Remembrance Day speech poignant for local family

Ebony Ingram delivers an emotional speech

As I stand here today a lot of emotions and thoughts form in my mind, feelings of sorrow, respect, admiration and regret. But I know that these are just some of the emotions felt by so many on this significant day.

This is a day where our nation stops on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, to remember all those who fought and fell in battle, who stood brave when their surroundings crumbled and to never forget.

Remembrance Day signifies the enormity of the sacrifices made by all Australian defence personnel in all conflicts across the globe.

Today we pay our respects to those who have fallen, who fought for our freedom, sacrificed their own lives and left an imprint on history’s page. Today we remember the stories, the antiquity, the loss.

On the 1st November 1914 the first shipment of Australian troops left our shores from Albany in Western Australia. These brave men and women set off on what they thought would be the adventure of a lifetime. Over 100,000 brave souls perished to defend our way of life.

One such family were the Murphys, a local family whose relatives published a book containing letters and other documents during WW1. In particular, there were three brothers: Harrie, Roy and William Murphy. Out of the brothers Harrie was the first to sign up on 30th of December, 1915 in the 2nd Australian Light Horse Brigade, Machine Gun Squadron. He enlisted at Liverpool New South Wales, and, following a machine gunners’ course in Egypt, he was made 1st Machine Gunner and later promoted to Lance Corporal. The second to enlist was Roy on the 23rd October 1916 in the Australian Imperial Force.
he was appointed to a signal training company. The youngest of the three brothers, Willie, enlisted on the 6th of November 1916 at Blackboy Hill, Western Australia and was appointed to the Imperial Camel Corps. A few months later he was transferred to the 2nd Australian Light House Machine Gun Squadron; this was the same Squadron as his brother Harrie. I will now read an extract of a letter from Willie sent to his father on the 30th of September 1918 from Egypt.

“Up to date we have managed to secure over fifty thousand prisoners and have an army practically surrounded, I hear that Damascus has fallen but nothing official through yet. It is easily the biggest success on this front and one of the biggest victories of the war. The beginning of the end seems to be at hand but I would not be surprised if the enemy made one more attempt on the Western Front.”

On the day Willie wrote this letter, his brother Roy died from wounds received the previous day in an attack on the Hindenburg Line. He was shot in the left side by a bullet from an enemy plane’s machine gun and never regained consciousness. He died at the dressing station on September 30th.

Harrie died in August 1918, a part of a letter to their mother on August 31st 1918 read “…but still the sense of his loss is strong and the hot tears will come-not for the dear dead, for they are better off in paradise then ever they were on earth, but because we feel the loss of them so keenly- and those tears our Lord Jesus has consecrated for all time by His own tears, Jesus wept at the grave of His dead friend Lazarus and thereby not only consecrated human grief, but showed us that He can feel and sympathise with our sorrows.”

How can we today possibly understand the extent of these losses? It was men like these who gave their lives so that we could live as we do today, without fear, without needless deaths in unimaginable numbers.

As a young person today, I find it difficult to fathom the extremities of the conditions that the brave Anzacs like the Murphys endured throughout the campaigns, however, today I will remember and make recognition of Australia’s and Bombala’s heroes.

We Will Remember Them Lest we forget

Did you know that….

All Bombala High School students are covered by 24/7 accident and injury insurance?

If your child has an accident and injures themselves, you can make a claim for out of pocket expenses through our student Insurance. So, if your child hurts themselves while skateboarding or falls and breaks a tooth, you can pick up the claim forms from the front office. Make sure to keep all receipts and appointment records to support your claim.

The P&C proudly support this valuable service to our students.
Getting to know…

Jack Merritt

Things I am excited about doing when I start high school: Woodwork
I am good at: Art

Brieanna Hepburn

My favourite food is: venison
I’m not very good at: writing

Sarah Tate

What I like best about school: reading books

Lunch time activities with Erin

As part of my role in student welfare, I offer social and active lunch time activities to all students who wish to participate. These activities run Tuesdays and Thursdays and vary each week to cater for different interests. They encourage students from different year groups to come together, get to know each other and enjoy the company of their peers. It also provides the opportunity to remain stimulated throughout the afternoon and prevents boredom!

This term we’ve already enjoyed a number of activities including dodgeball, Minute to Win It, bocce, team trivia, basketball and Pictionary.

