Students and staff receive commemorative medallions and wrist bands

Last Friday saw Bombala High School commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. The school held an assembly which provided the students with information about the landing at Gallipoli before three stories from Bombala soldiers from the schools upcoming book were read out by Jackie Chapman, Teri Roberson and Bella Russell. The school then presented each student, and staff member, with a set of Cooee wrist bands and a commemorative coin. The school then gathered for a photo before travelling down to the opening of the ANZAC Memorial which they shared with the students of the districts Primary Schools and the local community. A big thank you to Colin Ryan and Tony Roberts for transporting the students and to the Lions and Rotary Clubs for providing refreshments to all those who attended.
ANZAC commemoration

Photos courtesy of Warwick Long
Students inspired by ‘Dignity and Permanence’

Last Friday saw our school join all of the local schools as and members of the local community for the opening of the ANZAC memorial.

Under heavy skies the students travelled down to the memorial where they attended the official dedication of the memorial. After speeches from our Mayor Bob Stewart, Peter Hendy MP Federal Member for Eden-Monaro and musical performances from the Snowy Mob (which included students from the high school) the memorial was officially opened.

The students were then kindly provided with a sausage sandwich, ANZAC biscuit and drink by the local Rotary and Lions Clubs. The students were extremely well behaved and there were many comments made by members of the community about the positive manner in which the students represented the school.

Glen Warren
Relieving Principal

ANZAC Day service

ANZAC Day on Saturday saw a number of our staff and students attend the dawn service. It was great to see so many people attending this commemoration. Many of these people then backed up at 11am for the March and ceremony. The school was represented by 18 students and 7 staff. During the ceremony our President Ebony Ingram laid a wreath on behalf of Bombala High School before Lachlan Sellers delivered his ANZAC address. Lachlan had put a lot of time and thought into the writing of this speech and he delivered a well-received speech. A copy of his speech can be found in this newsletter. After the ceremony the Royal Australian Air Force and Navy presented our Presidents with a collection of books for our library.

The ANZAC Day commemorations in Delegate saw 5 of our students march. Janine Jamieson presented the ANZAC address and this was very well received by those who attended. A copy of Janine’s address is included in this newsletter. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of both Lachlan and Janine, as it is never easy to stand up in front of a crowd and speak, they both did an amazing job and were excellent representatives of Bombala High School.

Glen Warren, Relieving Principal

Student Teri Roberson marched proudly for T.S.Orion Naval Cadets
Lachie’s ANZAC day speech

On this significant anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli I would like to acknowledge all those who have fought for our country and especially those that are here today. During the First World War 420,000 men fought for Australia, 60,284 of those men died and 155,133 men were also injured. These numbers that I have just stated are not to impress you, or to glorify war, but to hopefully extend your empathy for that Anzac bravery. When I bow my head in the minute of silence, my mind fixates on unparalleled friendship, the ultimate sacrifice and courage to the highest standard. Today we honour every soldier past or present fallen, or are still serving who have lost their sense of safety, families or lives, but never lost that true Anzac spirit.

The Anzac spirit was born on this day, one hundred years ago. Australian and New Zealand Army Corps coming together to fight was always acknowledged, but the acronym Anzac was not always alive. Originally the Anzacs were just known as ‘A and NZ army corps’, this extensive wording yearned for easier pronunciation, and one man approved the Anzac acronym. Lieutenant General Sir William Birdwood or ‘Birdie’ was a British general, but still he was there for every Australian during the Gallipoli campaign. Respected by the Anzacs, Birdie reflected many values that those Australia and New Zealand soldiers showed. This statement is best embodied by Charles Bean in his book ‘The Story of Anzac’, “Above all, he possessed the quality, which went straight to the heart of Australians, of extreme personal courage”.

Birdwood is often described as the ‘Soul of Anzac’; this association has been dually earned because of reports he had absolute respect and admiration for the Anzacs and their abilities on the battle field. On the 25th of April, 1915 the bulk of Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on a beach called Gapa Tepe to attack the Turkish forces, it was Birdwood who requested that the location seized by the Anzacs would be forever known as Anzac Cove. Another nod to the Anzacs by Birdwood was approving an order for the Anzac soldiers to wear a small brass ‘A’ on each shoulder to be easily recognised for that famous spirit that will always be remembered.

