Celebration of Learning

Our Celebration of Learning will take place tomorrow, Wednesday 10th December at 7:00pm in the Billabong High School hall. The students and staff look forward to seeing parents, extended family and friends join us in celebrating our student’s achievements throughout the year. Students are to wear full school uniform and will need to be at the hall by 6:45pm. All students will sit in their class groups to ensure they can be on stage when required. A reminder: that Billabong High School is a NSW Department of Education and Communities facility and therefore no smoking is permitted in or around buildings and on the school grounds. To assist parents to ensure students have clean uniforms for the evening, students do not need to wear school uniform to school tomorrow. They will however need to ensure they wear enclosed shoes, have covered shoulders and bring their hat.

School Times

Our school times are currently under review and it is highly likely that our school times will be changed to 9:15am – 3:15pm. Recess and lunch times will also vary slightly. Bus companies have been notified to see if pick up times can be changed. If new pick up times are not approved by the Department of Transport then students will be supervised until they are picked up by the bus companies. The P&C supported this recommendation at last week’s meeting. If you have any concerns with the new end of school time, please see Mr Allibon.

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell was very enjoyable last Wednesday evening. Students, teachers and parents enjoyed the evening to celebrate the Year 6 students finishing Primary School. Well done to the Year 5 students for helping to make the night one to remember for Year 6 students. A big thank you to Mr Kent and Ms Mazzocchi for organising and running such a successful evening.

Talent Quest and Class Parties

Our annual talent quest will take place on Thursday 11th December from 2:15pm. Parent and friends are encouraged to come along and see the talent on display. Prior to this students will be involved in class parties.

Gold Reward Excursion

Those students who have attained their Gold Award will receive a note this week inviting them to attend an excursion to the Albury Regent Cinema on Monday 15th December to see ‘Big Hero 6’. The cost of the excursion is $10.00 to cover the bus. The school will pay for the cinema in recognition of the students’ efforts throughout the year.

Student Reports

Student reports are currently being finalised and will be distributed to families on Friday 12th December. Please discuss these with your children, noting areas they are doing well and any areas they need to improve. If you have any concerns or queries, please see your child’s teacher.

Christmas Hampers

Thank you to those families who have already sent in goods for our Christmas Hampers. Any items you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

Yours in Education

Craig Allibon
PRINCIPAL
What’s In Our Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Thursday 11th December
Talent Quest/Class Parties

Friday 12th December
Gold Assembly/BBQ Lunch/Concert
Reports go home to parents

Monday 15th December
Gold Excursion

Wednesday 17th December
Last Day for Students

Tuesday 27th January 2015
All staff return to school

Wednesday 28th January 2015
All students in Years 1 to 6 return to school
Kindergarten Best Start Assessments

Thursday 29th January 2015
Kindergarten Best Start Assessments

Friday 30th January 2015
Kindergarten students commence school

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If you did not receive your note please come to the office.

SRC News

Voting took place yesterday for our 2015 Captains. Mr Allibon will announce our 2015 Captains and Vice Captains at our Celebration of Learning on Wednesday night. Classes will have their class parties this Thursday to celebrate their successful year of learning. We are looking forward to seeing our many talents at Culcairn Public School this Thursday at the Annual Talent Quest. This will be held at 2:15pm, after lunch. Our Gold Assembly will be held this Friday at 12:30pm, followed by a BBQ lunch, thanks to the P&C, and then our concert at 1:30pm. To everyone who earned 500 Hume Awards and is going on the Gold excursion, have fun! We will be drawing out two Good Raffle tickets every day for the rest of term. Good luck everyone!

P&C News

The P&C will have a Meal Deal on Tuesday 16th December (see order in Newsletter). Orders must be returned with the correct money by Friday 12th December. No orders will be taken on the day.

**Ham & Pineapple Pizza & Fruit drink $5.00**

We will be selling tickets outside the Newsagency for our end of year raffle on Thursday 18th December. If you are able to help even if only for a short time, please contact me. All tickets sold and unsold, need to be returned to school no later than Wednesday 17th December. Thank you to Kris Bowen for organising the raffle.

We are having a BBQ lunch on Friday at 1:00pm (before the Christmas Concert). If any parents or grandparents would like to help with cooking/serving the BBQ, your assistance would be appreciated.

