Good Luck to the students who will be heading out on the first Duke of Edinburgh Camp this week. Thanks to Mr Mackinlay for his continued coordination of this highly regarded activity.

A number of sporting teams represented the school with distinction last week. In particular congratulations to the boys tennis team who have progressed to the next round after some very impressive wins over the Albury High Schools.

Congratulations to the SRC who are organising a fund raising activity to support the victims of the natural disaster in Vanuatu. This will take place next week.

The school has been updating it’s internet site. A copy of the school timetable is on there, as well as a blank absentee note for parents/carers to use when a student is absent. To find the note just go to the site, our school and then attendances/absences.

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Calendar March

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Year 10 Future Moves Workshop

25-27
Preliminary Exams
Duke of Edinburgh Camp

30 March - 2 April
Senior Excursion to Sydney

31 March
Lions Debating and Public speaking workshop at BHS

Tennis Knockouts

Last Friday our girls and boys teams played in the CHS tennis knockouts at Albury grass courts. The players who took part in this day were:

**Girls:** Georgie Schulz, Emma Parker, Alyce Parker, Nakita Singe, Ellen Liston and Melanie Wright.

**Boys:** Nicholas Wright, Harrison Macreadie, James Pitson, Sam Murray, Chris Papworth and Josh Singe.

Unfortunately some of our players were unavailable through illness/injury.

The girls found the Albury High team too strong and were beaten in a good match.

The boys beat Murray High in the first round, then defeated James Fallon High and won the third round against Albury High. The boys will now play in the Semi-Final at Wagga. If successful, they will play the grand final on the same day.

Thanks to parents for helping with travel and to Sue Wright for coordinating on the day.

Peter Schneider
SPORT REPORT:
Milliken Cup Grand Final
On Friday Billabong hosted Albury High School in the Milliken Cup Grand-Final. Billabong won the toss and elected to bowl first, backing their excellent run chase record this season. Opening bowler, Michael Driscoll bowled very well and was unlucky not to secure a few wickets and finished with the figures of none for 14 from his seven overs. He was well supported by late change bowlers Oscar Willis (5-1- 3 for 19) and Cooper Pumpa (5 -1- 2 for 25).
Most of the early bowlers looked rusty delivering a lot of uncharacteristic wides and no balls as Albury piled on the runs. In fact, a disappointing 35 extras were conceded, which in effect gave Albury High an extra 6 overs to face plus the bonus runs.

To Billabong’s credit, they eventually bowled Albury out in the 34 over for a challenging 157. Billabong began the run chase positively against excellent bowling. Braeden Pantling’s patient 30 and Michael Driscoll’s excellent 54 not out, gave Billabong a chance, but it was not to be. Billabong finished at 6 for 126 off their 35 overs. The boys are to be congratulated on the results they have achieved this season yet a little disappointed in the final result.

Duke of Edinburgh’s Award
A lot of students who have been involved in the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award have had their bronze and silver awards processed over the last few weeks. These certificates and medallions will be presented at assembly after they arrive. 14 Bronze and 9 Silver level students will take part in this week’s Adventurous Journey with some chilly overnight temperatures predicted. Students still needing to purchase equipment from Laural Hill, will have time to collect items on arrival. Bus will leave after roll call on Wednesday and return before 3.30 pm on Friday.

Riverina Murray Football Trials
Many boys have put their names down for the Under 15 Riverina Murray ANF Football Trials which will take place at Urana Road Oval on the Thursday

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Forensics Workshop: 
Hands on experience

Sally, 17, was found murdered in a national park four days after failing to arrive home from school. After evidence was collected and labelled a team of experts, from Billabong High School, were called in to solve the crime!

Students from Years 7 to 12 last Tuesday took the opportunity to participate in a forensics workshop. They studied DNA evidence, drug and alcohol tests, fibre samples, footprints, fingerprints and entomology to determine the killer…..and were successful.

The workshop was a fantastic experience with students being able to apply knowledge they have gained in class and problem solving skills.

Michelle Godde—Science Head Teacher

Whooping Cough Alert

Please read the accompanying NSW Health brochure. There have been reports of Whooping Cough in the community, please seek medical help if concerned.

George Mackinlay

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23rd of April (week one term two). A final decision will be made on who attends next week when permission notes will be issued.

Paul Kelly Cup Umpiring

Mr Mackinlay still needs another six umpires to assist at the Paul Kelly Cup Primary School Football day which takes place next Monday 30th March at the Culcairn Football Oval. Boys who completed the umpire course last year will be given preference.

Umpires Academy 2015

Billabong will again run the AFL Umpires Academy this year and will be open to students in year nine. The academy will run each Monday of term two during REAL and period five. Students taking part are expected to discuss with their teachers how to best catch up on lost class time. Interested students can leave their names outside the PE staff room.