Last week I was in Sydney attending a three day principal conference where we looked at continuous school improvement. It was an excellent opportunity for me to continue assessing our practice and to ensure that Billabong High School maintains the expertise needed to be an outstanding comprehensive high school as compared to any in the state. Professional learning for staff is a key to building our teaching and leadership capacity and this is required at principal level too. At this week’s staff meeting I will present learning points from the conference so that staff and our school community will benefit from this experience.

I would like to thank Ms Bowen for relieving as Principal in my absence, and to Mr Nelson for relieving as Deputy Principal. It is a sign of strength and depth in leadership that executive staff can leave school for professional learning and be completely confident that the school is being managed very well. The standard of teaching and learning occurring in each classroom does not diminish simply because the principal is out of the school.

Congratulations to our Livestock Team for their effort and achievement at the Royal Canberra Show. I personally attended the show and was able to observe the team at this large event. Again I was proud to see the Billabong High School banner flying high, and our students represented the school with great maturity. I would like to thank Ms Goode, Mr Trickett and the several parents who attended the show from Thursday to Sunday to support our students and school. This is a significant commitment, and I know the school community appreciates us having an agricultural presence at events like this. It was a pleasure for me to be a part of it, and I am proud to be the principal of a school community that presents itself in such a manner.

I look forward to seeing as many students as possible participate in this week’s disco on Wednesday night. As always, the disco has been organised with student safety and respectful conduct in mind. Parents, please discuss any concerns or questions with school staff. Many staff members will attend the disco as an extra duty in addition to attending work all day. Please assist us by ensuring that students are picked up on time after the event.

Mr K. Wawszkowicz
Principal
Billabong High School
Federation of Parents & Citizens Association of NSW

Thursday April 7 2016 at South Wagga Public School, 140 Edward Street, Wagga (In the school hall). 6.00pm—9.00pm. Registration from 5.30pm. Light supper and refreshments provided.

Further information please call Debbie 1300 885 982 or Email: projects@pandc.org.au

RSVP: 5.00PM April 5 2016

District SRC

On Friday February 26, District SRC members Alyce Parker and Georgie Nicholls went to Murray High School for their first Albury District SRC Meeting. Members from each school shared their plans for the year and discussed upcoming events, allowing each other to gain new ideas and actions for the future.

Riverina Swim Trials

A team of approximately 15 swimmers will leave early on Friday morning (6.30 am at Billabong) and make the trip to Leeton for the Riverina Swimming Trials. Individuals and relay teams that achieve a top two placing, will represent Riverina at the NSW CHS Swimming Championships to be held on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 April at Homebush Aquatic Centre during the last week of this term.

Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening

A Duke of Edinburgh information evening will take place this Tuesday (tomorrow) at 7.30 pm in Room 14. The evening is designed to provide information for parents and students who are intending to undertake their Bronze level award. Those attending will receive information, paper work and a clearer understanding of the Duke of Edinburgh Award requirements, equipment needs and cost structure. It is a requirement that a parent, carer or family member attends this session. Students who have had older siblings undertake the award need not attend but it may be useful as some changes have occurred. Silver level students do not need to attend, but are most welcome.
Holbrook Lions Club TRIATHLON
Sunday March 6 2016
Age is age on the day of event.

Are you interested in a career in medicine?
Attention—Students in Years 10, 11 & 12, Careers Advisers & Parents
Information Session—Monday 21 March 2016 10.00am—12.00pm at 559 East Street, Albury.
RSVP: Wednesday March 16 2016
Prue Barclay 6042 1311
Email: p.barclay@unsw.edu.au

Feel like parenting isn’t working?
Talk to a professional counsellor for tips to make life easier. Phone 1300 1300 52 or visit www.parentline.org.au

Canteen Roster
01/0316 Lisa Allen
02/0316 Karly Way
03/0316 Renae Knobel
04/0316 Toni Hasler
07/0316 Gemma Damschke

CSU Year 11 Skill Fix Day - Report
On Friday February 26 ten Year 11 students and Mrs Toogood took the opportunity to attend a day of workshops focused on: career development; study and exam preparation; time management; and a campus tour of CSU Thurgoona. These are excellent days for student self-improvement and exploration. Thank you to the Future Moves team for their organisation.

Year 7 Parent Dinner
The Year 7 Parent Dinner that was planned for this year has been cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Earth Hour
To be held Saturday 19 March 2016 at Sumsion Gardens, Belvoir Park, Wodonga at 7.30pm.
Contact Gemma Noordewier: 6051 3226 or email: gnoordewier@humebank.com.au

Air Force Flight Camp
The Australian Air Force is offering an opportunity for young women aged between 16 and 24 to experience flying. 2—5 May 2016. RAAF Base, Sale, Victoria. See Mrs Toogood for more details.
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 and the route taken is shown on the map. 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

WANTED—OUTGROWN SCHOOL UNIFORMS

For School Clothing Pool. Drop into front office. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated.