CEFA Universities Experience

Last week Tayla Hargrave, Ana Ponsford, Thomas Regent, Alex Rosten and Nick Wright travelled to Sydney to participate in the CEFA Universities Experience. This excursion was organised by the Country Education Foundation and funded by the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and Macquarie University. As part of the experience, the students were able to explore options available at the two universities and participate in activities available in the city.

Macquarie University offered workshops in music and robotics. The music workshop allowed the students to learn about Indonesian music and instruments. By the end of the workshop the group was able to perform a traditional Indonesian song. We then participated in a robotics workshop giving the students an insight into the engineering and computing options available. As part of the workshop the students built and
programmed robots in order to complete set challenges. The day finished with tours of residential and sporting facilities.

UTS offered a range of workshops from a variety of faculties including communication, design, education, engineering and information technology. Students were able to select workshops that interested them and participate in activities related to that field. At the end of the day we were given an opportunity to talk to rural students and tour residential options.

As well as visiting the universities, the students were able to experience other activities that are available in the city. They were able to visit the Powerhouse Museum where they participated in a fossil fuels workshop and explored the exhibitions. The students were also able to go ice-skating at the Macquarie Ice Rink. The excursion culminated with sailing on Sydney Harbour.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank The Country Education Foundation, the University of Technology Sydney and Macquarie University for allowing our students to participate in this experience. This experience is very worthwhile for the students and would not be possible without the organisation and funding provided by these organisations. Thank you also the EastSail who donate their yachts and time in order to provide the experience for the students.

Finally, thank you to the students. They represented Bombala High and The Country Education Foundation very well, making the most out of the experiences.

Charmaine Clark

Shearing School Cooma 12th to 16th May, 2014

Last week Fran Austin, Caitlin Morrison and myself, (rostered on different days), had the pleasure of accompanying Max Stewart and ten Year 11 and 12 Agriculture and Primary Industry students to ‘Coolringdon’, Cooma for the annual one week shearing school. This is the second year that Bombala High School has participated in the shearing school run by TAFE Western, Dubbo NSW.

The ten students who attended the shearing school were Thomas Eccles, Aaron Girvan, Luke Ingram, Lachlan Sellers and Tye Standen from Year 11 and Veronika Hartmeier, Kayla Jamieson, Dylan Overend, Andrew Platts and Rebecca Richardson from Year 12. All students learned the basic skills and techniques involved in shearing which can take many years to perfect to full professional level. The students also experienced working full shed hours together with safe working practices, WHS, how to set up and maintain the shearing handpiece and combs (tools of the trade) together with proper wool handling and sorting and general ‘rouseabout’ duties.
The shearing school was held at ‘Coolringdon’ Cooma in a ten stand shearing shed which means you can have up to ten shearers shearing sheep at any one time. The students were paired up with other students so there were at least two students on each stand. The two shearing instructors, Ian and Kidman were kept very busy instructing and supervising 20 shearing students and woolclasser Emma was kept busy on the wool table instructing and supervising woolhandling students.

The students learnt how to shear a sheep in five different parts belly, inside legs plus first hind leg, head and neck, long blow and last side before doing the whole sheep at once. So there were some funny looking sheep being put back into the pen with only part of their fleece shorn at a time. The students had a very busy week working full shed hours which are 7.30am start and 5.30pm finish with half hour breaks at 9.30am and 3.00 pm then one hour for lunch at 12noon. There were also theory components to the course which included some homework in the evenings in order for students to complete all their TAFE competencies. The students were also rostered on barbecue lunch duties, cooking the meat for all shed instructors and participants.

Congratulations to all students who attended the shearing school, for displaying a good work ethic and being part of the whole shed team, for showing perseverance and commitment. Well done. In addition, a big thank you to Max Stewart for providing Bombala High School Agriculture and Primary Industry students with the opportunity to undertake the shearing course and to all the instructors at the school. The wool industry is an important part of the Monaro and our local community with Merino sheep farmers and shearing contractors employing farm staff, farm/shed hands, shearers, wool classers and rouseabouts.

Kathleen Platts
Science Teacher

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The High School P&C will hold its AGM on Monday 16 June in the High School Library commencing at 7.00pm.

All invited to attend.

Any enquiries to Shereen Jones

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## Important Dates

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**Skippy’s Melanoma Battle**

Friday, 20th June 2014
Bombala RSL Club
Auditorium
Starts at 7pm
$15 entry
Tickets available at Final Touches.

Nibblies provided
Raffle Tickets Available

CONTACT Chris or Chloe at Final Touches
02 6458 4008

Come and support our lovely local ladies and spunky men as they hit the runaway!
It’s for a great cause.

Local Band ‘Hodakary Connection’
will be live upstairs from 9pm.

**FASHION PARADE FUNDRAISER**

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**Defence Force Work Experience Program Success**

A big congratulations must go to Adam Hayley-Perkins of Year 12 who has been successful in his application for Work Experience at Royal Military College (RMC) Duntroon. This placement was very heavily oversubscribed and extremely competitive. He will be completing his Work Experience from Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May 2014.

