Last Friday Year 12 had a study ‘lock in’ in the Library. This day was organised to prepare for their Half Yearly Examinations which started yesterday. All students used their time effectively either studying independently, in groups, or making the most of their teachers’ tutorials.

Also on this day, Mr Atkinson and I interviewed each student. The purpose of these ‘chats’ were firstly to meet Mr Atkinson as well as letting us know if there is any more we as a school can do to support our Senior Students. We also delved into their aspirations post Higher School Certificate and we were pleasantly surprised by the amount of our Year 12 students who have a clear goal after the HSC examinations. University of Wollongong, the Defence Forces and Charles Sturt University were the most popular destinations with courses ranging from Sports Science, Teaching and Hospitality management. Some students are also keen on gaining apprenticeships. We also spoke about early entry schemes to University and available scholarships.

We would like to take the time to congratulate every student for their professionalism and maturity during the study day and the individual interviews. We now have a great deal of information which will assist us in making sure that every opportunity is taken in terms of the tertiary institutions our students would like to apply for in 2015 and beyond.

Well done Year 12!!!

The ‘lock in” study session went through to 8:30pm, with students enjoying a well-earned pizza break for dinner. Special thanks to Mrs Sullivan, Mr Long and Mr Fuiono for assisting student study after school on Friday.
On a different note, a few parents have contacted me with regards to holding UAC sessions in the evening so they can attend. We have narrowed it down to a Monday or Thursday night. If either is suitable please let me know on 6458 3358. We will hold these sessions when our UAC books arrive in the school, which is usually towards the end of Term 2. These sessions will include deconstruction of the UAC guide, early entry processes, ATAR information and the application process itself.

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Donna Shelley  
Careers/Year 12 Advisor

Uniform Choice

Students and families now have more choice when it comes to the school uniform. Last year the school approached the P&C about expanding the options for uniform and it was agreed that a navy blue polo was a great addition to our uniform. I’m sure families will agree that at times it is hard to keep the white polo looking sharp particularly with wear and tear and the demands of some of our elective subjects such as wood work and metal work. The new practical navy polo is available from the Front Office for $20.

Bec Robson

Claim the Date

The Cross Country will be held on the first Wednesday back next term (30th April).
Harmony Day Celebration

On the 4th of April students at Bombala High School celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day is generally celebrated on 21 March as 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 students engaged in various cultures and developed an understanding of how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

Students spent the first four periods of the day engaging in cultural activities throughout the school, with Tribal Beats, Dream catcher, Cultural Tools being favorites. In each of Cuisine and Indigenous the various workshops, students learnt about the way in which the cultures of the world are celebrated and their contribution to multicultural Australia. Students commented that they really enjoyed the workshops, learning about cultures in a real and engaging manner. Special thanks to Mr Herron, Mr Fuiono, Miss Gilbertson, Miss Morrison, Miss Clark, Miss Mackey and Mr Warren whose extra efforts made the workshops so fantastic.

Students were also treated to a multicultural lunch which all enjoyed and a huge thank you must go to Ms Austin for coordinating the catering for the day.
After lunch, students worked harmoniously in a team challenge, competing in a number of Indigenous games. All students had a great time developing skills and engaging with traditional Indigenous culture. Again special thanks must go to Mrs Sullivan and Mr Jones for coordinating the games for the afternoon.

Bec Robson

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

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.

There will be Brumbies tickets to the game on the 25th April (against the Chiefs) to pass along to those who make it along.

Return of FOEI

Recently families were asked to complete a questionnaire regarding the Employment Status of Parents and Guardians. This information will be used to determine how much funding will be allocated to the school in 2005. It is very important to state your current employment status. It is better to state what you are currently doing rather than what you may be qualified to do. For example, you may be a qualified chef, however you are currently working as a mill hand. Therefore your current occupation will be mill hand. It is very important that we obtain accurate information as this will determine the school’s FOEI and therefore how much funding we have.

Bec Robson

Year 10 head to the beach for Geography

On Tuesday 1 April students from Year 10 travelled to Tura Beach as part of their Coastal Management studies in Geography. The fieldwork covered the nature of coastal environments and impact that housing developments have had on the surrounding area. The students conducted various activities throughout the day, collecting first hand data and evidence. The weather was fabulous and the students enjoyed their ‘outdoor classroom’. All students were exceptionally well behaved and conducted themselves in a manner they should be proud of! Special mention goes to Joey Reed for his dolphin impersonation! Thanks also to Mr Fuiono for driving us! (And apologies
for running out of time for a Maccas run – I’m truly disappointed for you all!

Year 10 discussing the issues with Bournda staff
Bob Harris

Miss Mackey

Robogals

Yesterday girls from Years 7, 8 and 9 participated in the Robogals workshop. The workshop is developed and run by students from the Australian National University and aims to promote females in engineering roles.

As part of the workshop our students were mentored by the university leaders in programming robots to complete a set task. They were shown how to use the software to program simple instructions required for the robots to complete the activities. This year the activities included rescuing an injured elephant and negotiating their way out of the jungle. The girls picked up the required programming techniques quickly and were eager to test their solutions. By the end of the workshop the girls were using sensors on the
robots along with programmed instructions to navigate obstacles and achieve their goals.

Once the activities were completed the girls were able to talk with the leaders about the types of work that they did at university. The highlight for most was the use of fruit and other objects as a replacement to a mouse and keyboard. The girls had fun trying to play Pac Man using the fruit. Other students looked at computer programming, 3D modelling and bio-engineering.

I would like to congratulate the students involved on their enthusiasm and behaviour throughout the afternoon. A big thank you also needs to go to the leaders from ANU for presenting another wonderful workshop.

Miss Clark

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’ and the X-country, obstacle

On Friday 25/4/2012 at the Bombala Exhibition Ground

Proceeds to Exhibition Ground Improvements