Recently made signs featuring our school values have been now placed in prominent positions around the school. They not only look great but carry vital messages including Personal Best, Respect and Responsibility which are cornerstones of our school vision and provide guidance for all our decisions and actions with our students. The whole school have been involved in the development of these word statements and though announced at the end of the year in 2012 have finally taken a front seat in our school.

If our young adults can always try to be the best they can be, if they respect not only those around them, the environment but also themselves and take an active role as citizens through responsible action, then Bombala High School and its school families can all be very proud of our future generation of adults. Let’s face it – one day our young adults will be making decisions about our future as they take over the mantle of leadership in society.

You may also notice new signage around the school requesting that all gates be kept closed. This is for work, health and safety considerations and we thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Garry Atkinson
Bombala High Students Trial for the Eurobadalla

On Tuesday the 25th of March 10 students from Bombala High travelled down to Bega to trial for the Under 15 and Open Eurobadalla Zone Rugby League Teams. The students trialling for the Under 15 team were Dylan Elton, Mitchell Power, Jacob Rebbechi, and Ky Rodwell and for the Open team were Brett Burton, Daniel Douch, Luke Ingram, Tyler Jones, Andrew Platts and Adam Rodwell. It was a wet day which meant that ball handling would be a challenge. All of our students played very well and were a tremendous credit to the school.

The day saw approximately 65 students from Bega, Bombala, Eden and Monaro High Schools trial for the 17 positions on each team. We were very lucky to have 5 of our 10 students selected. Congratulations to Ky Rodwell who was selected for the Under 15 team and Daniel Douch, Adam Rodwell, Luke Ingram and Tyler Jones who made it to the Open team. These students will now travel to Dapto where they will trial for the Illawarra and South East Regional Teams. We would like to wish the boys all the best for these regional trials as we know they will represent our school to the very best of their ability.

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Return of FOEI

A reminder to all parents who have not yet returned the update of parental and data information letter please do so as soon as possible.

Important Dates

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Wanted by the Art Department

The Art Department would appreciate any donations of unwanted plastic bags or newspapers. Please drop them into the school.

Thank you
Liz Renaud
Art Teacher

Year 12 Examination Preparation Day

Year 12 will be given the opportunity to have a whole day of preparation on Friday for their upcoming examinations. Their teachers will rotate supervision throughout the day, allowing opportunity for questions and revision for most of their subjects. The study session will continue into the evening in the Library until 9.30pm. Dinner will be provided for the students, We look forward to seeing all of Year 12 throughout the day.

Emma Sullivan
Bombala District Netball Association

The Bombala District Netball Association wishes to advise that there will be no Open Netball on this Saturday 5th April due to so many people having other commitments.

However Net-Set-Go, Netta and 12, 13,14’s will run as normal.
Net-Set-Go @ 10.00am, Netta @ 10.00am and 12,13,14’s @ 11.00am.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

The Brumbies Are Coming

The UC Brumbies are running a training clinic with the Bombala Blue Tongues on Wednesday 23rd April, from 6pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and participate, it will be a great opportunity to meet a couple of the players and work on your rugby union skills. To get involved, or for more information, give Siobhan from Boco Rock Wind Farm a call on 0401 976 251. All who attend will receive tickets to the Brumbies versus Chiefs game on 25th April.

Meet the Teachers Barbecue and Year 7 Welcome Disco

All parents of Bombala High students are invited to a Meet the Teachers Barbecue on Thursday evening from 5.30 – 6.30pm. This is a chance for parents to meet the teachers and to see the program Year 7 will be running for the next term. The Disco will commence at 6.30pm finishing at 10.00pm, with Year 7 as special guests. Snacks and drinks will be available with prizes for best dressed. The cost for pre-booked tickets is $3.00 but will cost $5.00 on the night.