I believe that it is necessary to understand the loss and separation of the Anzacs and their families, to fully appreciate the spirit we celebrate today. Although it is hard to place yourself in the same context as a person one hundred years ago, it’s not impossible. Throughout the First World War and Gallipoli especially, there are many reports of brothers fighting and dying together.

For me this is the closest context to my family life. My brothers and I are twenty two, nineteen and seventeen which means it would be possible for us to enlist together. Brothers who enlisted together generally fought side by side. At Gallipoli, sets of three brothers were rare, but their stories still make me cringe. Being told that one of my brothers had died or had even been wounded would mortify me. An extract from Wyn Griffith’s ‘From Up to Mametz’, talks about an Australian soldier who sent a message to stop a barrage, his brother was a runner and was killed by shell fire.

“So I had sent him to his death, bearing a message from my own hand, in an endeavour to save other men’s brothers.…. Night came but I could not sleep. At two in the morning we set out to join the battalions and as dawn was breaking over Bazentin, I turned towards the green shape of Mametz Wood and shuddered in a farewell to one, and too many. I had not even buried him, nor was his grave ever found.”

Because of my context, even hearing this gives me a sinking feeling, which I would wish upon nobody. Coping with this news would have stalled my courage and bravery to back up my mates, but those Anzac soldiers showed endurance and spirit that we honour and remember today.

The reason we meet on this day is to honour the undying Anzac values. This day is not just about the tradition and respect we endeavour to uphold, it’s more than just coming to show complete admiration and respect for those we cared about and lost in every war, it’s about realising we must continue the Anzac legacy and spirit and to not let their sacrifice lapse into history.

Lest we forget.

Lachlan Sellers, School President
Janine’s ANZAC day speech

Good morning ladies, gentlemen and students. I am honoured to be given this opportunity to speak here today.

Today, the 25th of April, marks the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing which took place in 1915. It was the first time Australians fought as a separate nation apart from Britain and was the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand troops in World War 1. It was not only significant for Australians as individuals but also Australia as a nation. Even though it was a defeat, we remember those who represented our country with courage in adversity, for, more than 8,000 Anzac troops were killed.

Anzac Day is a day of commemoration of sacrifice. It became a public holiday in all Australian states between 1921 and 1927. The services were traditionally held at dawn which was the time of the Anzac landing in Gallipoli, and included many of the ceremonies we include today, such as, moments of silence for those who’ve lost their lives in the service of their country, and the laying of wreaths.

With the coming of World War 2, Anzac Day became about remembering lives that were lost in other conflicts, as well as World War 1. In the 1960s those who commemorated ANZAC Day were mostly ex-service men and women and their families. However, over the last 15 years ANZAC Day has been more widely commemorated. Each year, more and more Australians and New Zealanders visit Gallipoli in Turkey. As I speak many people are gathered there today to remember.

In 1916, the Men from Snowy River March, began on the 6th January, in Delegate, ending on the 28th of January, in Goulburn. Their march has been recently remembered in Natalie Armstrong’s book. In this she explains that she first became aware of this march in 1988, when it was arranged for the original flag, which had been kept in Delegate, to be handed over to the Australian War Memorial. I feel strongly about this because of my sense of connection to this part of our town’s history.

As I was preparing for this commemorative speech today, I thought of the members of my own family who have served overseas for Australia. As a result of my Dad researching my family tree, I learned about my Great Great Uncle Harry Farmer who served in the First World War, fighting in France and Belgium where he tragically died. His name is recorded on the Menin Gates. My Uncle Keith Bent served in World War 2 and I had the pleasure of knowing him because he survived his service in New Guinea, then later went on to serve in Borneo. Unfortunately, however, he recently passed away and we miss him.

Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is a day on which we remember Australians who served in all wars, conflicts and peace keeping operations.

Our service men and women have served in World War 1, World War 2, Korea, Malaya, Vietnam, Cambodia, Somalia, Rwanda, The Persian Gulf, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The spirit of Anzac includes the qualities of courage, friendship and sacrifice.

