A formal assembly was held today to celebrate Education Week. A very significant number of students were recognised for their achievement during the first half of the year. I would like to congratulate all students who received awards and to thank all the parents and family members who were in attendance.

Students and staff were involved in a wide range of activities last week. These included:

- Under 15 Girls’ AFL Team winning the Giants Cup in Canberra.
- Year 7 Debating winning the junior division at the Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod.
- Strong success at the Riverina Athletics Carnival.
- Year 8 Geography having a successful field trip.
- Year 12 Hospitality class doing a great job at a community catering event.
- Staff attended an array of Professional Learning activities across the week.

Thanks to the P & C for running a successful wood raffle that will provide additional support to the students of the school. It was great to see the great community support for this raffle.

**PRINCIPAL**

**P & C-Donna Parker**

Thank you to all the parent volunteers and student volunteers who sold wood raffle tickets. We would also like to thank the Godde, Liston and Parker families for the donation of the wood.

Our raffle was hugely successful raising $2400.00. This enables us to support activities like the School Captains flying to Sydney and visiting Parliament House and the Governor, supplying sausages for movie nights, supporting students in their sporting endeavours and ongoing support of the canteen. Our winners were Mark Molloy, Graham Seidel and Lolita Landman.

We had a presentation from Ellen Liston and Ally Schulz from the SRC on pursuing dresses for senior and junior girls in Summer. This will be an ongoing investigation.

Mrs Kris Bowen from the Uniform Shop came to discuss her role.

A note will be going home this week asking for volunteers and students over 16 to work in the Luncheon Shed at the Henty Machinery Field Days on September 22, 23 and 24. Please consider this even if it is only one or 2 hours as the P & C and you can also receive a pass to the Field Days.

Phil Carroll
Swan Shield Report
The Under 15 boys football Team has progressed to the next round of the state wide Swan Shield Knockout, following a solid **7-11-53 to 4-3-27 victory** against Murray High School. Playing in slippery conditions, the boys got away to a quick start with **Jaxon Neagle** kicking three goals in an outstanding first quarter effort. Murray slowed Billabong in the second quarter and closed the gap to 15 points at half time. After the break, Billabong broke free and held a 30 point advantage at half time due to the work of on ballers **AJ Bender, Coby Baczynski and Harley Allen**. Defenders **Mitch Thomas, Damian Wardius, Brady Peak and Fletcher Macreadie** repelled many Murray attacks and set up forward moves. **Jaxon Neagle and Braeden Pantling** presented options all match. Goal kickers: **Jaxon Neagle with three and singles to AJ Bender, Michael Driscoll, Coby Baczynski and Braeden Pantling**. The team now play at Blacktown on August 26 as Riverina number four team. Arrangements will be made for this trip over the next week.

Bernie O’Connor Gala Day
Names are being taken from students who are willing to umpire football and netball at the Bernie O’Connor Gala Day which will take place on **Friday August 14**.

Umpires


SRC Junior Netball Competition – Round 1
Round one got underway last Wednesday lunchtime. Although most teams had a few players out due to the girls football in Canberra, we still saw a high level of skill on the courts. There was much encouragement from the coaches (the house captains), with Octavia Taplin leading the way. Thanks to our umpires who did an outstanding job: Paige Plunkett, Abby Austin, Ness Taylor and April Lieschke. Results: McKay 14 – Bradman 10; Fraser 9 – Rosewell 8.

Riverina Athletics Carnival
On Friday August 31, 20 students represented Billabong High School at the Riverina Athletics Carnival for selection in the Riverina Team to compete in the NSW CHS Carnival to be held in Sydney in September at the Olympic Precinct.

The day started well with our first three participants returning successful from their individual events.

Alyce Parker won the 15 year Girls 1500 m (after returning from winning the state title for AFL in
Billabong Highlights

Canberra). Lucy Way won the 12 year Girls Shot Put and Jack Driscoll won the 13 year Boys High Jump.