The Crossing March 2014

On Tuesday 25 March 2014 10 students from Bombala High School set off on an adventure. With Mr Long driving we headed to Bermagui in threatening rain. A stop at Bemboka was a welcome break after the slow descent of Brown Mountain. The rain grew heavier and was still falling when we arrived at a sodden Bermagui bridge car park. We splashed out of the bus and met with our hosts for the week; Dean, Sam and Vicki.

The aim was to paddle canoes up river to the Crossing Land Education Centre but this was thwarted by the constant downpour. With a lucky break in the weather we had the opportunity to paddle into Bermagui harbour. This was exciting as we were paddling amongst the large yachts and fishing boats.

It was back to camp for a change into dry clothes followed by a tour of the Crossing. These facilities include a community hall with a commercial kitchen and covered classroom, a fire circle, wood/solar hot water, wood/gas cooking, solar lighting, train carriage bunkhouse, This is truly an impressive, and almost self-sustaining, setup.

We spent the next three days enjoying the many challenges posed by the program. These included working in pouring rain, eating wholesome, somewhat unfamiliar food, and preparing much of the food ourselves including baking bread with Annette. Lots of games were introduced by the amazing Dean including playing Pirates in the canoes on the last day. A 6km walk
through the National Park tested the resilience of students and staff alike. Of particular note were the great efforts of the students in creating amazing artworks and model park constructions when the weather was at its wettest, a fun indoor activity.

Finally, after a very early start to pack the bus, clean the bunkhouse, have breakfast and make our own lunches, we set off to paddle the 6 kilometres from the Crossing back to Bermagui for the trip home.

One canoe was capsized to demonstrate the method of recovery which took the co-operation of four boats and their crews. A long drive home saw ten weary students tumble off the bus into the comforts of home.

Thanks to Mr Long for driving and accompanying us and to Mr Herron for the organisation and his encouragement.

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**AIME HOODIE PRESENTATION TO BOMBALA HIGH SCHOOL**

AIME works around Australia providing mentoring and educational services for indigenous high school students to see them get through school at the same rate as every Australian child. The organisation started in 2005 with 25 kids and in 2013 AIME has worked with over 2,000 Indigenous high school kids with 1,000 university students acting as mentors. The great news is that over the last four years, AIME kids have finished school at almost the same rate as every Australian child.

3 of our students have been involved in the program and as a thank you from AIME we were presented with a framed hoodie. In 2010 AIME launched National Hoodie Day to spread the message around the nation that indigenous means success. The hoodie we have is one of the inaugural NHD Hoodies from 2010. The hoodie will be presented to the school at our formal assembly on Thursday this week and then will take pride of place in our foyer.

Congratulations to Tim Olsen, Mozes Olsen and Corey Morrison for their participation in this rewarding program. All three students have said that they thoroughly enjoyed their AIME experiences and only have positive comments to make about the mentoring. They look forward to working with AIME mentors in 2014 also.

A big thank you also must go to Steve Mitchell and the team from AIME for all their hard work and dedication to the Indigenous students in our region.

Donna Shelley
AIME Coordinator

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*Steve Mitchell from AIME,*
*Mozes Olsen and Mr Marty Lyons, Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO)*
Harmony Day

Harmony Day 21 March is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. Due to the many activities of our school Bombala High School students will celebrate Harmony Day on Friday the 4th of April. This year, we aim to immerse students in the cultural practices of a number of cultures to increase their understanding of those with whom we share the world.

Friday will be an out of uniform day. Classes will be altered to allow students an opportunity to learn and experience a range of cultural activities. Lunch will be provided. Students from 7-11 will participate in activities, whilst Year 12 will be ‘locked in’ the Library preparing for their half yearly examinations.

Workshops

Tribal beats – students will learn about the role of music in cultural expression and will learn a musical item.

Beads and threads – students will engage in actively experiences the cultural significance of jewellery by making a range of cultural bracelets.

Indigenous Tools and the Environment – students will learn about the harmonious use of the environment and Indigenous tools. Student will construct a Boomerang.

Cultural Cuisine - students will engage in preparation and cooking of multicultural dishes.

