Congratulations to the following students who have been elected School Captains for 2016:

Captains: Nicholas Wright and April Lieschke
Vice Captains: Andrew Yates and Georgie Schulz

I would like to thank all the students who nominated for the positions. It was a privilege to interview you and to listen to your presentations to the school assembly.

This is the last week of lessons for our seniors prior to the holidays and then the HSC Examinations that commence on Monday October 12. On behalf of the school community I would like to wish the Year 12 students all the best for the future and thank them for their wonderful contribution to the school over the last six years. I hope that they enjoy their Graduation Dinner on Wednesday night and their farewell assembly on Friday.

Good luck to the Boys U15 AFL Team who contest the State Semi Final of the Swan Shield against Leichhardt Secondary College in Albury tomorrow. The winner of this game will progress to the final on Wednesday.

Parents are invited to participate in a survey about the school. The Tell Them From Me Survey will provide valuable information for future planning at the school. It is an online survey that will close at the end of week two next term.

The log in details are as follows:

1. Go to this URL: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com
2. Your School’s Parent Username: parent17763

The school held an evacuation drill last week and the students did a really good job of following guidelines that have been established. Of concern, was the fact that a couple of students were identified as being absent because they had been picked up during the day by their parents but the front office had not been informed. This would be a significant issue for emergency services if the evacuation had not been a drill.

I would like to congratulate all the students who will be receiving awards at the Annual Sports Assembly this afternoon. It has been another successful year of sport at the school with many students achieving at a high level. Thanks to the PE staff for their organisation of the event.

The Science Fair was held last week and highlighted a lot of great work by students in Years 7-10. It was pleasing to see all the parents who came to look at the work. A big thanks to the Science staff for all their hard work in organising this event.

Good luck to our students who are modelling at the Henty Field Days next week. They have been busily preparing and ii is an excellent opportunity for them to be involved in a significant community event. Thanks to Mrs Dengate for coordinating this activity again.

P Carroll, Principal
I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. May your team do well in the finals. A reminder that school resumes for students and staff on Tuesday October 6. I also hope the staff and students travelling to Japan have a memorable trip.

Science Fair at BHS
Students in Years 7 to 10 have presented some amazing projects for the bi-annual Science Fair held at the school.

For the first time Year 7 and 8 students had to produce a model that illustrated a scientific principle. The effort and imagination shown by students was incredible and impressed the many parents who took the opportunity to visit the fair on Tuesday night.

The students in Years 9 and 10 had to design, carry out and present an investigation of their own choice. A broad range of interesting topics were covered and it is evident that students are beginning to apply the scientific method model that allows fair tests to be carried out.

The overall winners were:
- **Year 7** Harrison Seidel (bone model)
- **Year 8** Casey Scott (wind turbine)
- **Year 9** Alyce Parker (plant growth experiment)
- **Year 10** Nathan Klimpsch (fat content of different minces).

People’s Choice awards went to Daniel Hawkins, Casey Scott, Emily Landman and Emily Jones.

RU OK day
Thank you to all staff and students who participated in RU OK Day last Thursday. Students wore yellow armbands and posted comments on a wall about things they could say to check on their friends. Caysel Aanae was lucky enough to have her comment picked at random by Ms Bowen. Caysel will receive a $30 gift voucher from Rebel Sports. Congratulations. Students also enjoyed beautiful pumpkin, and chicken soups cooked by Lolita. Thank you Lolita – the students all commented how much they enjoyed your soup. Hope you have a great holiday.
Billabong Highlights

Write Around the Murray
On Thursday September 10 eight students; Emily Bouma, Holly Johnson, Jacob Wilson, Harry Southwell, Faith Pyers Claire Holt, Amber Marsh-McLean and Georgie Nicholls participated in writing workshops held as part of the Write Around the Murray Festival. The keynote speaker was Australian author, Isobelle Carmody, who spoke about her experiences of creative writing and shared some ideas about the writing process. We later attended writing workshops with Isobelle Carmody and Richard Harland helping students to improve their writing skills. The day was very interesting.

The following day Olivia Joyce, Jessica Kane, Hannah Lieschke, Octavia Taplin, Samantha Wilkinson and Sarah Bahr-Withers travelled to Albury for a master writing class with Isobelle Carmody. The workshop provided detailed information about the importance of the drafting process and the key elements of a successful story. This was an excellent opportunity to refine creative writing skills in preparation for the Higher School Certificate and for those students interested in pursuing a writing career.

P & C News
Thank you to all the parents who came along to the meeting last week. We are still asking for volunteers for the Henty Field Days in the first week of the holidays on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 10am and 4pm. Even if you could only do a few hours would be appreciated.

Fill out the enclosed form and return by TUESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER on phone MARY LISTON 0428 293493.

Work Inspirations Day at Greater Hume Shire Council

Report Greater Hume Shire Work Inspirations Day
On Friday 11 September, 10 students from Year 9 had the opportunity to think about their future and investigate a range of career options – by participating in a Work Inspirations Day hosted by the Greater Hume Shire Council. Students investigated their own personality profile; toured behind the scenes of local council to see what careers exist; interviewed key personnel; and took on a task of brainstorming possible future activities for youth in our community. Thank you to Mr Steve Pinnuck, the General Manager of Greater Hume Shire for organising a very full day, and all his staff that gave up their time to talk and show us around.

2015/2016 Cricket Season is here!!!
Culcairn Cricket Club would like to invite new & existing players for the up and coming 2015/2016 cricket season.

Please contact for more info, regarding start times and training start dates.

Registration for Milo cricket, under 13’s and under 16’s will be held on Thursday 8 October between 5.00 and 6.00pm down at the cricket nets at the sports ground.

We will be getting new club shirts for the under 13’s and 16’s, please contact Lee Roberts for more info – 0409555174.

Milo cricket contact Cameron Woods - 0400425085
U13’s Coach Craig Wilson – 0401892295
Under 16’s Coach – Dylan Pumpa – 0488441154
Seniors contact Lee Roberts - 0409555174
Youth Mental Health Forum
Thank you to the 19 students who volunteered to accompany me to the Youth Mental Health Forum on September 1. They and about 150 other students from across the region converged on “The Cube” in Wodonga to hear various presentations aimed at raising awareness and skill around mental wellbeing.

One notable presentation was given by Joe Williams – ex NRL player and current world boxing champion from Wagga. Joe spoke about his journey with depression and the lessons he has learned along the way.

The final session involved Billabong students planning activities to take back to the school executive designed to promote wellbeing at BHS. The suggestions centred on a ‘Stress-Less’ day, perhaps each term, with activities focussed on balancing the stress in our lives.

Another focus was the RU-OK Day to be celebrated at BHS on Thursday September 10. RU-OK Day is designed to remind us to check on our friends regularly. Activities will include soup at lunch time and post a comment on the RU-OK wall and perhaps win a prize.

As usual, all students showed great maturity, respect and responsibility. Another proud day to be associated with Billabong High School. Regards – Stephen McMullen (School Counsellor).

Guest Speaker—Careers
A big thank you to former Billabong High School student Vanessa Macreadie, who made time in her busy work life to talk to students interested in careers in the aviation industry. Vanessa shared her career journey, gave valuable advice on resumes and interview preparation and explained the numerous and varied careers within the aviation industry.

Earn & Learn is Over
The Earn & Learn Program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school.

So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose stickers you may have. Every little bit helps

Thanks again for all your support.

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