Year 11 student Jackie Chapman awarded the prestigious Victor Chang Science Award

Award celebrates the achievements of gifted science students

Tuesday the 18th November saw Jackie Chapman, and her proud family, travel to Wollongong to receive her Victor Chang Cardiac Research Award at Figtree High School.

This award is presented to the most outstanding Year 11 Science student from each school in the region.

Jackie was one of thirty-seven students from the Illawarra and South East to receive this award. Jackie was presented her award by Professor Jamie Vandenberg, the Deputy Director of The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute, and Ms Ann Chang (Widow of Dr Victor Chang).

Mr Warren also travelled to the award ceremony, and was very proud to see Jackie receive the award as recognition of her efforts in science.

As part of her award Jackie will have a tour of The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute in Sydney on December 18th.

For more information on the Victor Chang Science Award or the work of the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute please go to www.victorchang.edu.au

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Local schools join together for shared learning

The DaBB’s community of schools, which consists of the primary and high schools of Delegate, Bibbenluke and Bombala, along with St Joseph’s Primary, have recently participated in a shared learning project as part of their ‘Transition’ to Year 7 program.

Year 6 students were involved in a series of video conference lessons led by Bombala High School teacher Mr Marty Lyons. Mr Lyons, whose official title is Head Teacher – Teaching and Learning, has a passion for providing students with the knowledge and skills to achieve their very best and to instil a life-long love of learning.

During the video conference lessons, students engaged in the sharing and evaluation of each other’s work, despite the tyranny of distance.

Last Thursday saw students attend Bombala High for the day as a culmination of the program. Throughout the day the students, in turn, presented slide shows of their research to the group.

There was a lot of fantastic information in these presentations that highlighted various Asian lifestyles and Mr Lyons was impressed with the level of engagement within the students.

“It is great to see young people so ready to take on the challenge of secondary learning,” he said.

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Culmination Day was a great way to celebrate a very successful program and to further prepare the Year 6 students from our local area for the next stage of their education.

Fran Austin
Transition Coordinator

A rare opportunity for Ancient History students

On Wednesday the 12th of November, the HSC Ancient History class had the honour of meeting Dr Estelle Lazer. Dr Lazer is a renowned archaeologist who has undertaken extensive investigations on human remains in Pompeii.

Dr Lazer presented a four hour lecture to Year 12 students about her studies of these ancient sites, along with contemporary issues Pompeii and Herculaneum face. Her lecture detailed the more complex aspects of the Pompeii and Herculaneum sites. This valuable information is part of the HSC Ancient History core study and students gained a distinct advantage by participating in the lecture.

Dr Lazer introduced students to her current research and explored the various challenges her team faces. Special thanks to Jan Sandercoe from Monaro High School for coordinating Dr Lazer’s visit and Miss Mackey for driving us in.

Rebecca Robson

Tori Wilson, Dr Estelle Lazer, Nikki Hepburn and Jackie Chapman
Brain Gym #5
Ball rolling with the sole of Meg’s foot
Meg spends a lot of time in shoes, so doesn’t have the opportunity to utilise all the subtle movements that a bare foot makes, when it contacts the ground.
To stimulate the base of Meg’s foot, we are assisting her in rolling a small hard ball with the sole of her foot.
Meg demonstrated a retained Plantar and Babinski reflex. This makes the toes curl in when activated by touching the soft pad of Meg’s foot.
Activities that stimulate the base of Meg’s Feet provide sensory input to encourage integration of these reflexes and also improve Meg’s balance.

Getting to know Year 7 2015

Tayla Ventry
Things that I’m looking forward to about high school:
New teachers and new subjects
My favourite singer:
Taylor Swift

Simon Till
My favourite food is:
Pancakes
My favourite television show is:
Dr Who

Brady Jones
The sports I like to play are:
Football, cricket & bowls
When I grow up I want to be a:
Professional dancer

Absence notification changes coming in 2015
Parents and guardians are advised that from 28 January 2015 there will only be a seven (7) day window to explain your child’s absence from school.
If an absence remains unexplained after seven days it will remain unjustified permanently.
No changes will be permitted to be made. This is Department of Education policy.
Please phone the school on the day of your child’s absence, email or send an SMS to 0408 479 667
This week in Careers....

At the end of the year schools will no longer be able to process TFN applications for students. Please see the following release from the ATO.

Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN. Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office. Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27248’. Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form. More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC22604’. The ATO will continue working with teachers to educate students about tax and superannuation. The curriculum resource ‘Tax, Super & You’ is a free, easy to use, online educational resource aligned to the school curriculum of each state and territory. This resource can be accessed at taxsuperandyou.gov.au.