Adam will participate in a variety of activities over the week including outdoor obstacle courses, weapon training simulation (WTS), deployment and weapons demonstrations, group orienteering and leadership drills. Adam has identified that he wishes to pursue a career in the Defence Forces after completing his HSC and his determination to receive this opportunity is to be applauded. Well done Adam and we can’t wait to hear about your experiences.

If there are any students interested in the Defence Forces Work Experience Program, there are a number of opportunities available over the year for Year 11 and 12 students. For more information please contact Careers on 6458-3358 or visit the website:


Donna Shelley
Career

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**The AWAY Project**

On Thursday 8th May, I had the pleasure of attending an ‘Aboriginal Women at Yam Fields’ (AWAY) meeting in Bombala as part of the Bundian Way Project. I met up with Aboriginal woman Aileen Blackburn from Cann River and AWAY Project Indigenous trainees Brooke and Markita from Eden together with Annabel Dorrough (Natural Regeneration Australia) from Wyndham and Simone Hill, Agriculture/Science Teacher from Eden Marine High School. Both Aileen and Annabel are
The AWAY project aims to work with and train local Indigenous women in seed collection, propagation and re-establishment of yam fields using traditional methods as appropriate. In addition, there will be future opportunities for education and tourism for school children and the general public as part of the Bundian Way Gateway Information Centre and hubs along the Bundian Way.

The Bundian Way is the ancient Aboriginal and shared pathway stretching from Eden to Mount Kosciusko and passing through areas of Bombala and the township of Delegate. The yam fields were located along the Bundian Way and were an important food source for the old Aboriginal people. Yam fields included yam plants such as the Yam Daisy, also known as Nyamin or Murnong together with native lilies and orchids. These yam plants produced the thickened roots and tubers that were a delicious staple of the old Aboriginal people.

The yam fields were well-looked after by the Aboriginal women and plentiful across the Monaro and coastal regions. However, they disappeared fast when the first sheep crossed over the Monaro Plains. Apparently, they were the first plant eaten by sheep when the sheep were moved into new paddocks. Despite sheep grazing and other factors such as drought, pasture improvement, superphosphate fertiliser and compaction, the yam plants can still be found along the Bundian Way.

It will be fantastic to see the yam fields maintained and re-established along the Bundian Way together with the establishment of a yam field garden at Jigamy Farm, Eden. Below is an article with further information about the AWAY project.

Kathleen Platts
Science Teacher

The AWAY Project
Aboriginal Women at Yamfields

Sustaining Bundian Way Yamfields –yam garden and yam seed supply.
This project will set up, research and re-establish yamfield gardens for Yam Daisy and other Indigenous plants, and manage them sustainably using traditional methods as appropriate. This project offers a significant opportunity for the training and education for young Indigenous women, school children, and for the engagement and education of the general public as part of the Bundian Way Gateway Information Centre and cultural tourism. Initially it will focus on yam plants but later include other Women’s Business issues such as fibre, medicinal and other food plants.

The Bundian Way Yam Garden propagation facilities will be based at Jigamy Farm, Eden and will involve the establishment of a research nursery with the possibility of an Aboriginal plant products display and demonstrations including coolamon making, yamstick making/use, basketry and weaving.

PRACTICAL
• Establish propagation area and yamfields garden at Jigamy farm
• Collect seed sustainably from various locations along the Bundian Way.
• Propagate for seed increase, restoration and replanting plots as appropriate
• Conduct education and training both at Jigamy Farm and at various locations along the Bundian Way
SOCIAL/TRAINING
The project aims to work with and train local Indigenous women. Key learning areas would include plant identification, seed collection, seed cleaning, seed propagation, plant growing, yam harvest and cooking. In the medium term the aim is also to develop links to formal education courses. In the long-term the project will develop a process to train women as Bundian Way Rangers and for cultural tourism. Although a key focus of the training is on young women, the project will also include both children and elders. There will also be substantial opportunities for learning to educate the broader community.

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News From The Technology Support Officer

Edge 11 (Green – Year 12) Laptop Battery Replacement Program

Lenovo (Australia & New Zealand) Pty Ltd has issued a battery recall on some batteries associated with Edge 11 (Green) laptops. This recall affects Lenovo Edge 11 ThinkPad Laptops in DEC High Schools. Batteries can overheat. Users can test whether their battery is affected by visiting https://lenovobattery2014.orderz.com/ and following the steps provided to identify whether your battery needs a free replacement. Alternatively, you may hand your laptop into me and I will test and order a replacement battery (if required) on your behalf.

Laptop Sleeves for Sale

I now have a new supply of padded laptop sleeves for sale if anyone needs a replacement. They are ideal for all model Lenovo ThinkPad laptops and are well suited to protecting your laptop whilst at school, on the bus and travelling home in your bag. The price of these is only $15 each as this quality brand can retail up to $30 in stores. Please pay at the Front Office then see me to pick one up.

Replacement Laptop Chargers for Sale

I have submitted an order for some replacement laptop chargers to suit all Lenovo ThinkPad laptops. Please let me know if you need a new charger. The price of these has increased so the cost to you is $37.00. If you have lost or misplaced or charger you can loan one from myself or the Library but they are a daily loan only.

Thank you
Kathleen Platts
Technology Support Officer