

Billabong Highlights

Term 1 Week 2

Tuesday 31 January 2012



2012

School Captains

Laura Parker
Jake Bourke

Vice Captains

Elise Merkel
Jarrod Lieschke

Uniform Shop

To contact the Uniform Shop for any enquiries, phone **02 6029 8377**.

A reminder that the two year change over in uniform finished at the end of 2011.

Uniform Shop times for Term 1, 2012:
Mondays 9.00 am—12.00 noon
Thursdays 1.30 pm—4.30 pm

Cheers, Sandi.

School Photos

School Photos will take place on Friday 3 February.

Photo envelopes will be handed out during year meetings today.

Family Group envelopes are to be requested from the office.

Remember money in photo envelopes on Friday 3rd February.

Mrs O'Riain— Photo Coordinator

Principal Report

Welcome to 2012

I would like to welcome all students and staff to the 2012 school year. In particular, a special welcome to all the new students and parents who are commencing their association with the school. I look forward to seeing many great achievements during the year.

Year Advisers 2012

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| Year 7 | Mr Mackinlay |
| Year 8 | Mrs Torocsik |
| Year 9 | Mrs Hendriks |
| Year 10 | Mrs O'Riain |
| Year 11 | Mrs Mackinlay |
| Year 12 | Mrs Anquetil |

Please feel free to contact the relevant Year Adviser if you have any questions or concerns about your child's education.

New Staff 2012

Mr McMullen is replacing Mrs Bauer as Counsellor. Ms Fenwick is returning part time in English. Mrs Morgan is teaching English 0.5, with Mrs Hendricks replacing Mrs Murdoch as the Support Teacher Learning.

P & C Meeting (Regular and Special Meeting)

The first meeting for 2012 will take place next Tuesday 7 February at 7.00 pm in the common room. All interested parents are invited to attend.

Please note it is a regular and special meeting. The special meeting will be to elect a Canteen Committee for 2012.

Construction

The school will be a construction site for a significant part of the year. The first stage is under way with the installation of a lift and disabled toilets. This work should be completed by the end of March. The next major works will be the Trade Training Centres in Hospitality and Construction. Work should commence by the end of February on this \$1.5m project.

P Carroll

Book Packs


Years 7 & 8 Book Packs now available to purchase from the School Canteen.

Year 7: \$46.00

Year 8: \$47.00

Years 9 & 10 also available and cost depends on subjects chosen.

Student Diary



A Student Diary will be issued to every student. Students will be required to have their diary in class every day. The discipline of maintaining an up to day diary will be of benefit to you.

Calendar February

Friday 3

- ◆ School Photos
- ◆ Year 12 Drama On-Stage Excursion

Friday 10

- ◆ School Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 15-
Friday 17

- ◆ Year 7 Orientation Camp



Sport Report by George Mackinlay

Milliken Cup Report

At the end of last year (14th December), Billabong played their final Milliken Cup game against Murray High School. The match was played at Xavier in perfect conditions. Billabong won the toss and elected to bat first. Facing a very competitive attack, Billabong fought hard to compile 84 runs from 32 overs. Sam Murray led the way with an attacking 33, he received some support from Hamish Mackinlay (8), Matt Klemke (6) and Keiran McCarthy (6) but realistically the total was always going to be hard to defend.

Billabong's bowlers worked hard and bowled a very tidy line and forced the undefeated Murray team to bat out 25 overs before they passed Billabong's score. Keiran McCarthy and Nick Wright managed to grab a wicket each, while the hard work of Matt Klemke, Joel Merkel, Coby Ross and Jayden Keogh went unrewarded in terms of wickets taken.

Overall it was a very good effort by the Billabong boys who were up against a much older and experienced Murray High School team.

Swimming Carnival

Billabongs swimming carnival will be held on Friday 10th of February at the Culcairn Swimming Pool. **House Captains** will be elected in week one in preparation for this event and we look forward to a high level of participation and leadership from our senior students to ensure a successful day. All parents are welcome to attend.

Duke of Edinburghs Award Camps

Students who are involved with the Duke of Edinburghs Award are off to a very busy start this term with two camps being booked during this time.

Dates are as follows: Camp one -Wednesday 22/2/12 to Friday 24/2/12. Camp 2- Wednesday 28/3/12 to Friday 30/3/12.

