1. The visit to James Ruse Selective High School was a very successful one last week. The students and staff had an excellent time and were made to feel very welcome at the school. Hopefully, further exchanges may take place in the future. Thanks to Mr Velikans for organising this opportunity for our students.

2. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Cross Country last week. There were some outstanding individual performances and a strong team will represent the school at the next level.

3. The school Athletics Carnival is on this Wednesday. It is an all school activity and ALL students are expected to attend. Buses will take the students to and from the venue in Albury.

4. The next P & C Meeting will take place on Tuesday at 7.00pm in the common room. A Canteen Committee Meeting will recede this at 6.30pm. All parents are welcome and invited to attend.

5. The colder weather is approaching and all students will need to have the correct winter uniform. Coloured jackets and hoodies are not to be worn. School jumpers and jackets are readily available from the uniform shop.

6. Mr Nathan Honeyman, the Home School Liaison Officer is continuing his weekly visits to the school. He will be interviewing students who are missing a significant number of days and students who have unexplained absences. Parents/carers are asked to send in an explanation of absence on the day a student returns to school after being absent.

7. Good luck to the students in Years 7 and 9 who will be sitting for the NAPLAN Tests this week. All students across Australia sit the tests and the results are an important diagnostic tool for school planning. It is compulsory for all students to sit the exams with only a small fraction of students being eligible for an exemption from the exams.

P Carroll
Principal

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Year 12 Advance English Study Day

On Thursday 8 May the Year 12 Advanced English class travelled to Sydney for a HSC Study Day.

Thursday was spent productively, with a little bit of shopping, dinner, followed by an amazing production of “The Lion King” musical. After a good night’s sleep and a hearty breakfast at Bondi, we headed to our lectures. The first was on Shakespeare’s “Richard III” and was extremely helpful, hearing from John Bell who is renowned for his productions of Shakespeare.

The next lecture was equally as beneficial on the novel “The 50th Gate”, in which we were fortunate enough to hear from the author Mark Baker himself. The final two lectures, on our area of study “Belonging”, were also very interesting as we were provided with some useful advice for tackling the creative writing component of our exam. Overall, the study day was an excellent opportunity and provided not only clarity on some aspects of our studies, but also reassurance that we are on the right track for our HSC Exams.

Thank you to Jessikah McCarthy for organising “The Lion King” for us. A big thank you also to Mr Velikans, for not only organising the trip and driving us up and back, but also for putting up with our talented and totally in pitch singing renditions the entire trip.
**Too sick for school?**

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

**Teenager’s Seeking More Independence**

Knowing how much freedom and responsibility to give your teenager is difficult, especially if they’re your eldest or only child. To become capable adults, teenagers need to learn to make good decisions on their own and have opportunities to show you they can. The Raising Children Network website has a wealth of expert information and guidance for parents of teens and younger children. If your child is testing the boundaries and pushing for more independence, you may find the article ‘Shifting responsibility to your child’ worth reading. Go to www.bit.ly/1jCxKhe

**Study Help For High School**

It’s often quite difficult parents to assist their children with their high school homework and study. Even if we have professional experience in the subject area, children tend to find it difficult to take parental advice when it comes to school. (Don’t feel bad, teachers’ own children do exactly the same thing.) www.khanacademy.org is an excellent, not-for-profit website which may help your child study and revise tricky concepts in science, maths and the humanities.

**Year 12 University Information Days**

Monash University will be in Albury 21 May 6.00pm-8.00pm at Alistair Todd Chapel Hall, The Scots School, Albury.

Course information and accommodation. Melbourne University will be in Albury 22 May, 6.00pm-8.30pm at Albury Entertainment Centre, Swift Street, Albury.

See the Career’s Noticeboard for more information or Mrs Toogood.
2014 Billabong Cross Country Results

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The above students have qualified for the Zone Carnival being held on Friday 30 May. Students who missed the carnival and wish to be considered for the Zone Carnival (30 May) should see Mr Mackinlay.

**Final House Results:** McKay 482, Rosewall 351, Fraser 342, Bradman 295

**Athletics Carnival**
All students must have Athletics Carnival notes in by tomorrow morning at the latest as the carnival is being held on Wednesday this week.

**Girls Football**
The Riverina U/16 Girl's' AFL team will play Billabong **this Friday at 1.30pm** on the school oval.

**Pink Stumps Day**
Thanks to the boys who have offered to umpire at Holbrook Public Schools ‘Pink Stumps Afternoon’ this Friday. Mr Schneider will take the boys over on the Billabong bus.

**Sports notes**
There is currently a lot of sporting activity taking place, students will need to listen to daily notices and ensure that they attend meetings, collect and return permission notes on time.