Ghanaian Kente Cloths - students will learn about the cultural use of cloth, patterns and design and will create a Kente cloth or Hachimaki – Japanese headband.

Asian influences – students will engage in a range of activities that young people from Japan and China engage in during festivals and create a number of craft items.

Day of the dead mask - students will learn about the way in which ancient cultures evolved in America and how many ancient cultural practices continue today, students will create a day of the dead mask.

Dream Catcher – students will learn about Indigenous cultures from North America, their beliefs and practices. Students will create a dream catcher.

Indigenous Painting – students will learn about the importance of Aboriginal art and the Dreaming and create a painting using Indigenous techniques.

Should you have any questions regarding our Harmony Day activities please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Regards,

Rebecca Robson
Relieving Deputy Principal
ANOTHER BUSY WEEK IN CAREERS...

UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA UC4 YOURSELF EXCURSION

Thank you to Miss Challman and her trusty band of Year 7 students who have displayed an interest in attending this visit on Tuesday 8 April 2014. Because of your enthusiasm this excursion will definitely be going ahead. There are still spaces available so if any students are interested please see me for a note. Parents are also very welcome to join us on this very informative day and learn about or rediscover university life. UC have fully subsidised our travel so the day is free of charge to our school. If you would like any additional information or have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 6458-3358.

DEFENCE FORCE WORK EXPERIENCE

For Year 10 and 11 students interested in a career in the Defence Force there is an opportunity for a placement at Royal Military College, Duntroon. This is the Australian Army’s Officer Training establishment. Students have the opportunity to participate in many activities including outdoor obstacle course, weapons training simulation, deployment presentations and group orienteering. The placement is from 26-30 May 2014. Any interested students should see me for application information as soon as possible because there is a limit of 45 students and positions are hotly contested.

NEW YORK FILM ACADEMY AUSTRALIA

If there are any students interested in further study in Filmmaking and Acting for Film, I have information from this institution. You can visit www.nyfa.edu or contact me for further information.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

I am starting to receive 2015 information for tertiary studies at universities around Australia. Mr Garry Atkinson, Relieving Principal and I will be meeting with students individually to assist them with planning for life after the HSC as well as ensuring we are doing everything we can for them at this time. We hope to conduct these interviews on Friday 4 April whilst they are on a study day to limit class disruptions. I would encourage all students and parents to have a discussion about the endless possibilities, interests and pathways post HSC. We will also be holding sessions on the ATAR, Early Entry schemes and Scholarships available in the near future. If you, as parents, are interested in attending any sessions please let me know and we will try to schedule them at a time that suits as many students and parents as possible. Anyone requiring further information or to register an interest in a particular university or course please do not hesitate to contact me or drop into the Careers Office.

Donna Shelley
Careers/Year 12 Advisor
Cooma TAFE is offering the Certificate I in Access to Vocational Pathways at the Trade Training Centre at Bombala High School.

The course is designed for people 15 years and over, who would like to improve their reading, writing, numeracy and computer skills, in preparation for looking for work or undertaking further study.

The course is free, and is run every Tuesday from 3pm to 5.30pm. You will improve your skills in areas such as digital technology and the internet, spoken and written workplace communication and strategies to improve learning.

For more information, please contact General Education at Cooma TAFE on 02 6452 0764.

ANZAC sports DAY
Friday APRIL 25

KIDS EVENTS
Races – foot, bike, egg & spoon, egg toss, 3-legged
Wheel stand competition
FEATURING
The ‘Bukalong Mile’
Handicap bike race
The ‘CHANGI CHALLENGE’
X-country, obstacle

Friday 25/4/2012
Bombala Exhibition Ground
Proceeds to Exhibition Ground Improvements
Showing at Bombala High School Hall

Friday 4th April

5:30pm for dinner

6:30pm Start time

$7.00  Children

4yr+ including High school students

$10.00  Adults

$35.00  Family  2 Adults and 3 children

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

or at Bombala Public School Front Office