Music Examination

Monday of this week saw our Trial Higher School Certificate (HSC) Music Performance examination. Students have been preparing items throughout term 4 of last year and all of this year. This was the opportunity for them and Mr Fuiono to assess their progress and to see how they perform under the pressure situation of an examination.

Students were required to perform one piece on an instrument or voice as part of the core performance which is worth 20 marks. In their electives, students can select to do more performances, a composition (an original of 4 minutes) or a viva voce (where a student spends 10 minutes discussing their musical topic with the examiners). The electives are worth 60 marks in the HSC. Those students who chose performance for their two electives had to perform three pieces for the trial examination.

It is only three weeks until their actual HSC Practical examination which will occur on Tuesday 9th September. With 13 students to be assessed this process will run from 9.30am to 5pm with each student having their chance to perform in front of the visiting markers. Mr Fuiono was impressed with the standard of the performances while acknowledging that there was still room for improvement.

The next three weeks will be a busy time indeed with the HSC Drama Performance marking on Wednesday of next week and the Music and Design and Technology marking occurring the following week.
**Work Ready**

On Thursday 14 August, Year 10 students and I had a work ready day at the RSL Auditorium. This day is organised to prepare students for what is expected of them whilst on Work Experience.

The students were asked to come to the day dressed for their chosen profession and there were some very creative outfits! We looked at the tedious side of the day first which was the paperwork requirements and then moved on to creating newspaper outfits focusing on teamwork skills. We then looked at a variety of work related issues including answering the phone correctly, confidentiality, listening skills and conflict resolution in the workplace.

Thank you to the RSL for hosting us, Jono for a wonderful lunch and Bombala High School Executive for subsidising this valuable event. Year 10 were wonderfully behaved and each learnt at least one thing that they didn’t know at the beginning of the day.

Thank you also for putting up with me all day!

Ms Shelley
PASS Excursion

Last Thursday thirteen Year 9 PASS students accompanied by thirty seven Eden Marine High students went on an excursion to Canberra. We left school at 7am and met Eden Marine High at Nimmitabel.

In Canberra the students went to a gym where they participated in a pump and a spin class. The pump class was a combination of light weights and conditioning lasting about 45 minutes. The spin class was 45 minutes of non-stop cycling. Some stand outs both classes were Nathan Devine, Kayla Hall, Jessica Herron, Keiarna Rodwell and Shinaya Rose-Humphreys giving 110% in both classes.

After the gym, students went on a tour of the AIS. During their tour they saw many of the amazing facilities that are available to some of Australia’s top athletes. As well as the tour students were let loose in an activity room at the AIS which has various sport related games and challenges. Some of the activities included arm wrestling, reaction timing on a mini sprint track, rowing, cycling, wheelchair basketball, snowboarding/skiing/skeleton and rock climbing to name a few.

Our next stop was Belconnen Westfield for lunch and some free time. Students were encouraged try something new and steer away from McDonalds. Most students did well and opted for some of the various selections at the food court. None was more interesting than Clayton Till’s choice, a bag of grapes from Woolworths and a can of Mother. After lunch students were given time to do some window shopping.

Next was AMF 10 pin bowling. Students were given a game each. Some students had never bowled before and found it, at first, challenging but after a few bowls everyone had gotten the rhythm of it. Our top boy was Jayden Robinson with a score of 91 just edging out Ben Lomas on 90 and our top girl was Teri Roberson with a score of 90.

After bowling, we made our way to wall climbing. This was a lot of fun. Some students were hesitant to start off with but then grew in confidence the more they tried. Jayden Robinson was fearless and was our best climber. Other notable climbers were Brett Burton, Kayla Hall, Jessica Herron, Ben Lomas, Teri Roberson, Keiarna Rodwell, Ky Rodwell, Bella Russell, and Shinaya Rose-Humphreys. After an hour and a half of rock climbing we made our way home.

A very special thank you must be given to Mrs Sullivan and Mr Langford from Eden Marine High School for organising such an amazing experience for the students. This excursion is run every year for students who take PASS as an elective, I encourage more students to go on this excursion next year as it is not only an educational experience but a very fun one too.

Mr Fuiono
**THIS WEEK IN CAREERS…..**

**YEAR 9 RFS FIELD TRIP**

This week, Year 9 students went on an adventure with John and Danny to the significant emergency services venues in Bombala. They visited the ambulance service and were given some very thorough examinations and excellent information. They also visited the fire station where a very interesting and informative session was delivered. From all reports the students’ behaviour was excellent (as always) and they were very keen to ask questions and have some hands on experience. Well done Year 9!

**YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE**

Our designated week for Year 10 Work Experience is fast approaching. It is Week 7 – Monday 25 August – Friday 29 August. We have had some very organised students who have confirmed their employers, however, there are also a number of students yet to finalise a workplace. I am doing what I can to secure places, however, can I ask parents to assist also. Normal classes will not be running for Year 10 in that week and if they are not at Work Experience then they will be required to be at school – I know which option I would prefer! Again, please contact me if you need any assistance at all. We have students at Bombala Hospital, Bombala Vet and Capper Street Physiotherapy in Tumut. Thank you to all the businesses that are supporting our students.

**SBAT INFORMATION EVENING**

Last Tuesday evening we held our SBAT information evening in the Trade Training Centre. This evening was designed to inform parents, students and employers about the benefits of SBATs. Mr Steve Britten from CIT spoke about the training side of things and Mr Bruce Monro from Australian Apprenticeship Centre spoke to students and parents about the processes involved in setting up an SBAT. Thank you also to Anna Moreing, representing Dongwha, who gave attendees an insight into their SBAT program. I would like to thank the small but enthusiastic crowd of students and parents as well as the representatives from local businesses for giving up their time to attend. If you have any queries about possible SBAT positions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**UPCOMING COURSES**

The White Card Construction course is on today, combined with students from Jindabyne Central School. The RCG course is also running today from 3.00 pm – 9.00 pm. It is still not too late to participate as there are a couple of spaces remaining. Thank you to Auswide Training Services for offering these courses locally.

**COMBINED DEFENCE FORCE VISIT**

This very interesting session is coming to Bombala High School on Thursday 28 August 2014. There will be representatives from the army, navy and air force who will share their experiences in the Australian Armed Forces. There will also be information about the recruitment process and benefits of working within these services. Any students who are interested in a career in the armed forces are encouraged to put their name down and attend. I will advertise this opportunity on assembly this week.
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – COMBINED UNIVERITIES OPEN DAY IN CANBERRA

All Tertiary Institutions in Canberra have a combined open day on Saturday 30 August 2014. I am calling for any expressions of interest for participating in this day. We normally visit the University of Canberra where we are treated like VIP’s and even treated to a free lunch! The afternoon visit is up to the participants and can be CIT, ADFA or ANU. Preference for this opportunity is given to Year 11 and 12 students, however, if there are any seats left on the school bus students from other years and parents are more than welcome. Please contact me if you have any queries.

Donna Shelley, Careers Advisor

PICK UP AND DROP OFF ZONE

Please be aware, that the drop off zone outside Julie and Wendy’s Day Care Centre, is strictly that, a 15 minute pick up and drop off zone for day care families.

Ellie’s Transition from School

Many locals know Ellie Hodak, who you will now see out in the community on a regular basis as she transitions from school. Ellie will finish school at the end of this term. While Ellie undertakes her community activities, she will be accompanied by her school support staff, Connie, Sue or Janelle.

Ellie has been participating in various activities, including the Contact Group at the HAC Centre, the Bombala Library, where Ellie returns books and DVD’s and makes book marks which are very popular. At Cottrell Motors Ellie enjoys shredding office documents and at Bi Rite she does some dusting. At Lou Lou’s, Ellie stamps the brown paper bags and at EMJ Jewellery, Ellie has modelled some pieces for Elsie. At the Bombala RSL Club Ellie wipes, puts out coasters and enjoys helping to put items on display for Friday Bingo. She has been visiting the local knitting group at Cosmos, as well as Hair on Main, Wendy and Julie’s Day Care and Raw Strength.

Ellie loves to observe people. Her interaction with the public is very enjoyable for her and the highlight of being in the community is having lunch out often.

Thank you to the local community groups and the local business houses that have been able to offer Ellie these experiences. If anyone has other ideas about activities in which Ellie could participate, please call the following numbers.

Bombala council Community Services 6458 4620
Adele Hodak 6458 3520
Bombala High School 6458 3358

SASS Conference in Wollongong

Raelene, Kim, Connie and Sue attended the Bi-Annual SASS Conference in Wollongong last week for a two day conference. It was uplifting and extremely informative. The focus of the conference was to strengthen wellbeing, embrace change and build connections. We have all come back to work, with new information and ideas to enhance our working environment.
Ellie out and about!