Christine Schulz
P&C PRESIDENT
Class K-1

We have a very busy week this week. Please check your Important Dates note for this week’s events. K-1 enjoyed their trip to Kiltearn House yesterday. Gold Award: Jake Hamson. I hope you will be able to join K-1 for the Gold Assembly, P&C BBQ lunch and Christmas Concert this Friday.

Class 1-2

The Intensive Swimming Program finished up yesterday. I know all students had a fun time in the water. To consolidate swimming skills taught during the past two weeks students need exposure to water throughout the holidays. This week is jammed packed full of activities. On Wednesday we have the Christmas Scripture Service and Celebration of Learning. Students don’t need to wear their school uniform as they need a clean uniform for the evening’s events. The Celebration of Learning begins at 7:00pm in the auditorium at Billabong High School. On Thursday there is the class party and Talent Quest. On Friday we will have the Gold Assembly and End of Year Concert. Students need a t-shirt that is mainly white for our item. They can be worn backwards if not plain white. A busy, busy week!!

Class 3-4

This week is another very busy week at school. We have Celebration of Learning on Wednesday evening at Billabong High School – all students are expected to attend. Our class party is on Thursday at 11:30am. Students have chosen something to bring so that we have a mix of foods to share. 3-4 will be performing some humorous Christmas skits on Friday at the Christmas concert. I hope you will be able to join us for the Gold Assembly and the Christmas concert which will be on after the P&C BBQ lunch. Notes about the Gold Excursion will be sent home before the end of the week.

Class 4-5

We have a very busy week for the 2nd last week of 2014, which includes our Christmas Scripture service Wednesday morning, the Celebration of Learning on Wednesday night, our Secret Santa and class party Thursday as well as our Talent Quest. We also have our Gold Assembly and Christmas concert on Friday. Congratulations to all those students who have achieved their Gold Certificate for this year, it is a fantastic achievement. Well done to all those students who presented captain speeches last week, they were of a very high quality and I wish all of you the best of luck. Have a fantastic week and thank you very much for your support of our school and class throughout the year.

Class 6

A huge thank you and well done to Mr Kent and Ms Mazzocchi for the wonderful Year 6 Farewell held last Wednesday night. The students had an amazing time and will remember this night for years to come. Students also had a great time at their full transition day to Billabong High School last week. They are all keen to get there as soon as possible! Yesterday notes were sent home detailing what each child is to bring for our class party this Thursday. Well done to our Gold recipients who will be presented with their certificates on Friday.
IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS THESE HOLIDAYS

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- **hold your child’s hand.** Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult’s hand. Until they at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.
- **talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.
- **point out road safety dangers and differences** in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.

Talk with your child daily about road safety. Remind other adults and carers about this too.


Have a safe holiday break!

**Flyaway Gymnastics School Holiday Programs.**

Looking for something fun to book your children into these January school holidays? Flyaway Gymnastics has some exciting programs on offer these holidays. We have our regular holiday feature which is a two hour structured gymnastics program for children aged 5-12 years. Children learn to balance, roll, flip and twist. We offer a sprung floor, in ground trampoline and foam pit, as well as balance beams and swinging bars. We are also offering trampoline workshops which give children aged 5 - 16 years a great introduction to this sport. Bookings are essential. For more information on prices and times please call (02) 6041 1127.

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**Culcairn Public School P&C Association Meal Deal**

**Tuesday 16th December**

*Ham & Pineapple Pizza & Fruit drink $5.00*

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Please return order and money to school by Friday 12th December
Fortnightly Calendar Updates
Your Friend on the Fridge!

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Week 10

Monday  8th December  Catch Up Day Intensive Swimming Program
       Voting for 2015 School Captains
Tuesday 9th December  Helper’s Morning Tea 11:25am
Wednesday 10th December  Christmas Scripture Service
       Celebration of Learning 7:00pm Billabong High School Hall
Thursday 11th December  Class Parties
       Talent Quest
Friday  12th December  Gold Assembly 12:30pm
       P&C BBQ Lunch 1:00pm
       Christmas Concert 1:30pm

Week 11

Monday 15th December  Gold Excursion
Tuesday 16th December
Wednesday 17th December  Last day for all students
Thursday 18th December  Last day for all staff
Friday  19th December  Holidays

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Week 1

Monday 26th January  Australia Day - Public Holiday
Tuesday 27th January  All staff return to school
Wednesday 28th January  Students in Years 1 – 6 return to school
       Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
Thursday 29th January  Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
Friday  30th January  Kindergarten commence school