We wear rosemary to remember them. It grows wild at Gallipoli.

Lest We Forget.

Coming events

Wednesday 17 April
Tafe

Tuesday 5 May
Small school Rugby League knock out Cooma

Wednesday 6 May
Tafe

Thursday 7 May
Year Meetings
This week in Careers

BOMBALA HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS FACEBOOK PAGE
Search - 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 info in the newsletter. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

UNIVERSITY OF NSW
Rural Health Careers Kit

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY
Course Guide 2016

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY
Undergraduate Guide 2016

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Girls in Engineering and Technology Day – 15 May 2016

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

After a very successful Work Ready Day at the end of Term 1, our Year 10 students are identifying the industries that they would like to experience. We have prospective Vets, Fitness Trainers, Teachers, Aged Care and Hospitality workers. Please keep your requests coming so that you have the best possible chance of gaining your placement. Remember that employers want experience and what better way to gain some!

Jessica Herron starts her work experience in Sydney at Taronga Zoo this week, followed by a week at NIDA. We wish her every success in these wonderful experiences and look forward to her reports.

If anyone has any queries about work experience, please drop in to the Careers office or contact me on 6458 3358 or 0409 556 813.

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG
IN2UNI PROGRAM

This very successful and informative program will be running at school on Tuesday 26 May 2015 in room 1. The focus year groups will be:

- Year 11 Bootcamp which focuses on tips for approaching the HSC, soft study skills and what to expect over the next 18 months.
- Year 10 Future Finder workshop where career planning, subject selection and maximisation of post school opportunities are discusses.

- Year 12 Road to Success workshop which aims to provide students with the skills, information and knowledge to make informed decisions about their future.

The sessions are delivered by In2Uni mentors and are extremely valuable. Please contact me if you would like any further information.

AIMING MENTORING FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

We are very excited to be involved in this successful program in 2015 which commences on Friday 29 May 2015 at UOW Bega Campus for Indigenous students in Years 9, 10 and 12. If any Indigenous students are interested and haven’t returned your expression of interest forms could you please do so as soon as possible.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY REGIONAL CAREER ADVISOR VISIT

This Thursday and Friday I will be travelling to ANU as their guest to have a closer look at the facilities available for students at the ANU Campus. The visit includes a tour of ANU student accommodation options, a variety of information sessions and the opportunity to network with other regional careers advisors. I look forward to an informative two days and gaining a deeper knowledge of the university. A report will be in next week’s newsletter.
A big thank you to ANU for this opportunity at minimal cost to the school.

**SENIOR FIRST AID, RSA/RCG AND CONSTRUCTION WHITE CARD EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

We are seeking expressions of interest from students and the wider community for any of these external courses. I have put sheets up on the whiteboard outside the Careers office, so could you please put your name on the course/s you are interested in.

As always, wider community members are invited to participate also. First Aid and Construction Whitecard courses are usually completed in a day and the RSA/RCG is an after school course. If you would like any further information please give me a call.

All of the courses have minimum number requirements in order for them to run.

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**The Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers Course is now available online!**

The course offers parents and supervisors practical advice on how to provide the most effective driving practice for learner drivers and covers topics such as laws for learner and P-plate drivers, how to use the 'Learner driver log book' and how to plan on-road driving lessons.

Please follow the link https://roadsafety.typeform.com/to/kwn43S to access the course. Complete the course to receive a free information pack containing useful tools and further tips to help you and your learner driver navigate the learning process.

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**Notice from Bombala RSL Club**

The Bombala RSL Club Ltd wish to advise parents and students, that effective from 1 May 2015, children under the age of 18 will not be permitted to dine in the restaurant unless in the company of a responsible adult.

A responsible adult, by the club’s definition, is anyone aged 25 years or older. Please direct all enquiries to the Secretary/Manager.

Scott Ingram

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**Stewart House**

Every year 1800 public school children attend Stewart House at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12 day stay they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment.

Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self esteem and improve their overall well-being.

Stewart House is a charity based organisation and we could use your help.

Envelopes are provided and we would appreciate any donation you could make.

You could win a $4000.00 family holiday by donating $2.00 and sending the envelope back to school.