1. I would like to welcome everyone back to school for the 2015 school year. In particular, to the 80 new Year 7 students and to all the new students who have started in Years 8-11. I would also like to welcome new families to our school. It is pleasing to see that our overall number of students in the school has increased this year.

2. The staffing at the school is very stable between 2014/2015. The one change will be the appointment this term of a new Head Teacher English to replace Mr Paul Velikans who has been appointed as Deputy Principal at Finley High School. Miss Baldwin is working in the English Department as his replacement. Mrs Phillips is currently the relieving Head Teacher.

3. The trial Twilight Swimming Carnival will be held this Thursday evening. Students will have a full day of lessons on Thursday, then attend the carnival. **There will be no lessons on Friday as a result.** It is hoped that a large number of parents will be able to attend the carnival. The P & C will be providing a BBQ on the evening. It is expected that **ALL** students will attend this whole school event. Information sheets concerning attendance, catering and bus travel have been sent home to all students.

4. I would like to remind parents/carers that the following support is available at the school.

**Year Advisers:**
- Year 7 - Mr Pilikas
- Year 8 - Mrs Morgan
- Year 9 - Mr Duke
- Year 10 - Mr Mackinlay
- Year 11 - Mrs Torocsik
- Year 12 - Mr Lawson

**Learning & Support Teacher:** Mrs Morgan

**School Counsellor:** Mr McMullen (available Tuesdays and Thursdays)

**Deputy Principal:** Ms Bowen.

Please contact any of these staff members if you have any questions concerning your child’s education.

5. The first P & C Meeting for the year will be held next Tuesday (10/02/15) at 7.00pm in the common room. All interested parents are invited to attend. A Canteen Committee Meeting will take place at 6.30pm.

6. Special Religious Education (SRE) will continue for Years 7-8 again this year. Mr David Reekes will continue to take the lessons. Students will have a lesson once a cycle (fortnight). If you don’t wish your son/daughter to attend please send a note into the school.

7. Just a reminder that the school doesn’t have any private insurance to cover any accidents, injuries that may occur during the year. It is an individual family decision on whether or not they have this insurance. The school does have full ambulance cover that covers NSW and Victoria.
Deputy Principal’s Report
Welcome back to what I am sure will be another great year at Billabong High School. Our calendar is already filling fast with the first significant event being the school swimming carnival. I would encourage parents/grandparents and family to attend the carnival in what will be the first twilight carnival held by our school.

School Plan
During our School Development Day staff worked on the 2015-2017 School Plan. This plan will determine the direction and goals for our school over the next several years. The process has been collaborative with all members of the school community invited to have an input. Our deadline for its completion is by the end of Term 1.

Uniform
The students looked terrific last week in their school uniform. Please ensure that if your child is unable to wear their uniform on any given day that they bring a note to school and collect a uniform pass before school from the Head Teacher responsible for their year group. The sports uniform should only be worn on Wednesdays. Students are required to change out of their school uniform and into their sport uniform for PE lessons.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding uniform or any other school matters.

Ms Julie Bowen
Deputy Principal

‘Billabong Students Taken to Court’ Written By Jamie Larsen, Tristen Beaumont-Gillett & Samantha Wilkinson
On Monday 15 December 2014 Senior Legal Studies class travelled to the Albury Courthouse. It was an educational experience, as it gave students the opportunity to observe the legal processes and roles in both civil and criminal matters. We first visited the local court where we saw a man being sentenced and it demonstrated to us how the law is fairly accessed as the defendant had a translator to create an equal trial. Later on we sat in the District Court where the defendant was cross examined by the plaintiff; who was representing himself. This gave us the ability to make a judgement on the advantages and disadvantages of not having professional legal representation. Overall, it was a great day that reinforced the learning of the importance of the legal system, that we’d achieved in class.

MEDICAL ALERT
We have a student who is not able to be immunised for Varicella (Chicken Pox/Shingles) due to another medical condition. If he were to develop Chicken Pox he would become very unwell and require hospitalisation. For this reason, if you suspect your child has Chicken Pox or hear of an outbreak in one of our communities, please advise the school immediately.
Billabong Highlights

Cricket
This Wednesday Billabong will host Xavier High School in round three of the Rixon (senior) and Milliken (junior) Cup Cricket. Games will start at 10.00 am with the Milliken Cup being played at Billabong while the Rixon Cup will take place at the Culcairn Sports Ground. Any interested spectators are more than welcome to attend.