Other members of the team competed throughout the day recording many placing’s.

Hayden Shearer came third in both the 100m and 200m as well as the Shot Put, possibly paying a price for his versatility. Emma Parker came third in the 17 year Girls 800m and our 15 year Girls Relay was narrowly edged into third in the relay.

Later in the day Lucy Way came second in the 12 year Girls High Jump and finally very late in the day Jake Thomas overcame a slow start to emerge victorious in the 12 year High Jump.

Congratulations to all those students who gained selection in the Riverina Squad and many thanks to the large number of parents who were there to support the team. It was greatly appreciated.

It was a pleasure, as always to take the team to Albury as, in all respects, they were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Under 15 Girls Football Report
On Thursday July 30, the U15 Girls AFL Team competed in the Giant’s Cup Final in Canberra representing the Albury zone. The weather conditions were great for football, sunny with freezing winds. The girls convincingly won their first two games against Mater Dei Catholic College, Wagga and the South Coast combined team. We then progressed through to the Grand Final to play Saint Francis College, Leeton. It was a physical and well contested match that saw Billabong down by 2 points at halftime. After a quality halftime debrief, the girls came out firing and kicked the next two goals to win the match by 7 points. Billabong High School are State Champions! The girls are to be commended on their enthusiasm, sportsmanship and skill, not only on game day, but in the training sessions prior to the Canberra Trip. We would like to thank Mr Duke for coming with us and doing most of the bus driving for Mrs Terlich, and Nathan Klimpsch and Damian Wardius for doing the water/running.

Albury-Wodonga Eisteddfod – Debating Success
Congratulations to the Year 7 students who participated in the Debating section of the Albury-Wodonga Eisteddfod on Thursday July 30. These students included Charlotte Male, April Kennedy, Rosie Yates, Tom Martin, Will Scholz and Elisha Muller. The students won all three rounds where they debated against St Paul’s College, Albury High School and Scots School. Each of the students received a medal for being announced as the winning team. Before participating in the Eisteddfod the team spent time brainstorming, discussing and researching each topic. On the day of the competition the adjudicators were impressed with the Billabong team for their strong team lines, convincing arguments and persuasive rebuttals. This was an excellent effort and the students are to be commended for the success they achieved.

Three new additions to the school farm

Year 7 Debaters
Calendar

Thursday 6/8/15
- HSC IT Major Practical Work due
- HSC IT Major project Folio Section 2 due
- Riverina Netball Finals at Culcairn Netball Courts

Friday 7/8/15
- Debating at Batlow Technology School
- HSC Extension English 2-Submission of Major Project-draft
- Top 5 Luncheon

Monday 10/8/15
- Year 12 attending University Roadshow

Monday 10/8/15 & Tuesday 11/8/15
- HSC Dance Practical Exam at James Fallon High School, Albury

Year 8 Geography go to Morgan’s Lookout
Last Wednesday the 29th all of Year 8 went to Morgan’s Lookout for some geography fieldwork. While we were there we went to the top of the lookout, down to the scar tree, to the crevice and the stable. We completed a number of skills including sketching, compass work and measurement. It was a great opportunity to complete some fieldwork with friends.
Harry Bahr and Taylor Clark

Careers Notices
Year 12 students are reminded that now is the time to be thinking about University Courses/Open Days and Early Entry Programs.

There are lots of posters advertising upcoming Open Days in the Senior Area.

Early Entry Programs open for some universities from August 8 till September. See Mrs Parker or Mrs Toogood on her return to school on August 5.

Year 10-12 students wishing to hear a talk from Matt Duffy of Hutcheon & Pearce are reminded to put their names down at the Careers Room.

Hutcheon & Pearce will be recruiting 12 Agricultural Mechanical Apprenticeships and two Spare Parts Interpreter Traineeships in 2016. This is an excellent opportunity for local trade employment for students in the Riverina.

Canteen Roster

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Year 8 Geography Excursion to Morgan’s Lookout