Year 11 student Mozes Olsen awarded the honour of becoming an AIME ambassador

Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience representative visits Bombala High

Last Thursday a special presentation was made to Mozes Olsen by Jon Yoens, Program Coordinator (UOW Bega and Batemans Bay), Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME). Mozes has been selected to be an ambassador for the program.

Jon presented Mozes with an AIME hat, backpack, Tshirt and his ambassador hoodie, assisted by Mozes’ older brother Tim.

In Jon’s address, he mentioned that at many other schools in his region they struggled to nominate an ambassador. However, the choice of Mozes at Bombala High was an easy decision.

Well done Mozes on your excellent leadership qualities and we look forward to working closely with AIME in 2015.

For more information on the wonderful programs run by Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience, please see http://aimementoring.com

Donna Shelley
AIME Coordinator

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Agriculture students making the most of our rural high school

The Agriculture department has been busy with some new additions, plus maintenance of existing stock these last few weeks.

Year 8 students have welcomed 26 mixed breed female chickens to the school. Students have enjoyed naming their group of chickens, weighing them, maintaining the brooder area as well as the feed and watering systems.

The Year 7 students have planted vegetable seedlings and seeds into punnets which have been going well apart from the odd snail or caterpillar feeding on the leaves.

The Year 7’s have been measuring and weeding as well as watering their garden beds and hopefully we will soon have some fresh produce to offer to the school canteen.

The Year 9/10 students have been monitoring the sheep and recently weighed the lambs that dropped last spring. The lamb weights are looking good for their age and breeding.

A huge thank you to Patrice Clear from Landmark Bombala for running a workshop with the senior Agriculture students on grain judging last week. We hope that these students took on Patrice’s advice and expertise and are able to compete in the Delegate show successfully this weekend.

Maree Coates
Agriculture/Art

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

Please remember that all payments to the school can be made via internet banking. Use your child’s name as the reference eg. RSmithUNIFORM or RSmithFEES

Account Name: Bombala High School
BSB 032-001  Account No 140212
Please call the office 6458 3358 if you would like assistance with internet banking.

Coming events…

Tuesday 10 March
School Photos

Monday 16 March
Work Ready Day @ RSL

Tuesday 17 March
Boys Volleyball @ Bega

Thursday 19 March
Assembly and Luncheon from 12.30pm in the hall. All parents are warmly invited to attend.

For more information on any of these events please contact the school office on 6458 3358.
Survey gives students an opportunity for students to have their say...

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


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House Spirit meeting a great team builder

Last Thursday all students attended a House Spirit meeting in place of the regular assembly.

These meetings are designed to get students working together, raise morale and ensure interaction between students of all ages.

The challenges and activities allow for senior students to role model positive behaviours and give all students the opportunity to contribute to the end of year house points tally regardless of sporting ability.

The staff were very impressed with the level of ‘school community’ spirit developing within the students and look forward to next term’s meeting.

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The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Tuesday 17th March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Glen Warren
Relieving Principal

Year 7 take a walk on the Maths Mat

Purchased by the P&C, the Maths Mat allows students to move themselves about to simulate coordinate geometry. They then played a ‘robot’ and ‘controller’ game, which was won by Mackenzie Phillips and Karter Hampshire.

**Who’s got the most fans?** During House Spirit the students joined in a fun game of Rock Paper Scissors, where if they won, they got the loyal support of the fans of the defeated student. Steadily, all the students become part of the same team until, with the final victor, they are all cheering as one. Here Chloe Day (Year 9) and Tayla Ventry (Year 7) compete in the final stages of the game.
Community News and Events
The following information is provided by community groups and organisations...

Visitor Bombala
In front of RSL Club
Wednesday 25 March

Bombala Golf Club
Junior Golf Lessons
Commencing Sunday 15th March from 9:00am - 11:00am
Meet at Bombala Golf Club Car Park
Equipment will be supplied if needed.
All age groups and abilities welcome as are parents wishing to stay and participate.
Bookings essential phone or SMS: Steve Tatham on 0418637564

Up to $150 assistance with energy bills

2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

The Family Energy Rebate is one of a number of NSW Government energy assistance programs to help eligible households reduce the impact of electricity costs.

It takes just two minutes to apply online and once submitted the rebate application begins processing. Applying online can also be done from mobile, internet-enabled devices including smartphones and tablets.

More information is available from the Family Energy Rebate website, including eligibility criteria and frequently asked questions.

Reminder: To qualify for the 2014/15 Family Energy Rebate the applicant must have received a 2013/14 Family Tax Benefit payment from Centrelink and the applicant must be the electricity account holder for the household. For a full list of the eligibility criteria and further information on the Family Energy Rebate, follow the link above to our website.

The application submission deadline is Midnight 16 June 2015

Further information
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