Harmony Day

Everybody Belongs – Celebrating Cultural Diversity

Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity.

It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Harmony Day is held every year on 21 March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

This year, the Bombala Community of Schools will be holding various activities to celebrate Harmony Day, culminating in a mass kite flying activity, if the weather gods are kind to us.

Parents and community members are welcome to join us from about 2:00 p.m. onwards.

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Year 10 Work Ready Day

Monday saw our annual work ready day for Year 10 students. This hands on day is designed to prepare students for their work experience placements throughout the year. Sessions include the importance of working in a team, confidentiality, how to handle workplace conflict and of course, the paperwork and legal requirements.

There will be a full report and photos in next week’s newsletter. I particularly look forward to student feedback on the new sessions based on the Stronger Smarter Institute philosophies.

The Year 10 students have been thinking about what type of work experience they would like and are to be congratulated on their organisational skills.

This year we are trialling no set work experience week, with students and workplaces having the flexibility to select days or weeks which suit. If you have any opinions on this option please give me a call on 6458 3358 or 0409 556 813. Please also contact me if I can be of any assistance in finding a suitable host workplace.

As previously mentioned Jessica Herron is off to the Marine Division of Taronga Zoo followed by NIDA early next term and we wish her every success. I have also had student enquiries for primary education, fitness and hospitality and hope to organise these for early next term also.

Work experience is extremely valuable, especially as employers cite experience in the work place as the major determining factor when employing.

Bombala High School Careers Facebook Page - Careersbhs

It is the time of year when University literature for 2016 starts coming in and after a discussion with Year 12 students last week we have decided that the communication of the influx of information would be most effective via the careers Facebook page.

The page is called Careersbhs and all you have to do is ‘like it’ to receive the newsfeed posted.

Parents are also more than welcome to access the page, however, I will also be publishing information in the newsletter.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

University Information

University of Technology Sydney

The 2016 UTS Undergraduate Guides have arrived.

University of NSW

The 2016 ‘all in one box’ information including 2016 degrees, admission, bonus points, scholarships and accommodation information is in the Careers office.

La Trobe University

Experience La Trobe dates for a taste of what it is like to be a university student for the day have arrived. There are various dates at the different campuses. Poster is on the whiteboard.

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Getting to know Emma Sullivan
PDHPE Teacher and Relieving English/History Head Teacher

Bombala is my childhood home and I attended Bombala High School as a student. After high school, I studied PDHPE teaching at the University of Canberra. At the completion of this course I was posted to Dunedoo Central School to begin my teaching career. Many years later I transferred as a teacher to Bombala High School. I have three young children and my husband is a teacher at Monaro High School. We have made our home in Bombala.

Bombala High School is a wonderful place to work. Our resources are first class, our open spaces are coveted by many other schools and our staff have a wonderful blend of experience and enthusiasm. But the greatest part about BHS is the students. All of the students are a pleasure to teach and make my job enjoyable yet challenging.

The scope of PDHPE teaching has changed considerably over my time as a teacher, with the influences of social media, alcohol, and developing resilience amongst our students becoming major focus areas in the last five years.

The sedentary nature of the population has also influenced the PE classroom with a push for developing an appreciation of regular physical activity and its benefits also a large focus. I love teaching and I love my job. I am currently the Relieving English/History Head Teacher which is a position I also enjoy filling.

I enjoy participating in most team sports and I cannot wait to represent Bombala in the upcoming local League Tag competition. I also attend the local gym on most days as exercise is a favourite activity of mine.

My career highlights would include coaching both boys and girls touch football teams to state championships and achieving consistently higher than state average HSC PDHPE marks with my Year 12 students. Last year, 12 of our students completed the PDHPE course and for 9 of them their highest marks were achieved in PDHPE. Of this I was exceptionally proud and I look forward to hopefully continuing this success with my senior classes in the future.

Defence Forces Gap Year Canberra Session

Last Tuesday afternoon two of our Year 12 students attended an evening session at the recruiting centre in Canberra.

The session was designed to give interested students an insight into the requirements, application process and advantages of a gap year in the defence forces in 2016.

Doug Parsons and Jack Parr both reported that the session was very informative and valuable. Congratulations to these two students for showing initiative in experiencing their future career options.

A big thank you to Helen Parr for providing transport.
Canteen News

As a trial, Louise Wright the Canteen Manager will be beginning a breakfast program. The program will commence next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Canteen. It will commence at 8.15am.

The program will run until the end of the term, and if successful, it will be continued in Term 2. On offer will be bacon and egg muffins, milo, raisin toast, toast and some cereal.

SRC News

A reminder that the SRC Induction will be held this Thursday during Assembly. A Luncheon will be served in the Library at the conclusion of the Assembly. All parents are warmly invited to attend the Assembly and Luncheon.

On Friday the SRC will be holding a Flanny Friday Fundraiser.

Gold coin donation.

All funds raised will go towards the purchase of a ‘tug o’ war’ rope. This will be used at the athletics carnival and at other events. It will be used in the student versus teachers or students versus parents’ events.

Coming Events

Thursday 19 March
Assembly and SRC Induction from 12.30pm in the hall. At the conclusion of the Assembly luncheon will be served in the Library.

Friday 20 March
Harmony Day and Flanny Friday.

Monday 23 March
Zone Touch Football.

Wednesday 1 April
Cross Country.

Bombala Show

The Bombala Show will be held this Saturday 21 March. Gates open at 7.00am.

Bombala Show Schedules are available for perusal from the Library.

Photo copies of entries forms can also be obtained from the Library.

See you at the Show.

Overdue Library Books

Notice to all students. If you have any overdue Library books, please return them as soon as possible.

Come and check out our recent acquisitions.

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.