In the coming weeks we will provide more information by email on how students can apply for a TFN and the educational services we can provide. In the meantime if you require any further information you can phone 1300 130 282 between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

Regards

Steve Vesperman
Deputy Commissioner of Taxation

I would encourage all students eligible to apply for a Tax File Number to do so as soon as possible as the Secondary Schools TFN program is a much easier process. Forms are available outside the Careers Office and would need to be returned by the last day of term to ensure that they will be processed in time.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Donna Shelley
Careers Adviser

Year 7 try Japanese on for size!

In LOTE (Languages other than English) Year 7 have been learning about Japanese clothing.

While traditional clothes, like the yakata (a summer version of the kimono), are still in use in Japan, they are mainly worn for ceremonies and special events like funerals, coming-of-age ceremonies and festivals.

Western clothing is worn often in day-to-day life. While the westernisation of fashions has continued at a rapid pace, the kimono still lives on within the Japanese culture.

Claudia Tonks, Monique Standen, Jemma Boreham, Storm Worley and Sam Power try on traditional yakata.
Community Events

Swim Club begins

Swim Club started on Monday 24 November with an assessment and registration afternoon to organise the groups/squads for our 2014/15 season.

Any families that were unaware of this are invited to join us at any time and we are happy to announce that we have enough qualified volunteer coaches to offer the Learn to Swim program (thank you Marni and Calli).

We can accommodate 10 swimmers at 4.30pm and another 10 swimmers at 5pm. Places are currently available and more may become available as the learn to swim students move to higher groups.

Please express your interest during swim club or by contacting Donna on 0409 556 813.

Swim club fees are $25.00 for non-competitive swimmers (swim club only) and registration forms are available during swim club on Monday afternoons between 5pm and 6pm. These fees are the lowest in NSW and you are welcome to join at any time during the season. We will also be taking orders for swimmers and goggles throughout the season. High School Students and adults are also welcome to join us in the pool.

For the Christmas period, our last swim club session will be on Monday 15th December 2014 and we will resume, in a modified format, on Monday 5th January 2015.

If you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Donna Shelley - President

Carols by Candlelight at Bombala Railway

This Saturday night
27th November 2014
7.30pm
(Exhibition Hall if wet)
From 5-30pm onwards….
Lions bbq
Arthur’s coffee machine
Friends of the Bombala Railway
Glow in the dark stall
Basketball drinks stall
(non alcoholic)
and various other stalls.
*Smoke free, alcohol free and
naked flame free area*

2015 Junior Golf Activities

Bombala Golf Club is offering Saturday morning junior coaching commencing 10th January from 9am – 11am.

The 2 hour sessions will allow time for skills development and a modified game.

There is no cost involved and all equipment will be supplied, but children are welcome to bring their own clubs.

Parents are also welcome to stay and participate.

Please leave your name and contact details with Steve Tatham on 0418 637 564.
(Please leave a message if unanswered.)

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The following information is as provided by The Crossing Land Education Trust

Please direct all enquiries to 02 64933400 or thecrossing@thebegavalley.org.au

Programs for SE Youth
@ The Crossing
2014-2015

Leaders in Sustainability - Summer School (Yr 9-11)
7 days for the subsidized price of $350 thanks to support from the IMB Foundation.
Fri 8 December 2014 9.15am-3.00 Orientation in Bega (pick-up available 8am-4pm in Narooma)
Wed 21 - 23 January Sustainability Summer Camp at The Crossing
Thur 2 April, Fri 1 May & Fri 5 June field days
The camp allows a young person to work on a United Nations qualification in Sustainable Development while still at school. The program has an orientation day, 3 day camp and follow-up field trips to sustainable enterprises. Participants join a world classroom online to do 18 x 2hr modules at their own pace.

Candelo Festival (also on 16-18 December 2015)
Held in the last 3 days of school, for composition and performance skills with a focus on songs about the SE region. This is a stepping stone to The Crossing Youth tent at Cobargo Folk Festival – a place for young people to do their first public performance in a supported atmosphere.

Songwriters Camp
(Yr 8-11)
Wed 17-19 December 2014 - 3 day camp for the subsidized price of $150 thanks to Cobargo Folk Festival &

Wilderness Adventure
(Yr 8-9)
Starting from Bermagui by canoe to The Crossing with some camp preparation next morning to continue onto a wild river and a wild mountain. Fri 29 May 5pm to Sunday 25 May 1pm $186

Sea to Snow Journey
(Yr 9-10)
The camp develops leadership skills, general fitness, awareness of sustainability, land management and conservation at different altitudes.

Landcare Adventure
(Yr 6-7)
A bike journey from Bermagui to camp and a canoe return with two nights in a train carriage bunkhouse, landcare and sustainability tasks & a bush exploration into the dark. Fri 23 October 5pm to Sunday 25 October 1pm $125 (thanks to Landcare subsidy)