FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

National T20 Blast Cricket School Cup Final and National Tennis Hot Shots Primary School Championships - Melbourne – What an experience these students had last Tuesday to Thursday, 8 to 10 December, in Melbourne. The cricket was held at the MCG, while the tennis at the Melbourne Tennis Centre. The tennis team finished 11th in Australia, while the cricket team finished 4th in Australia. Ewan Mackinlay won the catching competition at the cricket and can now lay claim as the best primary boy cricket catcher in the Australia! Won’t be long and he will be playing for Australia.

The Cricket Team at the MCG

The students from both teams got the opportunity to meet so many wonderful sporting identities, such as Pat Rafter, Sam Groth, Alicia Molik and Thanasi Kokkinakis. But I think the person the cricket players enjoyed meeting the most would have to be the great Collingwood coach, Nathan Buckley. Why else would all of the cricket boys have all signed up as Collingwood members? I tried, but Andy Watson wouldn’t let me!

Congratulations to all of the students for their wonderful efforts. Well done Miss Lavis, Andy Watson and Paul Emerson for their time, efforts and wonderful support. I need to give a huge thank you to Cricket NSW Development Manager for Riverina, Robbie Mackinlay. He helped organise a lot of the opportunities for the cricket players, including shirts and hats in Melbourne. He is continually a fantastic supporter of our school and does an outstanding job for his role with NSW Cricket.

Such was the level of honour attached to representing our school at a national event; the students received a lot of media exposure. It was all over the radio, television and newspapers, both locally and nationally. The students are all superstars!

An experience we will all never forget!
School Dance – This will be held tonight, Monday 16 December in our school hall, from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. As this is a school event, only students from our school are invited to attend. There is a gold coin donation as a fundraiser for Stewart House. It should be a great night. Please be prompt in dropping off and picking up your child.

Pool Party – This will be held on Tuesday 15 December at the Holbrook Pool, starting at 12.20 pm. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be attending. It’s a great way to finish off the school year. Students are required to wear their sports uniform and that buses will pick up students from the pool.

Billabong High School Presentation Night – This will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 15 December at Billabong High School. I again look forward to representing our school at Billabong High School. It is a great evening, especially as it is an opportunity to help celebrate the achievements of our past students. It also reinforces the strong relationship that already exists between the two schools. I look forward to the evening.

Motor Neurone Disease Ice Bucket Challenge – This will be held on the last day of the school year, this Wednesday 16 December, at school, starting at 2.15 pm. Details are in the newsletter, including ice blocks for sale and students are to come dressed in blue. Mr Preston and I of course will be the star attractions. Bring on the ice. We can’t wait!

Thank You Scripture Teachers – I just want to thank our scripture teachers for all of their efforts throughout the year. They volunteer their time every week to ensure the student’s needs are catered for and our school very much appreciates what they do. Thank you!

School Presentation Night – Congratulations to all the students and staff for their fantastic efforts last Friday evening. I appreciate the many, many positive comments I received about the night. I really do want to congratulate the staff for their time and efforts. A big thank you to all the parent community for their wonderful support, especially the School P&C and School Council.

2016 Leaders – Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in being elected to the following leadership positions for 2016. I’m confident they will do a wonderful job and be a great ambassador for our school.

School Leaders 2016
- The Captain for 2016 is Logan Wright
- The Vice-Captain for 2016 is Liz Holt
- The Prefect for 2016 is Hamilton Black
- The Prefect for 2016 is Fletcher Weaven

House Leaders 2016
- The Paterson House Captains are: Claire Cottrell and Tyron Heritage
- The Paterson House Vice-Captains are: Seth Webb and Aaron Heritage
- The Lawson House Captains are: Bella Harrison and Jaide Hughes
- The Lawson House Vice-Captains are: Abby Holt and Riley King
- The Mackeller House Captains are: Rohan Jepson and Ella Cheshire
- The Mackeller House Vice-Captains are: Jezabella Wheeler and Oscar Southwell

Important Dates for 2016:
- Wednesday 27 January
  Staff return to school (but note, all staff will be at Billabong High School for the entire day)
- Thursday 28 January
  Year 1 to 6 students return to school
- Tuesday 2 February
  Kinder students commence school
- Friday 5 February
  School Swimming Carnival – Lavington 50m Pool

All the Best for Christmas and the New Year – On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Thank you all for your wonderful support throughout the year. I would also like to congratulate our outstanding staff and amazingly talented students!

