Myanba rocks the pool with house chant at swimming carnival

An overcast morning turned into a beautiful sunny day at our annual swimming carnival.

Attendance at the carnival was excellent with over 90% of our students participating in a mixture of dry land, novelty events, crazy hat competition, house chants and of course all the usual swimming races and relay events.

Our carnival is a day encouraging participation by all which makes it competitive, but still plenty of fun! Winning house on the day was Nalbaugh followed by Rockton and Myanba.

**Age champions are:**

**Boys**
- 12 Years Lane Stevenson, 13 Years Brady Jones, 14 Years Tim McGrath, 15 Years Dylan Elton, 16 Years Mitchell Power, 17 Years Lachlan Sellers.

**Girls**
- 13 Years Karter Hampshire, 14 Years Faith, Cocker, 15 Years Jessica Herron, 16 Years Keiarna Rodwell, 17 Years Annie McGrath.

Well done everyone!

**Zone swimming carnival will be held in Narooma on 18 February.**

**Golden Platypus Award:**
- Dylan Elton
- Keiarna Rodwell

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Getting to know… Peter Jones

I have been a teacher at Bombala High since 1990 and prior to that I taught at Singleton High, in the Hunter Valley, for three years. Apart from teaching English and History, I have, on occasions also taken Mathematics and P. E. classes. This year I have classes across all six year groups including the Advanced English HSC course.

During my time at the school I have had a keen interest in coaching a number of sporting teams. I have been involved in organising and attending a range of excursions and sporting trips over the years to a variety of locations throughout NSW and interstate. An accredited Rugby League referee, I have officiated games against visiting school sides as well as both boys’ and girls’ soccer matches over the last few years.

My interests outside of school include touch football, lawn bowls, the ‘occasional’ punt and relaxing with friends. This year for the first time I will be coaching the Bombala District Women’s League Tag team in their inaugural season in the Group 16 competition.

The most pleasing aspect of being part of the Bombala High School team is the relationship you are able to forge with both students and adults in the school and in the wider Bombala community. The students are polite and are usually willing to learn. On every occasion I have taken students out of the school I have always been impressed by their behaviour, their sportsmanship and their interaction with others.

On just about every occasion that I have visited other schools or when our students have competed against other teams, I have realised that the grass is not always greener on the other side. In fact things are very lush at Bombala High School in every aspect of the educational spectrum.

Agriculture students busy with plant and animal management

During the past 2 weeks, students have been busy with sheep management and weed management in the Ag plot.

The resident wethers were crutched and worm tests completed by the Year 9/10 Agriculture students to manage the health of these sheep.

The merino ewes were shorn over the weekend. Thanks must go to Mick, Katrina, Colby and Logan Brownlie, Andy and Abbey Boreham and Garry Ingram for their assistance in transporting, drenching, sorting and shearing these sheep.

Students from the Year 11 and 12 Agriculture classes were involved in the weed management of a paddock on the Ag plot. These students demonstrated their tractor safety and maintenance skills during the exercise. The paddock will now be set up on a weed management program.

On page 4 there are further photos.
Bombala High giving tree-Chrismas 2014

Thank you to the school community for supporting the Christmas Giving Tree last year.

Many staff, students and families donated a present to be put under the tree. The presents were given to ANGLICARE for distribution in the Bombala area.

A big thank you to the students that set up and decorated the tree in time for Awards Day.

The suggestion from this group was that a silver tree be set up and decorated in blue for Awards Day 2015. Is there any family in our school community that has such a tree that could be used?

The tree would be returned in time for Christmas!!

Office talk…

Please note, this year there is a big change to notes for student absences. If your child is late to school they must come to school with a note or a phone call, text or email from home to explain why they are late.

If that doesn’t happen the student will receive a slip to take home for a parent signature.

By law now we are not allowed to make any changes to student absences if we do not have an explanation within seven days. Therefore, the student may have unexplained absences on their school report.

School fees will be sent home next week. They can be paid with cash, cheque or internet transfer.

Bank details:
BSB: 032-001 ACC: 140212

Our Lost Property store is overflowing with school clothes... mostly jumpers. If your child is missing jumpers etc. it may be worth a visit to the school to go through the pile. Some of the jumpers look nearly new.

There is a huge pile of jackets and jumpers that are not uniform also. These will be sent to the op shop at the end of next week if the clothes are not claimed.

Country music talent to shine

Bombala & District Country Music Association Inc. is holding its 22nd Annual Talent Quest at the Bombala RSL Saturday 28 February 2015 at 9:00am for 9:30am start.

Open to all ages.

Sections include: veterans, sub and junior vocal, open, instrumental, junior and senior gospel, costume comedy skit, senior vocal, singer/songwriter, country rock, duo or group.

Entries close Wednesday 25 January 2015. Audience support is encouraged. For enquiries and entry forms contact M. Giles: 6458 20210 or I Turnbull: 6458 3431

Netball registrations

Bombala Netball Club will be holding a registration day on Tuesday the 10th and Tuesday the 17th of February from 3:30 until 6 PM.

The netball committee would like to invite all children and ladies who are interested in playing, umpiring and/or coaching netball to come down to the netball courts. Net – Set – Go will be played as competition this year and boys aged 5 to 15 years are welcome to play.

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Photo gallery

Mick Brownlie and son Logan
Boys Age Champions: Lachlan Sellers, Lane Stevenson, Mitchell Power, Tim McGrath, Dylan Elton and Brady Jones.

Girls Age Champions: Faith Cocker, Karter Hampshire, Keiarna Rodwell, Annie McGrath and Jessica Herron.

Meg Farrell and Mrs Belcher enjoying the carnival.

Lane Stevenson

P&C Meeting
16 February
All encouraged to attend.

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Tanika, sharing a joke with her aunty Belinda.