BOMBALA BULLETIN

Power Off School Out
Subject Selection Process Year 11 2015

Transition from Year 10 to 11 is a critical stage in your students learning pathway and at Bombala High School our aim is to provide the necessary advice and information to support this process. This is an important time to be in discussion with your student about senior subject choices, post education aspirations or about potential TAFE courses.

To help keep you informed about this important time, parents and guardians are invited to an information evening on Monday 28th July at 6 pm in the school’s library. This session will cover relevant information regarding the subjects offered at Bombala High School, HSC requirements, study options and the subject selection process. This session should finish by 7pm and light refreshments will be provided.

Regards

Rebecca Robson
Head Teacher English/History

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Bombala High School NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) Cadet Program

Last Thursday the NSW RFS program commenced for 2014. The program presents Year 9 Secondary School Students with an opportunity to learn about the NSW Rural Fire Services’ ideals and values as well as undertake age appropriate training that is incorporated into the school program. The Bombala High School Cadets are able to participate in interesting and challenging training that provides practical life skills, develops leadership, teamwork and initiative skills and fosters qualities of community responsibility and service.

The program will continue throughout Term 3 during periods 3 and 4 (11.25 am – 1.25 pm) every Thursday, culminating in a formal presentation of certificates and demonstration of the skills students have developed over the course of the program. Last week’s session consisted of some introductory safety and procedural lessons followed by the students ‘kitting up’ in their safety gear before some hands on activities.

All Year 9 students are participating in the program and their instructors, John and Danny have commented that they have already displayed teamwork skills which other cohorts have taken months to reach. I will endeavour to photograph the students’ journey through the program and the students themselves will complete all subsequent newsletter reports which will give us all a complete insight into the activities. If any parents or caregivers would like copies of photos they are being saved on a thumb drive which you are more than welcome to borrow.

Keep up the great work Year 9!

Donna Shelley
Careers

Help Needed For The Bombala High School P&C Street Stall

The Bombala High School P&C Street Stall will be held this Friday 25th July. To enable to the success of the Street Stall the P&C are seeking donations of items for the hamper, cakes, slices, biscuits, any other saleable items such as plants etc.

Volunteers are also needed to work on the Street Stall, any time you can spare would be most appreciated. Hamper items and donations of saleable items may be left at the Front Office if you are unable to get to the Street Stall. Please phone Dawn Worley on 6458 3210 or 0408 696 917.
IS IT OK TO DROP THE F-BOMB AT SCHOOL?
We all know that it happens – take a walk around many schools and you will hear swearing and foul language. To some degree, many expletive words have become a part of the vernacular and are not considered as socially unacceptable as they once were. However, this does not alter the fact that if you are at school and using language which causes offence to someone, you may be breaking the law. Let’s go through some examples –

Scenario 1: If a student was wandering around school yelling at the top of their lungs ‘F#$% Off!’, that student would be committing the offence of ‘Use Offensive language’ under the Summary Offences Act 1988. (Max penalty: 6 penalty units or $500 infringement)

Scenario 2: If a student in woodwork class accidently hit their thumb with a hammer and yelled ‘f$%*!’ because they were in shock and pain, their use of the f-bomb could be considered to be reasonable and NOT offensive under the circumstances. (Max penalty: sore thumb & hurt pride)

Scenario 3: If a student is asked by a teacher to head off to class and the student said, ‘F#$% off, I’m not doing what you say you f’n dog’ before giving the teacher the finger, kicking over a chair and walking off, the student is committing the offence of “Offensive Conduct” under the Summary Offences Act 1988. (Max penalty: 6 penalty units or imprisonment for 3 months)

Scenario 4: If while on school grounds a person raises a clenched fist and says to a student, teacher or other member of staff, “I’m going to bash your F#$%ing head in”, that person has committed an offence under Section 60E of the Crimes Act 1900 No 40 which states, (1) A person who assaults, stalks, harasses or intimidates any school student or member of staff of a school while the student or member of staff is attending a school, although no actual bodily harm is occasioned, is liable to imprisonment for 5 years.

So, what does this all mean for you? It means that as a part of a school community, whether you are a parent, student or teacher, you have a responsibility to act in a way that is socially acceptable and in accordance with the rules of the community. The test of what is acceptable would be judged by a person who is reasonably tolerant, not someone who is easily offended or ‘thin-skinned’. Think about the kind of community you want to live and learn in and behave accordingly. Keep your interactions with other members of your community, whether they be students, parents or teachers, respectful.

