Mr Wawszkowicz will be absent during Week 5, Ms Bowen will relieve as Principal and Mr Nelson as Deputy Principal.

The School Representative Council met for a Planning Day last Friday, where activities for 2016 were discussed and dates finalised for the 2016 school calendar. The first SRC activity for 2016 will take place next Wednesday night with the Year 7 welcome disco. It is a credit to our school community that functions such as the discos are so well supported. It is imperative that appropriate behaviour is displayed during attendance at any school function, especially during a night time event such as the disco. I encourage all students that are eligible to attend to return the permission note and purchase their ticket to what I am sure will be a great event.

The 2015-2017 School Plan will be the focus of upcoming staff meetings. The School Plan determines the future directions of our school and was completed following extensive collaboration within our school community in 2015. This year for the first time, the Annual School Report (ASR) will reflect the work undertaken within the School Plan. The ASR will be completed by the end of Term 1, 2016. I encourage parents to read through the ASR when it is published.

Our Show Team will compete at the Royal Canberra Show from Thursday of this week. Good luck to those involved. I am sure you will be wonderful representatives of Billabong High School.

I would also like to take the opportunity to wish Mrs Torocsik all the best as she begins her maternity leave at the end of this week; we wish her well for the arrival of the new addition to the Torocsik family.

Ms J Bowen

Calendar

Thursday 25/02/16—Sunday 28/02/16
Canberra Royal Show

Thursday 25/02/16
World Challenge Talk Years 9 & 10

Friday 26/02/16
Future Moves Workshop Year 11
Zone Swimming Results
Billabong students achieved some excellent results at last Thursday's Zone Swimming Carnival. Matilda Preston was the age champion in the 12 year girls, winning the 100m freestyle along with second places in the 50m freestyle and butterfly and third in backstroke. Lara Pardey second in 12 year girls 50m freestyle. Henry Gulliver won the 12 year boys breaststroke, Margaret Jamieson placed first in 50m breaststroke and butterfly and second in backstroke. Other swimmers to achieve top three placing included; Kayleigh Cook (12 years freestyle) and Ewan Mackinlay (13 years breaststroke). Greta Mackinlay third in 16 year girls 50m breaststroke. Five relay teams qualified for the Riverina Swimming Trials to be held March 4 at Leeton.

Iron Man Results
The Iron Man (run and swim) races were held during sport last Wednesday and some very close finishes took place. Results: Sub-junior girls and boys: Georgia Way 2.21:13 and Ewan Mackinlay 2.31:56. Junior girls and boys: Stephanie Cook 2.37:40 and Jonathon Male 2.12:32. Senior girls and boys: Olivia Hall 3.07:81 and Kane Tinnock 3.25:62. Well done to the students who participated and provided some serious competition. Next year, these races will take place during the swimming carnival and will contribute to house points.

Girls State Cricket
Congratulations to Alyce Parker who played for the Riverina Girls Cricket Team at Orange last week. The Riverina girls won three of their six games. Alyce had success batting, bowling and displayed high ability as a wicket keeper in what was a fine all round effort. Well done Alyce.

Student Representative Council (SRC) Planning Day
The SRC planning day was held on Friday in the senior study at school. It was a productive day with lots of events and activities planned. Students also reviewed the constitution and amendments were proposed that reflect changes in our school, such as the introduction of the compressed curriculum in senior years. A delicious lunch was provided by Mrs Landman and canteen volunteers – thank you. Nominations from Year 7s are now open and voting will take place in week eight.

Holbrook Netball Club Registrations & Training
Registrations: All junior and senior registrations need to be submitted ASAP so that teams can be finalised. Forms are located at holbrookfnc.com.au
Senior Trials commence: Thursday March 3 at 6pm.
U16 and U14 training commences: Thursday March 3 at 5.30pm.
U12s and U10s training commences: Thursday March 17 at 6.00pm - for season launch only. Starting time after this will be 4.30pm.
Please contact holbrooknetball@gmail.com for any queries.
Culcairn Debutante Ball 2016
The Culcairn Early Childhood Centre Parent Committee wishes to advise that the 2016 community Debutante Ball will be held in June this year. All interested parties are urged to contact Rosie 0415 034 577.

Year 9/10 Aboriginal Studies
Students in the Aboriginal Studies class have been studying ‘Aboriginal Identity’ and ‘Aboriginal Visual Arts’. In the lesson last Friday, these students were busy producing a piece of art that reflects a central Australian art style.

CSU Chemistry Study Day
Screaming jelly babies, atomic absorption spectroscopy, titrations and elephant oral hygiene were all on the agenda for the Chemistry HSC study day attended by our senior chemistry class last Wednesday. After donning the white labs and mandatory safety glasses the students performed a wide variety of first-hand investigations and they were given the opportunity to discuss chemistry career options with practising scientists.

All activities were very relevant to the HSC course and the day provided a valuable insight into what tertiary studies in Science would be like. It was a great day for both students and the teacher and it was thrilling to see that all glassware (particularly the beakers) survived the experience.

Motorbike Course
On Friday 12 and 19 February, the senior Primary Industries class with Mrs Toogood attended the Wagga Tafe Primary Industries Centre to complete the practical components of 2 units of study: Operate Quad bikes and Operate 2 wheel motor bikes. Several enjoyable hours were spent riding where students learnt many new skills on handling bikes safely and confidently. They also learnt basic maintenance and care of motorbikes.

Canteen Roster
23/02/16  Jane Yates
24/02/16  Sandy Newton
25/02/16  Rita Bowler
26/02/16  Debbie Clancy
29/02/16  Cindy Wardius
SRC Disco – New Bus Route: Jindera, Gerogery and Walla
An additional bus to and from the disco March 2 has been organised to accommodate students from Jindera, Gerogery and Walla. The bus will pick up and drop off students at the following locations and times:

6.00pm - Depart Jindera Post Office
6.15pm - Depart Gerogery store
6.30pm - Depart Walla central park.

10.20pm - Arrive Walla main street.
10.35pm - Arrive Gerogery Store
10.55pm - Arrive Jindera bus zone Urana Road (Opposite Village Green)

The times will be on the back of the disco ticket. The bus will not stop at any other locations. We hope this is well supported. Buses from Holbrook and Henty will run as usual to and from the following locations at these times:

6.10pm - Depart Holbrook Silos
6.15pm - Depart Holbrook Public School
6.15pm - Depart Holbrook Shire Hall

10.30pm – Arrive Holbrook Shire Hall
10.35pm - Arrive Holbrook Public School
10.35pm – Arrive Holbrook Silos

6.30pm – Depart Henty Main Street cafe
10.20pm – Arrive Henty Main Street cafe

Pairs & Groups
Member Disco

Dress up and come along to help welcome Year 7

Wednesday 2nd March: 7pm - 10pm
Tickets: $5 / Bus: $5
Tickets sold in the foyer at lunchtimes Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th, Friday 26th February

Hume Riverina Community Legal Service
Free Legal Advice

Henty—Wednesday’s 02/03/16 (2.00pm-3.00pm), 06/04/16, 04/05/16, 01/06/16—10.30am—12.30pm at the Henty Library Meeting Room, Cnr Sladen Street & Allen Street, Henty.

Holbrook—Wednesday’s 16/03/16, 20/04/16, 18/05/16, 15/06/16—10.00am—12.00pm at Holbrook Library Meeting Room (rear of Library), Library Court, Holbrook.

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