Sporting and academic success rewarded

Wednesday 17 December 2014 saw our annual awards day assembly where our students’ success is celebrated. There was a huge audience of students, family and friends in attendance. The Masters of Ceremony were our 2015 Presidents, Ebony Ingram and Lachlan Sellers with the Welcome to Country given by Timothy Olsen.

Mr Glen Warren gave the Principal’s address which was followed by the Sports Awards announced by Mrs Emma Sullivan. These awards celebrated the sporting success achieved throughout the year and culminated in Sportsperson of the Year, Keiren Rodwell, for the sixth year in a row. What an achievement!

The academic awards followed, presented by year advisers and there were over 120 students who achieved first in subject and merit awards for which they are to be congratulated. The special awards then followed and again there were many worthy recipients. The highlights of these awards include Katherine Pajuzock receiving the Reuben F Scarfe Award for Commitment, Bella Russell announced as Rotary School/Community Service Award winner and Cherilee King receiving the Senior Studies Vocational Commitment Award.

The Kirsty Jamieson Year 10 Memorial Award went to Tom Dyer and Kayle Keavey, Toby Mustard and Abbey Boreham were announced as recipients of the Bombala RSL Scholarships. Adam Rodwell and Veronika Hartmeier were very deserving recipients of the prestigious Long Tan Leadership Awards. A special mention must be made also of Rowan Miller’s Outstanding Achievement.
GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF

Our first teacher profile for 2014 is Mrs Maree Coates

Education and Sporting background:

Maree commenced her primary school education at Delegate Public School. She attended Bombala High School where she completed Year 12 in 2001. During this time Maree participated very successfully in a wide range of sports. She represented the high school in Touch, Tennis, Volleyball, Basketball, Netball, Rugby Union, Soccer, Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming.

Her tertiary education took Maree to Canberra where she completed a Bachelor of Applied Science in Human Biology at University of Canberra in 2004. She won a Gold Medal at the Australian University Games in Adelaide for Touch Football and played in the Touch Football State Cup Championship for ACT.

Maree travelled to Europe for 12 months in 2005 and coached tennis at Sutton Indoor Tennis Centre in England during the school terms and travelled during the holidays. On her return she completed a Graduate Diploma in Secondary Science Teaching at University of Canberra in Senior Biology and Chemistry.

Her sporting success continued with her winning a a Gold medal at the Australian Oztag 27s Championships and playing AFL for the Gungahlin Jets. Maree taught at Marist College Canberra for 5 years, was Assistant Head of the Science Department and attended Year 10 Outward Bound program for 3 years while at Marist College. She returned to Bombala and bought a property with partner James Coates ‘Goldsands’ at Cathcart. Maree taught at Bombala Public School for 3 years and last year married James Coates. She is now taking great pleasure in working at Bombala High School teaching Art and Agriculture.

Interests:
Maree enjoys farming, camping, playing sport, painting, watching movies and catching up with friends and family.

Favourite food:
Her favourite foods include Spicy Mexican, Italian, Cheese and Biccies.

Life motto:
“Dance like no one is watching, love like you’ll never be hurt, sing like no one is listening and live life like it’s heaven on earth!”

University Placements

Next week’s newsletter will list details of 2014 Year 12 students who have been successful in achieving places at the university of their choice.

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This Week in Careers ....

Welcome to 2015 where there is already a lot happening in Careers.

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY MY DAY

If you are interested in a career in sports coaching, sports administration, PDHPE teaching, personal training or rehabilitation, Charles Sturt University is holding a MyDay Exercise and Sport Science day at their Bathurst Campus. This is an excellent opportunity for students in Years 11 and 12 to experience life as a CSU student for a day.

The date is Friday 27 February 2015 from 9.45 am – 2.00 pm. If you are interested in studying a Bachelor of Education (Health and Physical Education), Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science or Bachelor of Sport Studies/Bachelor of Communication (Journalism) this day may well be worth the journey.

Could students/parents please express their interest in attending this MyDay experience by either dropping in to the Careers Office or contacting me on 6458-3358 or 0409 556 813.

I have further information and registration forms. If there is enough interest we may be able to run the school bus.

TARONGA ZOO WORK EXPERIENCE

A big congratulations needs to go to Jessica Herron who has been successful in her application for work experience at Taronga Zoo in late April 2015. She has been allocated the Marine Division which was her first choice.

The competition for places at the zoo is hotly contested and out of the thousands of NSW students who apply, only approximately 40 are selected each year.

Well done Jess and we look forward to your reports after completion of your week.

TVET 2015

TAFE is due to commence in Cooma on Wednesday 11 February (Week 3) 2015. We are still finalising paperwork so if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Final offers and information will be available early next week and will be communicated with all students who completed their expressions of interest last year.

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG DISCOVERY DAY EXCURSION

A group of 13 Year 12 students set off yesterday to UOW to experience a day in the life of a university student.

They will be attending a variety of pre chosen lectures and stayed on campus last night. The students are being escorted by their Year Advisers, Mr Jamie Little and Mrs Belinda Rodwell.

This is traditionally an excellent and valuable experience and we look forward to their reports when they return later tonight.

CAREERS COMMUNICATION

We are in the process of surveying the students as to their preferred methods of receiving careers information.

There are numerous opportunities available to all Bombala High School students throughout the year and we want to make sure that these opportunities are communicated to students, parents and the wider school community.

We value parent input, so if you have a spare moment could you please contact me with feedback as to where/how careers related communication can be most effectively received.

You can call or email suggestions to donna.shelley@det.nsw.edu.au. Thank you in advance for your ideas.

Donna Shelley
Careers

Reminders

Please ensure that all Swimming and Local Area Permission Notes are returned before Thursday. No note no swimming.

We wish all competing in the swimming carnival on Thursday all the very best. We hope that the weather will be kind to you.

The Standing Orders Library Books have arrived and Leeanne and Caitlin are waiting patiently for them to be accessioned.

Please return any outstanding library or text books as soon as possible.

Finally, a reminder that the first P&C Meeting for the year will be held on Monday 16 February.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

More details will be in next week’s newsletter.

Attachments

Canteen Survey – to be returned as soon as possible.

The Crossing Information and Registration