Congratulations to our Year 7 students for participating in an outstanding camp at Lake Hume last week. Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Terlich both reported that the students behaved excellently and participated well.

Thanks to the staff who spent two nights away from their families to make sure the camp went ahead. Some parents may not realise that staff do not get paid overtime for these efforts. They do it to provide students with increased opportunity. Thank you again.

On Saturday I was extremely proud to attend my first Henty Show and to witness our Livestock Team in action. Students showed 15 animals, taking out several prizes including Champion and Reserve Champion Ram and Ewe as well as the South Suffolk Champion Group.

Thanks to Mrs Godde and Mrs Toogood for leading the students in both their extensive preparation and on what was a very hot and dusty day at Henty! I look forward to supporting our students in their continued pursuit of excellence in this field.

As you read this, Years 11 and 12 will have received their Preliminary Mid-Course Reports. It is critical that students and parents read these reports and engage with the feedback. If there are concerns surrounding your child’s report, please speak to the appropriate teacher or year adviser. This is particularly important considering the stage that these students are completing.

I was pleased to read a good number of outstanding student reports, and I congratulate those students – particularly the quite achievers who consistently put in effort and have made improvements. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and those students can be rightly proud.

Mr K Wawszkowicz
Principal
Billabong High School
Zone Swimming Carnival
Fifty five students have been selected to represent Billabong at this Thursday’s Zone Swimming Carnival. Students unable to attend the carnival must contact Mr Mackinlay or Mrs Terlich as soon as possible. Permission notes must be handed to the front office by Wednesday morning.

Iron Man Events
The Iron Man events will be held during sport this Wednesday. There are three age groups and boys and girls race in each one of these. The Sub Junior (12 and 13 years), Junior (14 and 15 years) and Senior girls (16 and 17+ years) races begin with one and half running laps around the outside of the pool lawn, followed by two swimming laps. The winner of all races is the first person out of the pool and to cross a finish line at the edge of the concrete area. The Senior boys (16 and 17+ years) will run two and half times around then swim three laps of the pool. The Senior boys race will be the first event, followed by the senior girls, junior boys and girls and finishing with the sub juniors races. A light or no lunch would be the sensible thing to do prior to these events. Competitors are allowed to wear runners but these need to be removed before entering the water.

Duke of Edinburgh’s Award
Students interested in undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh’s program this year have been placing their names outside the PE staff room. Congratulations to the following students who have completed all sections of their Bronze Level Awards and have been signed off by head office: Alyce Parker, Emily Landman, Madeline Damschke, Nessa Liston, Greta Mackinlay, Sophia Kohlhagen and Hayden Walker. Well done to Mackenzie Riddle who has achieved his Silver Level. These people can now go on-line and register for the next level. Students who undertook the program last year and wish to be signed off, need to complete all paper work ASAP and hand it to Mr Mackinlay.

Calendar
Wednesday 17/02/16
Chemistry Study Day at CSU Wagga

Thursday 18/02/16
Zone Swimming Carnival at Lavington Pool

Friday 19/02/16
Primary Industries Day 2 of Motor Bike Course Wagga
SRC Planning Day

Monday 22/02/16
Zone Tennis Championships
Charles Sturt University Parent Information Evening

Wondering what to expect for the year ahead? Join CSU’s Information Evening for parents and carers for information on:

♦ What information you need to know and where to find it.
♦ Important dates.
♦ How the application process works.
♦ What you can do to support your child.

When: Wednesday February 17 2016
Where: CSU—Learning and Teaching Hub, Building 754, Room 114.

Holbrook Lions Club TRIATHLON

Sunday March 6 2016

Age is age on the day of event.
Register before February 21 receive a $5.00 Early Bird Discount.
Registrations on day incur an additional $10.00 late fee.

Henty Show

The show season began on Saturday with the Livestock Team taking 15 animals to the Henty Show. We were once again very successful - winning the Champion and Reserve Champion Ram and Ewe as well as the South Suffolk Champion Group. The group of one ram and two ewes then went on to take out the Champion Interbreed Group award.

The students did a fantastic job in the short time leading up to the show. Training animals to walk and stand correctly can be challenging, but the team was persistent and the animals cooperated on the day. The sheep were also shampooed to make sure they looked their best.

In two weeks time the team will travel the Canberra to compete in the Royal National Show. We hope to do well against much tougher competition.

Welcome Year 7 Disco

Our first disco for the year is on Wednesday 2 March, 7.00pm to 10.00pm in the school hall. We encourage all students to come along, dress as part of a well-known pair or group and help welcome Year 7. Students are able to catch buses to and from Henty and Holbrook. The time and pick up locations are on the back of tickets, which can be purchased at lunchtimes in the school foyer on February 24, 25 and 26. Please contact a SRC member or co-ordinator, Mrs Mackinlay for more information.

Culcairn Under 14’s Football

Culcairn U14’s Football training will commence on Thursday February 18 at 5.30pm.
Game On

Game On started again last Friday. It is a joint venture between the SRC and Learning Support Team. Year 10, 11 and 12 SRC members played games such as Uno, Trouble and Checkers with younger students. Bradley Merkel came away with a hard fought win from Ty Voss in Connect 4.

Pairs & Groups

Member Disco

Dress up and come along to help welcome Year
Wednesday 2nd March: 7pm - 10pm

Tickets: $5 / Bus: $5
Tickets sold in the foyer at lunchtimes
Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th, Friday 26th February