

Term 2 Week 5 2025

# Principal's Message:

What an incredible triumph we have had lately with our sporting events. I'm incredibly proud of our students for their outstanding representation of our school at the Athletics Carnival. We achieved impressive results both individually and as a team, and the students demonstrated exceptional respect for their competitors and displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day.

I would also like to congratulate Hilton on his achievement in representing the Riverina team for basketball in the NSWPSSA Championship in week 3. Well done Hilton.

I would like to extend my personal gratitude to everyone who helped make our Trivia Night a success last week. We raised over \$2300 and enjoyed a fantastic evening. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to this wonderful event.

Our Open Days are approaching, and we are thrilled to invite anyone considering our wonderful school to come and visit. More details can be found below.

Finally, with the arrival of cooler weather, we've noticed an increase in illnesses circulating. We completely understand if you need to keep your child at home to recover, and we appreciate your efforts to help prevent the spread within our small school community.

Also, we look forward to welcoming back Ms Twitt in Week 6.

Alisha Zuber Relieving Principal

# **Calendar Events**

Date	Activity	Notes
June		
2&3	Open days	Prospective students
6	WSS PSSA Netball Game	Year 6 girls
9	King's Birthday Holiday	No School
10	Hume Small Schools Writing Day Billabong High School (TBC)	Year K-2 only
July		
1	Schools Roadshow - Albury	Ms Twitt
3	BHS Transition Program 2025	Year 6 students
	Last Day Term 2	K-6 & Staff
TERM 3		
21-22	School Development Days	No Students
23	Students commence Term 3	All K-6
August		
8	Southern Riverina athletics	Year 3-6 who qualify

# **DOJO & Merit Awards:**



**Top Points - Week 4**Ryley & Finn



**Top Points - Week 5**Mollie & Hilton and Lachie



# Merit Awards Lachie

for putting in a great deal of effort during writing and practising your finger spacing.

# Jayden, Finn & Hilton

for achieving Age Champion at the Athletics
Carnival! Your hard work and dedication is to be highly
commended.

# From the Classrooms

#### Green Room - Ms Zuber

We have had some fun with poetry and word play in the last 2 weeks during our writing lessons. We read a funny poem called "Triantiwontigongolope". Some students are still working on their rhyming skills, this could be something to talk about at home to assist e.g. asking, "What rhymes with mop?".

In maths we have been working on understanding that the sign '=' doesn't just mean you need an answer but also equivalent or the same on both sides. I have challenged the 1/2 students with problems such as 13+\_ = 12+5. Meanwhile, kinder students have been working on counting correctly within 20 and writing single digit numbers.

We are continuing to work our way through the alphabet to learn the sounds that each letter/grapheme makes. Below are the sounds and characters we have met so far.

Year 2's have been working hard on their comprehension skills during reading lessons whilst Year 1's have learnt long vowel sounds such as 'or/ore/oor/aw' and 'u\_e/ue/oo/ew'.

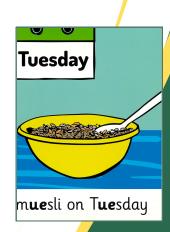
Ms Zuber.











#### Gold Room - Ms Curnow

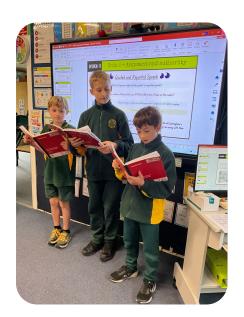
In Literacy, we have been busy continuing our learning about 'Argument and Authority' and the different perspectives that published texts portray. We have discussed different genres and text types such as informative, narrative, poetry and multimedia. We heave learned different sentence types and how they can sway a readers perspective and argument for a topic/ idea.

In Maths, we have continued with Measurement learning. We measured many different areas in the school and focused on finding the perimeter, edges and straight line measurements of certain distances, buildings and areas. We have also focussed on learning about Time, matching digital to analogue clocks, how to track 24 hour times, creating timetables and also, measuring long distances when travelling.

In Performing Arts, we are learning all about Aboriginal dance. We have enjoyed learning the various different styles and techniques of traditional Aboriginal dances such as the emu, kangaroo and echidna and the importance of these dances to Aboriginal culture and history.

Ms Curnow.











### **WSS Athletics Day**

Congratulations to our incredible students who won the Walbundrie Small School's Athletics Carnival! What an amazing achievement!

We had an amazing day in the sunshine where our 5-7 year students participated in tabloid games and our senior students competed in track and field events.

We came away with many 1<sup>st,</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placings along with some age championships. Congratulations to: Finn - Junior Boys age champion Jayden - U11 Boys age champion Hilton - Senior Boys age champion



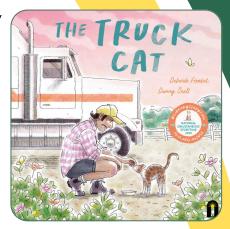


#### **National Simultaneous Storytime**

On Wednesday 21 May, 2025 we celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime.

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

This year the book chose was 'The Truck Cat' by Deborah Frenkel which we read together as a school.



#### **Open Days**

We are excited to be opening our school up for any prospective 2026 students. We will have 2 dates available for prospective students and parents to come and visit our lovely school.

Tuesday 3 June 2025 - 9:30am-10:30am Wednesday 4 June 2025 - 2:00pm-3:00pm

Children can enjoy some time with our current students and teachers whilst parents can have a tour and a chat with our principal.

We look forward to seeing you.





We are excited to share details of the 2025 Transition Program at Billabong High School for Term 2.

Billabong High School invites all Year 6 students to join us for a special Taster Day to celebrate NAIDOC Week!

Thursday 3 July 2025 | Week 10, Term 2

#### On the day, students will:

- · Participate in NAIDOC Week activities
- · Attend a whole school assembly
- Experience three periods of engaging high school lessons

Students are encouraged to travel via high school bus routes or as a Year group excursion. All Year 6 students are welcome – 2026 enrolment not required. Year 6 teachers and support staff are encouraged to attend.

#### What to bring:

- · Recess, lunch & water bottle
- Usual school supplies
- · Sports uniform for physical activities

#### Would your students benefit from extra support?

Our Year Advisor and LaST are happy to visit your school to discuss individual needs and provide extra guidance.

Contact Billabong High School to arrange a visit or for further details.

Please email Billabong High School if you have any questions or queries about these events on billabong-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or kristie.preston@det.nsw.edu.au



# Easy, simple lunchboxes

Fussy eaters can be overwhelmed by having too many options in their lunchbox. Keep the lunchbox simple for easy, healthy lunches that kids can eat before they run off and play.

Remember an everyday lunchbox is made up of:



Check out some extra tips for fussy eaters at www.swapit.net.au/fussyeating