1. Congratulations to the following students:

⇒ Jessica Kane Lions Youth of the Year winner at the Henty Lions Club. Emma Parker did really well at Walla Walla and narrowly missed progressing to the next round.

⇒ Tahj Woods and Alyce Parker who are the Zone Swimming Champions in their respective divisions.

⇒ Faith Smith who has been accepted into the Riverina Dance Camp from the 2-4 March.

⇒ All the members of the Show Team who did a great job at the Canberra Royal Show.

⇒ The students who are members of the school Dance Troupe and are preparing for the auditions for the Riverina Dance Festival that will be held in June.

2. I would like to thank everyone who attended the Captains Induction Assembly on Friday. We are fortunate to have such a capable group of School Captains, SRC members and House Sporting Captains. Our guest speaker, Stephanie Muller gave an excellent speech on her leadership experiences at the school and how this has helped her after leaving school.

3. The school launched their Facebook Page last week. Everyone is invited to follow us and see regular posts about events and activities at the school.

4. There will be a Mental Health Forum held at the school this Thursday. A range of guest speakers have been organised and the day will provide valuable advice for our students. Speakers include: Beyond Blue, Headspace and a Member of the Legislative Council, Mr Charlie Lynn.
Deputy Principal’s Report

Last week the Billabong High School Facebook page was activated. We have since had over 200 likes, which is a great response. The page will be used to showcase the events that are happening within our school and provide another form of communication for our school community. We ask that all followers of the page respect the guidelines provided and make only appropriate comments. I look forward to any feedback regarding our Facebook page. Please note the page is called Billabong High School.

Lions Youth Of The Year

The Lions Clubs of Henty and Walla hosted their annual Lions Youth of the Year Quest last week. Billabong High School was represented at both events.

School Captain, Emma Parker was a candidate at the Walla Walla Lions Club where she acquitted herself well. Jessica Kane attended the Henty Lions Club event where she was named Lions Youth of the Year and Best Public Speaker. Jessica will now progress to the Regional Finals to be held in Albury later in March.

Both students are to be congratulated on their achievements. They are excellent representatives of Billabong High School.
The Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student well-being, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me Survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between March 9 and April 2. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey was sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday March 6. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

‘Clean Up Australia Day’
By Emily Bouma

On Wednesday February 25 Billabong’s volunteers worked to help clean up the school for ‘Clean Up Australia Day’. The volunteers were split up into four groups and were sent to clean up different sections of the school; the oval, cola, agricultural area and out the front of the classrooms. They did a great job working together tidying up the grounds and making the school a nicer place to be, collecting over five big bags of rubbish. Good job volunteers!

LETTERS DISCO

Wednesday 11th March, 7pm to 10pm
Come dressed in something beginning with B,H or S and help welcome Year 7!

BHS

$5 for ticket
$5 for bus
Tickets being sold in the foyer at lunchtimes
Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th of March
SRC District Meeting
On Friday 27 February, Phoebe Crilly (President District SRC), Natika Singe (Member District SRC) and some junior school SRC students attended the first District SRC meeting for 2015. It was held in our school library and students travelled from Albury, James Fallon, Murray and Corowa High Schools. Many ideas were exchanged and decisions made. Billabong High SRC is looking forward to an active year ahead.

Cricket
Last week saw Billabong involved in three games of cricket.

On Monday the Milliken Cup Team had a hard fought win over Corowa and advanced into the grand final of the local high school competition. Braden Pantling’s timely half century enabled Billabong to chase down their target of 132 with an over to spare.

The senior boys Rixon Cup team just missed out on a grand final berth following a narrow loss to Corowa. In a hectic finish, Mitch Godde took a hat trick and almost stole the game from a seemingly impossible position.

On Thursday, the Davidson Shield Knockout Team (Years 11 and under) defeated Tumut High School and will advance to the next round against Tumbarumba High. Billabong reached 210 from their 40 overs (Hamish Mackinlay 54, Kieren McCarthy 44 and Harrison Macreadie 43) and bowled out Tumut for 165, Michael Simpson bowled impressively in taking five wickets and was well supported by the pace of Kieren McCarthy.

Duke of Edinburgh’s Award
A meeting of all intending Duke of Edinburgh’s Award students will take place tomorrow during lunch time. These students should have discussed their intentions with their parents and carers and be fully aware of the time and financial commitment required. The first Adventurous Journey will take place between March 25 and 27.

Riverina Swimming
Mrs Terlich has been busy organising the Billabong students who have been chosen to represent the Albury Zone at the Riverina Swimming Trials this Friday at Leeton. It is intended that students will leave early on Friday morning aboard the Billabong bus and may not return until around 5.30pm that afternoon. Final departure time to be arranged.

Canteen Roster March
03 Christine Batty
04 Julie Patten
05 Renae Knobel
06 Sandy Newton
09 Naomi Eddy