Swimming Carnival
With this Thursday Twilight Swimming Carnival rapidly approaching it is vitally important that all notes are returned as soon as possible so that meat orders and bus bookings can be finalised. A BBQ will be running on the evening which will enable students and parents to purchase their tea for the night. Funds from the BBQ will go toward the P and C. Any parents and carers who are able to spend some time on the BBQ will be welcomed. A parent relay team to take on the might of the teachers and sports captains is also on the agenda. The Iron Man events will be run during sport time week three. Interested students will be able to register at the carnival.

Duke of Edinburgh’s Award
Thirty Year 9 students have expressed an interest in undertaking their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh’s Award in 2015. Mr Mackinlay will meet with these students next week along with the students intending to commence their Silver Award. An information evening for students, parents and carers is planned for Monday 23 February at 7.30 pm. More information will be forth coming over the next two weeks.

Student Representative Council (SRC) Planning Day
The SRC Planning Day was held late last term at the Henty Library Centre. It was a productive day with a range of activities. We were fortunate to have Laura Kane give an engaging presentation on the leadership qualities and skills that were part of her journey on the Kokoda Track. Laura was School Captain in 2013 and is currently working at Commins Hendriks Solicitors at Henty. Thank you to Laura, Commins Hendriks Solicitors and the Henty Library Centre for your support.

SRC Representatives 2015
Year 7—Elections to be held Term 1 2015
Year 8—Rebecca Brennan, Michael Driscoll, George Leov, Mackensie Melbourne.
Year 9—Olivia Hall, Alyce Parker, Ty Voss, Hayden Walker.
Year 10—Phoebe Crilly (District Representative), Ellen Liston, James Pitson, Alexandra Schulz, Nakita Singe (District Representative), Damian Wardius.
Year 11—Lucy Godde, Mitch Lauritzen, Victoria Leov, Harrison Macreadie, Daniel Willis, Madeline Winnett.
Year 12—Laura Fenton, Myall Hoffmann, Jessica Kane, Joel Merkel, Samuel Murray, Matthew Neagle, Emma Parker, Joshua Singe, Patrick Wall, Shannon Wishart.

Calendar February

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CANTEEN—WEEKLY SPECIALS MENU TERM 1 2015

Monday
- Ham, tomato, pineapple & cheese focaccia $5.50
- Chicken crackles 5 for $2.00
- Potato wedges $3.00
- Chicken & salad roll $5.00

Tuesday
- Sweet chilli chicken tender salad wrap $5.00
- Steamed dim sims 3 for $2.00
- Crispy chicken strips 4 for $2.00
- Ham salad roll $5.00

Wednesday
- Beef Burger with lettuce, tomato, beetroot, pineapple & cheese $5.50
- Chicken nuggets 4 for $2.00
- Ham & salad sandwich $4.50
- Chicken wings $1.00 each

Thursday
- Chicken BLT salad roll—chicken, bacon, lettuce, tomato, avocado & Caesar dressing $5.50
- Potato wedges $3.00
- Sweet chilli chicken tenders $1.00 each
- Ham & salad sandwich $4.50

Friday
- Chicken burger with lettuce & mayo $4.00
- Chicken crackles 5 for $2.00
- Steamed dim sims 3 for $2.00
- Chicken & salad sandwich $4.50

Available Daily
- Cheese roll $1.00
- Finger bun $1.00
- Cheese & bacon bun $1.00
- Muffin $2.00
- Meat pie $3.00
- Sausage roll $2.50
- Pizza $2.00

Summer Salads
- Sweet chilli chicken tenders & salad $5.00
- Roast chicken & Salad $5.00
- Ham & salad $5.00
- Crispy chicken strips & salad $5.00
- Chicken garlic balls & salad $5.00

A big range of Sandwiches, Rolls, Wraps and Focaccias are available daily

Please order your lunch to avoid disappointment.

Canteen Manager : Lolita Landman

UNIFORM SHOP

For the next month Mrs Kris Bowen will manage the uniform shop.

Opening Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.00am—12.00pm

New stock has been ordered, we expect it within the week. Thanks, Sandi Roche