Senior Constable Bec Lanyon
School Liaison Police Officer - Monaro and Far South Coast lany1reb@police.nsw.gov.au

Bombala Basketball Association
Calling For Names For Second Semester Competition

The second competition for 2014 is due to start in the next few weeks. We are therefore calling for names for all competitions: Junior miniball, senior miniball, 7,8,9’s, mens and ladies. Numbers will determine which competitions run. Could names please be given to Donna at school or on 6458-3358 or Carol by Friday 1 August 2014.

Thank you
Public Education Week
Art Auction and Exhibition

CREATING THE FUTURE

Bibbenluke Public School
Bombala High School
Bombala Public School
Delegate Public School
Multi-Purpose Hall
31 July 2014
Bombala High School Hall
6:30pm

Light Supper
Delegate, Bibbenluke and Bombala Combined School Art Show and Auction
Thursday 31 July at 6.30pm

Calling for exhibits for the Art Show and Auction, which will be held in the Multi-Purpose Hall on Thursday 31st July. Any student, family or friends with any artwork ie paintings, sketches, ceramics, sculpture etc which has been done at school or at home are invited to enter their work either for auction or just as a display. The funds raised by the sale of artwork will be used to fund the DaBB’s Combined Schools Concert Showcase in 2015. Please support the students of our community by attending.
Light refreshments will be available.

RYPEN OVERVIEW

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment is designed for that large group of, boys and girls, aged between 14 and 17 years, school years 8 to 11, who show some qualities of decency, courage, persistence, sincerity and application in everyday life, which deserve further development. The principal aim is to communicate to young people a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards, and to broaden their horizons culturally, socially and academically.

**RYPEN aims for the average student and not for the outstanding few.** Students should not go with friends. If the students do not know anyone at the start of the seminar, they will leave with 63 new friends and contacts when it finishes on Sunday afternoon. RYPEN is an intensive program, consisting of plenary sessions, workshops and sport and entertainment activities.

**RYPEN is not a Leadership Camp.** Whilst leadership qualities often emerge at RYPEN, the program is not designed specifically to develop these skills. Participants will be given an opportunity to learn from achievers in the worlds of business, sport and entertainment. Presenters will speak at keynote sessions and workshops and share their experiences with participants, while emphasizing the need to work hard and stay focused. At the same time, participants are interacting with peers from different backgrounds and improving their teamwork skills. All this is done in an informal atmosphere, where questions and debates are encouraged. Likewise, RYPEN **is not designed for kids with behavioural or anti-social issues.** Nominees are accommodated in dormitory style rooms, and meals are provided in a communal dining room. Special dietary requirements can be catered for by the camp chefs. The District RYPEN committee provides the organisation and planning, and the special guest speakers cover a wide range of topics (a copy of the program is available). Rotarians and their Partners live-in for the duration of the camp, as counsellors and become camp mums and dads.

**PLEASE** consult your local School Advisers year 8-11 or pass this information on the appropriate teachers and be guided by their nomination. Rypennians receive suitable instruction, and play an active part in introducing and thanking guest speakers, presenting group reports, assisting in camp tasks as well as being involved in various group sessions.

The motto of RYPEN, which emerged from the first seminar in 1980, is “the Cultivation of Youth”. If you think a young person has qualities worth developing then they are suitable for RYPEN. They do not have to be the leaders in the school or up at the top of their year, they just have to show qualities that would be worth improving.

Our rules are simple and are consistent with civilised behaviour; breaches may result in the student being sent home.

Try to select one boy and one girl as we have accommodation for 64 in 8 rooms that house 8 students each, it would help us greatly if we have even numbers. It is always a bit harder to find boys, rather than girls.

“It was the best experience, I met great new people and had my eyes opened to things I have never thought about before. I wanted to thank everyone that put in effort and supported everyone me as well as everyone else who came. One day, I hope and will try to motivate young people like you did for me.”

Courtney – Participant September 2011

facebook.com/rypen9710

Feel free to talk to Corey Morrison or Cherilee King who attended in May.

Please see Mr Warren if you are interested in attending this camp.
Bombala High School

P & C Association

2014 fees are now due $5.00 per family

Name: ____________________________

Dear Parents and Citizens

We would like to invite you to renew or become a first time member of our P & C Association.

By becoming a member, you have voting right at our quarterly meetings, held on the Monday of Week 4 each term. It also provides you with insurance for any voluntary work that you do at, and for, our High School.

The annual membership fee is $5.00  Thank you