I would like to congratulate all the students who have been representing the school in a diverse range of activities. I have received positive comments from the other schools about our students and we are proud of the fact that they are fine ambassadors for our school.

The P & C is holding a wood raffle in early June. Tickets are going to be on sale in Culcairn, Henty and Holbrook. Parents and students will be involved in this worthy cause.

This Christmas will see three of our Year 10 students involved in the World Challenge Expedition to Borneo. They are busy with fundraising and other preparations for this exciting adventure.

Students in Year 9 will be meeting with a representation from World Challenge this Thursday to receive information about the proposed expedition for Christmas 2015, when they will be finalising Year 10.

Albury High School, James Fallon High School and Murray High School are also involved and the students come from all four schools.

The transition process for Year 7 2015 is continuing. Mrs Morgan is working with small groups of students from our partner schools on a regular basis.

It will be a busy day on Thursday when we have 120 students from the primary schools here for a major debating day. Thanks to Ms Bowen and Mr Velikans for co-ordinating the day.
Debating Success
This year Billabong High School has two teams participating in the Years 9 and 10 Premier’s Debating Challenge. In this competition students are only given one hour preparation time and each debater is required to speak for eight minutes.

On Monday 19 May both teams debated at our school against James Fallon High School. The first team completed Round one and included Layne Parker, Taylor Manton, Hayley Wilkinson and Phoebe Crilly. They were assigned the affirmative team and the topic was ‘That we should require Years 9 and 10 students to do one day a fortnight of work experience’. A strong team line and arguments led to a convincing win for our team.

The second team completed Round two and included Madeline Winnett, Samantha Wilkinson, Sarah Bahr-Withers and Victoria Leov. They were also the affirmative team with the topic being ‘That we should ban sport for people under 18’. This debate was well-argued and led to another strong victory. Congratulations to all students involved in these debates and all the best for the next round of the competition.

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal
The following students collected money over the weekend for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal; Jamie Larsen, Lauren Lieschke, George Leov, Mary Leov and Victoria Leov.

Mr Rod Parson’s from Albury Salvation Army expressed his thanks to these students and to Billabong High School for the support given to the appeal each year. It is certainly a worthy cause and a wonderful reflection on our students that they continue to give up their time to help others.

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.

Developing Resilience

We often hear complaints of "That's not fair!" from our kids when things don't go their way. Teachers talk about how you can help your child develop the skills to bounce back from everyday disappointments. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/developing-resilience-in-your-child

When Older Kids Struggle With Reading

If your child is struggling with reading, it's important to act on it immediately. Find out what you can do to help. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/when-older-kids-struggle-with-reading

Calendar May

27
Year 12 Future Moves Workshop

28
Xavier Tanner & Ross Henshaw Shield Football
Years 9 & 10 Round 2 Premier’s Debating Challenge

29
Senior Girls’ Football at Jelbart Park

30
Zone Cross Country Carnival
Year 11 & 12 Debating at Wagga High
CHS Golf Wagga

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MALEFICENT

The evil fairy Maleficent visited Sleeping Beauty when she was born and cursed her to prick her finger on a spindle and fall into a deep sleep on her sixteenth birthday. This is the story about what happened that changed Maleficent from a good fairy to an evil fairy and how she lost her wings.

6:30pm Friday May 30th 2014
Tickets are $20 each.
Lucky door prize
Tickets can be purchased at:
Fifield’s Family Pharmacy Dean St Albury
Bean Here Walla Walla
Culcairn Pharmacy

Bring your mother, daughter, sister, auntie and girlfriends and have a fun night out at the movies while also raising money for Camp Quality.