life-long friend Peter Donovan said Taylor had made a huge impression on youth through his teaching and coaching.

“To me his most outstanding quality was his compassion and devotion to his students,” Donovan said.

“He was absolutely devoted to encouraging young people.”

One of Taylor’s proudest moments was when his son, Luke, was rookie listed by Sydney Swans in 2003.

Taylor’s funeral will be at Culcairn on Monday.