Thank you to everyone who has come along so far. I’ve been very impressed with your behaviour and your positive interactions. Please come and see me if you have any activity requests or suggestions. I also hope to see some new faces in the coming weeks.

Erin Perkins
Student Welfare Officer

Successful Year 7 Orientation Evening

A successful orientation evening for parents was held last Tuesday 11.11.14 in the BHS Library. Parents of Year 6 students had the opportunity to meet high school staff including Ms Margaret Deighton Head Teacher Learning & Support and Mr Warwick Long Year 7 Advisor 2015, learn about school routine, school uniforms, book packs as well as ask individual questions.

Year 6 were welcomed along to the evening where Student Representative Council members, Janine Jamieson, Blake Stevenson, Mackenzie Hampshire, Ebony Ingram and Mr Fuiono conducted a school tour and played some fun games in the hall.

Orientation evening followed a very successful orientation day on 6.11.14 where students had the opportunity to meet other students and staff, have a taste of some high school classes and many other activities organised by their Year Advisor Mr Warwick long. We look forward to welcoming Year 6 into the high school next year.

Fran Austin
Transition Co ordinator
Students kicking goals

On Thursday 13 November, the AFL Skills Day rolled into Bombala, with students from many of the schools in the district sending students.

Bombala High School was represented by many students from the 9/10 PASS class who were not there as mere participants but were entrusted to put their PASS skills into practise and coach the littlies.

Led by two PASS students, groups of primary school students were put through a series of fun but testing drills, developing skills in Aussie Rules.

The day’s organiser, John Dyball, said of the PASS class:

“We do this type of day with high school involvement on more than 20 occasions a year and we on the rare occasion get a good keen bunch of students like yours…my staff and I were impressed with their general interest in learning, their behaviour and their sense of humour.”

These students were absolutely brilliant on the day and another great example of the quality students attending Bombala High School.

Above: Mozes Olsen and Joey Reed drilling the students

Senior Studies Vocational (SSV) students involved in community service activity

Last Thursday our SSV students volunteered their time to the Hospital Auxiliary to help upgrade the hospital gardens and make it a more relaxing area for patients. We moved rocks, built up soil and laid weed mats ready for a delivery of gravel. All of the students worked really hard in very hot conditions and the way they worked as a team was unbelievable.

The students all commented on how great it feels to help out the community and we look forward to being called on again.

Congratulations SSV and our ring in Aaron Cusbert who was attending his last day of school. The students were then treated to lunch at the pizza shop. Well done!!

If there are any other community organisations that could use our help please contact us.

Donna Shelley
What’s on in careers?

PROPOSED RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP

I have had many individual students come to me for help with writing a resume. We would therefore like to offer a resume writing workshop for any interested students and members of the school community. Could you please express your interest by calling me on 6458-3358 or 0409 556 813 or email donna.shelley@det.nsw.edu.au. If there is enough interest we will run a session at a most convenient time for all.

Year 10 students are currently working on their resumes in Careers sessions.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

Year 10 students have the opportunity to attend a UNIque experience at the Bega campus of the University of Wollongong (UOW).

The date for the visit is Wednesday 26 November 2014. There are a variety of sessions that the students can choose to attend from education to nursing. UOW is fully subsidising the visit so there is no charge to students. This should be an informative day and notes have been given to the students.

UOW has also confirmed our Year 12 UOW Discovery Day. This is a fantastic experience for our students as they live for 2 days as a University Student, attending their preselected lectures. The accommodation is on campus and some very ‘fun’ activities are also organised.

I encourage all Year 12 students to register online for this trip and get involved – even if you are not currently thinking about university as a post school option. The fully inclusive cost is $90.00 for transport, meals and accommodation.

The paperwork will be given to students in early December. The dates are Monday 2 February – Tuesday 3 February 2015 (Week 2 Term 1).

Brain Gym # 4
Sensory stimulation of the feet

Warm water and marbles are used to give sensory input to the feet

Feet are frequently overlooked because they are in shoes and socks so much of the time.

Opportunities to stimulate Meg’s feet are important to help maintain her mobility and to keep her mental connection with her feet (neurological processing).

This is used in conjunction with activities designed to lengthen the muscles in Meg’s legs and feet which are gradually contracting.