PRINCIPAL

The HSC Exams enter their third week today. The exams this week include: Modern History, Physics, Business Studies and Industrial Technology.

Good luck to our students who are involved in a wide range of activities this week.
♦ Girls' Cricket
♦ Peer Support Camp (3 days) Year 10 students
♦ Solar Car Race Day on Friday.

Congratulations to the students who were involved in the Public Speaking Finals at the school last week. The overall winners were George Leov (Sub Juniors) and Emily Jones (Juniors). The judge, Ms Bowen, was impressed with the high quality of all the speeches that were presented.

The school received the preliminary budget for 2015 last week. It is very pleasing to be able to announce that the school has received a significant increase in Equity funds for 2016. This will enable us to run an increased range of programs to support our students.

The Dramatic Minds Festival was held in Albury last week. The Stage 5 Drama students did a great job in writing and presenting their piece on mental illness. Thanks to Ms Baldwin for organising this activity. I have included an email that I received that also highlights the outstanding job that the students did.

Email-received Friday 23/10/15

Congratulations to the Billabong students who performed at the Dramatic Minds Festival last night. Their performance was outstanding-original, entertaining and creative, but also showing great insight into issues of mental illness.

The whole school should be very proud of these students and their teacher, Libby Baldwin, for the very high standard at which they performed.

The students not only held their own with James Fallon, Albury High and Trinity-they excelled!

Again, congratulations.

Brenda Jones, Henty.

The Morgan Country Community of Schools is hosting a combined Staff Meeting this afternoon. Staff from Culcairn Public School, Henty Public School, Holbrook Public School and Billabong High School will be involved. Our guest speaker is Joe
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Williams and he will be speaking about his issues with mental health and how he has worked to overcome these. Joe is a former NRL Player and current boxing champion.

The new academic year commences in two weeks time. Our Year 11 students will return to school after their exams and will be commencing the second half of their HSC studies. Year 10 will join them as seniors and all other students will move into the next academic year. All students need to be organised with their books and equipment.

**Duke of Edinburgh’s Report**

Congratulations to the six Silver Level students (James Pitson, Mackenzie Riddle, Teneale Keene, Alex Nelson, Nathan Wenke and Ellen Liston) who completed their ‘Qualifier Adventurous Journey’.

Twelve students also completed their ‘Bronze Qualifier Adventurous Journey’ (Madeline Damschke, Emily Landman, Nessa Liston, Sophia Kohlhagen, Greta Mackinlay, Braeden Pantling, Faith Pyers, Hayden Walker, Melanie Wright, Ty Voss, Alyce Parker and Olivia Hall).

Once all paper work has been signed of and collected, the awards can be processed and these students will be able to start thinking about the next level they may wish to attempt. The step up to Gold Level requires a large commitment and a high level of organisational ability. It is hoped that some of the Silver students will take this very worthwhile step. For the Bronze Level students the step to Silver is a fairly straightforward transition.

All students should be proud of their efforts in organising their adventurous journeys, undertaking a new skill, pursuing a recreational or sporting commitment and involving themselves in community volunteering work.

**Davidson Shield Cricket**

Billabong’s Senior Cricket Team will play Wagga High School in the next round of the Davidson Shield State Knockout. The match will be played on Wednesday of week five at the Billabong Oval, team to be finalised this week.

**Year 10 Social Night and Canoe Trip**

Week five is a busy one for Year 10 students with the Social Dance on Tuesday evening and the canoe trip on the Friday. All notes should be handed in and payments finalised this week. Many parents have already signalled their intention to attend the Tuesday evening event for a catch up over the supper.
U15 Girls Netball
Last Wednesday, the Billabong under 15’s Netball Team travelled to Wagga. The team consisted of Lucy Way, Georgia Way, Ebonie Takle, Faith Doyle, Freya Mackinlay, Brianna Lieschke, Amelia Edwards, Casey Scott and Nessa Liston. We played a total of five teams winning three. We started the day with a brisk game against RAP which we lost 6-11. Each game was followed by a 20 minute break. We then played Temora and won 21-6. That game was followed by Deniliquin whom we beat 10-9. By then the rain had started to drizzle and we played Wade with rain pelting our faces, the end result was 6-20. Our last game was pretty relaxed against Mount Austin which we successfully won 21-6. Despite the weather it was a pleasant day which was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Mrs Ferguson who coached us and Mrs Terlich who was our official umpire.
Henty Swim Club 2015-2016
Starts Back Soon!

Swim Club will officially start back for training on Monday November 23. Quality training by a qualified coach in personally categorised classes, opportunities to challenge yourself, improve your swim times and to enjoy BBQs, social gatherings and much more! We will have swimwear available for purchase at registration, as well as flippers and goggles.

Henty Cricket Club Fundraiser in Conjunction with The Henty Rotary Skate Park

Looking for helpers to lay the turf around the Henty Skate Park. This will begin on Friday night at 5.30pm and will continue on Sunday at 9.00am. Any amount of time given will be greatly appreciated. This is the final step for our Skate Park, so lets all pull together and get it finished. BBQ provided. For more information please contact Geoff Roulston 0427 293 130 or Adrian O’Brien 0427 351 773.

Whooping Cough Alert

Dear Principal,

There has been a large increase in whooping cough notifications in NSW during 2014 and 2015. A large part of this increase has been among school-aged children.

NSW Health would like to provide information about whooping cough to parents and carers of children attending NSW schools.

I am writing to request that you include the attached text in your next school newsletter or other appropriate communication tool to encourage early diagnosis and treatment of those with the infection, and to help reduce the spread of infection in the community.

This information is also available on the NSW Health website:


Please notify your local public health unit on 1300 066 055 if you are aware of new cases of whooping cough in your school. This is a requirement of the NSW Public Health Act 2010.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Vicky Sheppeard
Director Communicable Disease Branch