Jason Weaven
Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 29 January: Liz de Steiger
Monday 1 February: Trudy Jenkyn
NATIONAL HOT SHOTS RED BALL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Fletcher Parker, Tahlia Francis, Oscar Southwell, Amelia Hearn, Archie Gunn and Delaney Emerson travelled to Melbourne to compete in the National Red Ball Championships held at the National Tennis Centre. They had a fabulous time playing tennis, stalking and meeting famous tennis players, such as John Fitzgerald, Pat Rafter, Thanasi Kokkinakis, Sam Groth and Alicia Molik, and seeing the sights of Melbourne. They should all be very proud of the way they conducted themselves and the excellent sportsmanship and perseverance that they showed throughout the few days. Thanks also to Paul Emerson for giving up his time and accompanying us to Melbourne. Well done to the students. It was definitely a fantastic and memorable experience. Chrissy Lavis

END OF YEAR TREAT

At some stage during the last week, the teachers would like to treat the students to a fruit tube. Fruit Tubes contain the following ingredients: Reconstituted fruit juice (Apple, Grape, Pear, Orange, Pineapple, Passionfruit, Mango, Blackcurrant), Colours (102, 110, 150d, 163), Flavours, Thickener (466). If you do not wish your child to consume them, please contact the school by Friday 11 December.

A MESSAGE FROM THE P&C

The P&C would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone for their help this year. We hope you have safe and happy holidays. Merry Christmas from Prue, Jess, Liz and Margot.

MND ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE:

Come dressed in blue for MND and be entertained as we drench Mr Weaven and Mr Preston in ice cold water. For those of you who don’t remember, our only two male staff members were strangely absent when the rest of us were ice bucketed last year, and might we add, during a much cooler clime. So mark Wednesday 16 December at 2.15 pm in your diaries as the day of retribution.

The P&C will be selling:
Zooper Dooper iceblocks.................................50¢
Ice cream cones dipped in blue......................$1

All money raised will go to MND Research in Australia. If you do not wish your child to consume these foods, please notify their classroom teacher by Tuesday 15, December 2015.

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS IN STOCK NOW!

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BEAT THE PRICE RISE

As of 1 January 2016, there will be a price increase on some of our uniform items. We have been fortunate to keep our prices steady for a few years; however, our suppliers have had an increase in production costs which then has a flow on affect. Now’s the time to purchase uniforms and beat the price rise.

YEARS K-2 REQUIREMENTS FOR 2016

Would you please supply the following clearly labelled items for your child’s use.

- 1x Large glue stick per term
- 1x Squeeze pump soap
- 1x A4 lined exercise book (for homework)
- 1x Box of tissues per year
- 1x Document folder (for home readers, notes etc. please avoid plastic folders, as they crack)

Please ensure that your child/ren have these items ready for the commencement of the 2016 school year and continue to have a supply throughout the year.

YEARS 3-6 REQUIREMENTS FOR 2016

Would you please supply the following clearly labelled items for your child’s use.

- 2x A4 lined exercise books (for home learning) (Reasonable quality and not lecture pads. 64 or 96 page is plenty - no bigger)
- 4x Glue sticks (constant supply)
- HB lead pencils (constant supply throughout the year needed)
- Red and blue pens (Year 5 and 6 only - constant supply throughout the year needed)
- Sharpener
- Soft white eraser
- Scissors
- Ruler with cm and mm (not steel or bendy)
- Coloured pencils
- 1x box of tissues (for class use – to be brought in at beginning of year)
- Mathematical set containing protractor and compass (Years 5 and 6 only)
- Library bag – to allow borrowing of books
- Good pocket dictionary
- Small to medium pencil case (no large pencil cases)
- Textas (optional)

• NO NOVELTY STATIONERY ITEMS ALLOWED AT SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY CAUSE DISTRACTIONS
• NO LIQUID PAPER/WHITE OUT ALLOWED
• NO FOLDERS NEEDED

Please ensure that your child/ren have these items as soon as possible and continue to have a supply throughout the year. ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE LABELLED CLEARLY.

When: TONIGHT!
Where: School Hall
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (There will be no supervision before 6.00 pm)
Dress: Smart, casual (Please wear sensible, covered dancing footwear)
Entry Fee: Gold Coin donation will be taken on entry and will be forwarded to Stewart House

Please bring your own water bottle (labelled) and either a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable in a clearly labelled container.

The second hand clothing shop would be most grateful for any donations of pre-loved uniforms in all sizes. Recycled uniforms are always in high demand and looking for a good home.

If you’re a family with a Year 6 student and don’t have younger children or a family with students who are leaving our school at the end of the year to move to another school, please consider donating to our second hand shop.

Thank you
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Billabong High School

Excellence and success in a supportive community

Year 7 Camp...
Get to know each other, learn new skills, and have fun!

Held in early Term 1, the Year 7 Camp is a great opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends amongst the beautiful surrounds of the Great Otway National Park.

At Billabong High School...
We provide a quality education for all students in a very caring environment while offering a broad range of academic, sporting, cultural, community and extra-curricular activities.

