As the 2014 school year draws to a close, students take every opportunity to enjoy themselves.

Last Friday students enjoyed joining in the fun of the Public School’s fundraising fete, including becoming the target of a wet sponge attack.

This is an annual event that leads into our final week of end-of-year activities like Friday’s House Spirit Day.

Billy Hines, Austin Fisk and Noah Coles

Contents

Year 10 volunteers, and giving tree 2
House spirit day and school surfing 3
Dongwha community partnership 4
Getting to know Year 7 & diary of events 5
Year 10 students volunteer for learn to swim

Over the last two weeks, three of our Year 10 students have been volunteering for the Bombala Public School swimming program every morning.

Mrs Jenny Moreing, who is in charge of the program, has only had glowing reports on the work ethic that the students have displayed as well as their maturity and dedication to their groups of students.

The girls have also reported that they enjoyed the experience very much, especially having the opportunity to help the students gain a skill for life.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Janine Jamieson, Tanika Hampshire and Annie McGrath for their excellent efforts in this program and for giving up their time to assist our younger students.

We look forward to their reports in upcoming newsletters.

Donna Shelley

Giving tree at Awards Day

There will be a Christmas tree at the awards ceremony on Wednesday 17 December.

We hope that you will join with us placing a gift under it for distribution by the Salvation Army.

Please label the gift:
- Child or adult
- Male or female
- Age for a child

Please help this cause and donate a gift to bring some joy to the less fortunate.
The day has been organised in recognition of the great effort made by the majority of students who represent our school with pride and who pursue our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best. This day is also in recognition of the fantastic response to our focus on school uniform this term.

School will start at the normal time on Friday before students walk to the pool. All students need to bring a change of clothes and a towel so that they can participate in the games and challenges. The cost of entry to the pool is being covered by the school and lunch will also be provided free of charge. A number of prizes will be available to students who attend and participate on the day.

If you do not wish your child to attend please contact the school by Thursday Dec 11th so that arrangements can be made for supervision. It is hoped that all students will take the opportunity to end the school year with some fun and demonstrate their house spirit.

Rebecca Robson
Deputy Principal (Relieving)

Prizes on the day:
- 10 x $20 iTune vouchers
- 2 x $50 vouchers to spend locally
- 10 x green slip draws of $10 vouchers at the Hands on Bitz and Pizzas.

---

House Spirit day

This Friday December 12th will see the whole school rewarded with a House Spirit Day. House captains will be elected for 2015 before students walk to the pool for a series of activities. Students will return to school around 12 noon for a variety of sporting challenges, including handball, volleyball and Oz tag. A BBQ lunch will be provided and then our senior students have organised a number of games and activities to take place in the afternoon.

Shore dump proves a challenge for our surfers

Bombala High School, in conjunction with Eden Marine High, went to Merimbula’s Main beach to participate in Learn to Surf. The day started with surf safety and survival. After a beach run and warm-ups we hit the surf. A challenging shore dump and a constant swell up to 1.5 m tested our surfers. Our students tackled the challenging conditions and surfed brilliantly with most of our students riding waves to the shore.

The boy champion was Jayden Robinson and the girl champion was Annie McGrath.

Special thanks to Ben Fuiono and Bernie Langford from Eden Marine High.
Community partnership development

We have been hard at work creating the first community partnership program between our local global business, Dongwha Timbers and Bombala High School. We anticipate many educational benefits for both our students and the Dongwha Timbers’ workforce.

This partnership centres around the use of Dongwha Timbers resources to enhance the learning of our students by putting the work we do in the classroom into a real world context. Phase one of the development is to design units of work for our Senior Studies Vocational (SSV) students in Work Studies, English and Mathematics that relate directly to the Dongwha Timbers workplace.

This will include completing required documentation, preparing applications, resumes and cover letters as well as conducting mock interviews for the large number of positions at the firm. There will also be work experience opportunities and site visits to encourage students to realise that their classroom learning is transferable to the workplace.

The development of this partnership is very exciting, particularly as Dongwha are a truly global firm with operations in Malaysia, Korea, Vietnam, New Zealand, Hong Kong and of course, Australia. In fact over the past two months, our local Dongwha operation has employed over thirty new employees, most of who come from the local area. Dongwha Timbers are also offering our students the opportunity to complete one of three School Based Traineeships (SBAT) in 2015-2016. It has been confirmed that these SBAT’s will be in Business Administration, Finance and Sawmilling and Processing. If any students would like the position descriptions please see me on your way to maths, any recess or lunch or call on 0409 556 813.

As this partnership develops we envisage using school resources to assist Dongwha Timbers in their training needs, be it teaching staff, technology or space, which will help the company reduce their vast training budget and potentially include our students in catering, meeting set-up and technology roles.

We look forward to putting phase one of the plans into action in early 2015. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Anna Moreing, HRM/Training Supervisor, Dongwha Timbers, for her relentless efforts in forging ahead with the partnership and sincerely look forward to working more closely with her and other employees and management over the years to come.

The school understands how busy Anna is on a daily basis; however, she always finds the time to meet with our school representatives regularly.

If anyone would like further information on this exciting Community Partnership please do not hesitate to contact Mr Marty Lyons or myself.

Donna Shelley
Careers

Anna Moreing, HRM / Training supervisor, Dongwha Timbers, Marty Lyons, Head teacher teacher and Learning and Donna Shelley, Careers/SSV, Bombala High School, have worked very hard to develop the community partnership.

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.

If any absence remains unexplained after seven days it will remain unjustified permanently.

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.
Getting to know 2015 Year 7 students

Karter Hampshire likes to play netball, basketball and touch football. If she could spend one hour doing anything it would be Science with Mrs Rodwell.

Emma Burkle is eleven. Emma’s likes listening to Rhianna, Beyoncé and Pink. Nothing scares her about coming to High school and she is looking forward to it.

Blake Baldwin loves seafood. He is excited about metal work, wood work, agriculture and sport. He is a good motor bike rider and also a great fisherman.

Lane Stevenson likes to play tennis, football, basketball and he loves swimming. His favourite food is apple pie. Lane likes listening to Johnny Cash and Slim Dusty.

Diary of events

2014

Thursday 11 December
Assembly 12:30pm – all welcome to attend

Tuesday 16 December
Bombala Public School Awards Day

Wednesday 17 December
High School Awards day at 12:30pm- all encouraged to attend
Reports will be issued.
HSC results released
Last day of term for students

2015

28 January
1st day of school - Yrs 7, 11 and 12

29 January
1st day of school - Yrs 8, 9 and 10

5 February
Swimming carnival

10 March
School photos

Contact us

Bombala High School
20 Bright Street
BOMBALA NSW 2632

T: 02 6458 3358
F: 02 6458 3866

E: bombalah.school@det.nsw.edu.au
W: bombala-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

SMS: 0408 479 667

Principal (Relieving)
Mr Glen Warren