Both camps will cater for Bronze and Silver level students.

More information will be forth coming.



Building Projects: New Lift progress

The New lift is underway, the basement slab has been poured. There is a minor disruption to flow of students from ground floor to first floor with partitions near both affected areas. These will remain in place for the duration of the project, expected to be complete by the end of March.

Accident insurance for students

From time to time there are media stories about whether children are insured for injuries they sustain during school-related activities, both at school and at events outside of school, such as excursions, sporting or other events.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities however does not provide, nor has it ever provided, accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools.

Rather, the department is insured so that it can meet the financial impact of any legal liabilities arising from its activities.

For example, if the department or one of its staff is negligent and this causes a student to be injured, then the student will be able to legally recover damages from the department (and the department's insurance will cover the cost). However, if an accident occurs at a school and it is not caused by any wrongdoing or omission by the department, then the department's insurance does not cover the student.

The NSW Treasury Managed Fund provides cover for the department's day-to-day activities. The public liability component covers breaches by the department in its duty of care to students that result in claims for compensation.

Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme

The only cover provided by the state government is through the Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme. The Supplementary Scheme covers all students

should they be permanently injured or die while participating in authorised school sporting or athletic activities such as school lessons, training and competitions. The Supplementary Scheme provides a capital benefit for particular permanent injuries meeting the minimum disability threshold or death. Benefits are paid regardless of pre-existing conditions or negligence. You do not need legal representation in order to make a claim for benefit.

The Supplementary Scheme does not cover dental injuries, reimbursement of medical expenses, legal expenses or costs.

For more information on the benefits paid and how to make a claim please visit the website, www.sportinginjuries.nsw.gov.au or call 4321 5392. In addition, there are various forms of insurance for parents wishing to insure their child against accident. These include:

Student Accident Insurance

A group personal accident and sickness policy is available to government schools through the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Associations of NSW. Parents are unable to insure children individually. Each school (either through the principal or the school's parents and citizens association) is able to participate on a whole-school basis with the cost calculated on a set fee per student.

The policy covers a wide range of injuries and the permanent total loss of the use or functioning of certain

Year 9 Laptops

Parent / Student Information Night

Date: February 7, 2012
Time: 6.00 pm—7.00 pm

Charters to be collected and signed.
Students will not receive their laptops until the charter is signed.

Janet Paech
Technology Support Officer



P & C Meeting

P&C Meeting will follow the Year 9 Laptops Meeting.

Date: February 7, 2012
Time: 7.00 pm

A warm welcome will be extended to all new parents.

All Welcome.

Mark Leov
P & C President

body parts. Importantly, the policy partially covers injuries (such as neck, pelvic and back injuries) that are not covered by the sporting injury benefit scheme mentioned above although the levels of compensation are limited. While the Sporting Injuries Insurance Scheme is limited to injuries that occurred during defined sporting activities, Student Accident Insurance typically covers a broader range of possible injuries. For example, where a student is injured falling down stairs, accident insurance coverage would be relevant, but sporting injuries insurance would not.

Private health insurance

Parents have the option of taking out private health coverage for their children. This is usually limited to the reimbursement of medical expenses and will not generally provide the breadth of cover provided by a specific student accident insurance policy.

This information is also available on the [NSW Public Schools website](#)

| Bell times: | Period |
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| 9.00 am | ROLL CALL |
| 9.10am—10.10am | PERIOD 1 |
| 10.10am—11.10am | PERIOD 2 |
| 11.10am—11.30am | RECESS |
| 11.30am—12.30pm | PERIOD 3 |
| 12.30pm—13.30pm | PERIOD 4 |
| 13.30pm—13.50pm | LUNCH 1 |
| 13.50pm—14.10pm | LUNCH 2 |
| 14.10pm—14.30pm | READING |
| 14.30pm—15.30pm | PERIOD 5 |
| 15.30pm | END OF DAY |

AFTER SCHOOL STUDY CLUB 2012

Time: Each Tuesday from 3.30 pm—5.30 pm

When: Commencing 7 February 2012

Where: Holbrook Library Complex

Afternoon Tea provided—Cost \$2.00 per session

Please contact the Library Complex
on 6036 3262 to register

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SPORT IS ON WEDNESDAY DURING READING AND PERIOD 5.