Junior Curriculum and Electives on Offer:
- Agriculture
- Business Studies
- Commerce
- Drama
- English
- Food Technology
- Geography
- History
- Industrial Technology
- Information and Communication Technology
- Japanese
- Maths
- Music
- Personal Development
- Health and Physical Education
- Technology
- Science
- Sport
- English
- Music
- Visual Arts

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STUDIO LESSONS

$30

-Brass – Woodwind – Guitar – Piano – Vocal Coaching

*WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS ONLY*
7/145 Allbury St (old convent opposite bakery)
M: 0490 030 564
E: dsa music 101@gmail.com
COMMUNITY NEWS

Kids, escape the pre-Christmas chaos!

Puffy paint Christmas decorations at the Holbrook Library

Tue 21 and Wed 22 December at 2.00 pm for just $2

Call 6036 3262 for more information

A Quick Bite ...

The 12 months of Christmas?

Do you want to give a gift this Christmas that is low cost and keeps giving all year round? Try the 12-month gift of gallivanting.

Need:
12 envelopes
12 different ‘active’ activities that you as a parent will do with your child(ren) each month

Method:
Label the envelopes January to December and decorate. Use your imagination or pick some of these ideas to put in the envelope:

- visit the skate park
- visit the swimming pool or water slide
- visit the adventure park
- go for a picnic and walk
- take a photography trip
- bike ride to the local park
- fly a kite weekend
- visit the park to kick the footy/throw the frisbee
- Have a totem tennis tournament weekend

For more information visit
mhsd.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy

HAVE A CRAFTY CHRISTMAS AT THE LIBRARY MUSEUM

When: 8 Dec 2015 - 17 Dec 2015
Where: LibraryMuseum,
Corner of Kiewa and Swift Streets, Albury
Price: Free

The countdown to Christmas has begun, so get into the swing of things with some crafty fun. Families - drop in after school and make fabulous decorations, cards and so much more! Bookings on 02 6023 8333 or 02 6043 5645
HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C LUNCH ORDER ROSTER – TERM 1 2016

Please arrive at the office by 9 a.m., sign in and obtain key to canteen. Where no bag is provided re-write order on bags found in canteen and add the 10c to bag money (also in canteen).
ORDERS TO THE BAKERY NO LATER THAN 9.45AM

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NOTE: If you are unable to do your day, please arrange a swap with another person on the roster. In an emergency call Georgie Millard 0409325955 or Margot Pitzen 0407658401.
It’s a (Christmas) WRAP!

How will you close up the school year and set the scene to make next year your child’s best year ever?

It’s that time of year again! The school year is almost over. The Christmas holidays are just around the corner.

“Where did the last twelve months go?” That’s the adult viewpoint. Kids think, “What took so long?” Different ages, different perspectives.

Kids generally want to plunge into holidays, leaving schoolwork, timetables and teachers behind. That’s only natural.

But before they get too far into holiday mode, consider how you’ll round out the year, and bring it to a close. If your child is finishing primary or secondary school then there will be a graduation ceremony that signals the end of one phase of their school lives.

The greater importance given to school graduation ceremonies over the last few decades is recognition of the human need to bring closure to one stage of life, and prepare for the next.

Kids of all ages benefit from parental recognition of their achievements and successes as it sets the stage for the coming school year.

Here are a few ideas to help you close off the old year to prepare for the year ahead:

1. Discuss the highlights and the lowlights of the year:
   Ask kids to name their highlights, favourite times or most memorable moments of the year just gone. Use age appropriate language and questions that will open them up, rather than shut them down. At the year’s end I would ask my school-aged kids to rate the year from 1 to 5, and to identify their best memory, their favourite subject and something new that they encountered. These questions worked for me, but each parent needs to find their own approach.

2. Celebrate improvement and success:
   Identify one or two areas where they excelled, improved or overcame some challenges. Broaden the focus away from just academic performance and recognise achievement in social, sport or arts areas. It’s important for kids who struggle academically to understand that you value success in a variety of areas.

3. Show appreciation:
   Consider how they can show appreciation to teachers, coaches or other people who may have assisted them during the year. Not only is it good manners to show gratitude, but some kids need reminding that other people contribute to their achievements.

4. Look forward
   It maybe beneficial to give your kids a chance to vent about some aspect of the year that they didn’t like, found difficult or challenging. Try to limit this type of discussion so that it doesn’t end in a whinge session and point them toward a better future next year.

5. Now relax
   It’s time for them to set the previous school year aside, put their feet up and chill out over the school break. Remember, if the previous year wasn’t one of your child’s best, the five to six week break gives him or her a chance to make a fresh start next year.

So it’s a wrap! The dust has been wiped clean. Enjoy the break and see you next year!