House spirit assembly brings all ages together

Last Thursday all students were involved in a house spirit assembly that saw them break into their house groups and compete in a series of games and challenges designed to encourage cooperation and unity.

The activities allow all students, including those who are not as ‘sporty’ as others, to contribute to the yearly house points total.

Fun physical challenges were mixed with trivia questions and a rousing game of ‘Name That Tune’, skilfully played by Mr Fuiono on his electric guitar.

Encouraging a sense of community and cohesion amongst students is a very important part of Bombala High’s education philosophy and we congratulate all the participants on their sportsmanship and sense of fair play.
Netball team shines at Bega

Last Tuesday our Under 15’s netball team travelled to Bega for the Zone Netball Carnival. The team consisting of Bree Brownlie, Felicity Boreham, Jemma Boreham, Lakeisha Clear, Karter Hampshire, Mackenzie Phillips, Monique Standen and Jazzy Thompson, had games against teams from the other seven schools in our zone.

The girls started slowly in their first game but improved with each game during the day. Injuries and fatigue were shrugged off as the team shared responsibilities and positions, encouraging each other throughout the day. Although they came up against much taller opponents the girls competed strongly in each game and displayed excellent sportsmanship.

Thanks must go to Aimee Badewitz, for coaching after her volleyball game, and to Kayla Hall who volunteered to umpire. The girls would also like to thank Mr Little for accompanying and supporting them on the day.

Volleyball girls make BHS proud

The Bombala open girls’ volleyball team travelled to Bega last Tuesday to compete in the second round of competition against Batemans Bay High School. After leaving a frosty and crisp Bomabla morning at 7:45am the girls made their way down Brown Mountain and were welcomed with a beautiful autumn day.

The girls completed an intense warmup consisting of a lot of moaning about the cold stadium, talking about the inevitable and traditional visit to Maccas after the game and giving quizzical looks across the net at the opposition who would have had the Australian Volleyball Team feeling a little nervous. (The girls also practiced their skills a little bit). I applauded their approach and sensed maybe they were playing mind games with their opponents. The game started and the plan was working beautifully.

The Bombala girls were leading for most of the first set and at times had their more favoured opponents rattled and seeking answers. A forced timeout to mop up water that had dripped from the roof was the turning point and our girls seemed to lose concentration. Batemans Bay ended up closing out the set 25-19.

The next two sets also went the way of Batemans Bay but the Bombala girls never gave up and played their best game together as a group. The future looks bright for this team as they only lose one senior player for next year’s campaign and many members are already discussing training sessions to improve for next year.

Bomabla High School always leaves days like these with nothing but admiration from opponents and spectators alike. This was none more evident than when the Bega stadium manager told me what a great game it was and that “Bomabla High always punches above their weight”.

Well done girls.

Scott Challman
Success at South Coast Regional Cross Country

Last Friday Bombala High had three representatives attend the Regional Cross Country Championships held in Nowra. Lane Stevenson was our 12 Yr old boy representative and Kurt Pajuczok and Thomas Regent both participated in the 17+ Yr boys age division.

This course at Nowra is particularly tough, involving many steep inclines and most competitors find the track very challenging.

Lane and Kurt both placed 21st out of 40 competitors in their individual events which is a well-deserved result for the two of them. Our standout performer of the day was Thomas who, by placing 6th, has qualified for the State Championships to be held in Eastern Creek on Friday the 17th July.

It has been a long time since Bombala High school has had a male student qualify for the State Championship so we are all incredibly proud of Thomas’ achievement.

Well done to the three boys and also a big thank you to the parents who helped out with transportation.

Emma Sullivan

Meg interacts with community

The Bombala Community Centre was a hive of activity last Wednesday the 27th May. The centre was the venue for Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea and National Simultaneous Storytelling time. Meg Farrell attended both these special functions, along with School Learning Support Officer Sue Morgan.

They joined many members of the community at 10.00am in the activities room. Meg interacted and enjoyed the laughter and nattering of the friendly group. This time was also special as Meg met up with her friend and ex-student Ellie Hodak and met new friends.

They shared a cuppa and tasted some lovely home baked cookies, cakes & slices. It was a golden opportunity to be able to participate and support the Cancer Council in their quest to beat cancer.

Julia Merritt, the Librarian, was the organiser and host of the National Simultaneous Story telling time. At the stroke of 11.00am the same story book was read across the nation.

This year’s book was titled ‘The Brothers Quibble’ and was written by Aaron Blabey. The library filled with eager, giggling children who then created, coloured and decorated crowns like one worn by the main character Spalding Quibble.

Meg was a great assistant and helped with the preparation of props. She also listened to the story and kept a watchful eye on the captive audience.

As always, we thank the community for their support of our students.

Please return Ghosted Enrolment forms as soon as possible.
This week in Careers...

Year 10 Links to Learning Program – Australian Catholic University (ACU) Visit

Last week I had the pleasure of taking our Year 10 students participating in this program to the ACU for a variety of activities. We drove to Monaro High School where we joined students from Jindabyne and Monaro that are also participating in the program.

We arrived at the ACU and had some ‘thinking outside the box’ activities followed by morning tea which consisted of the biggest muffins we have ever seen! Next students participated in a Harry Potter themed mock trial which was fantastic. A chance to mingle with the other students over a fantastic lunch concluded our day.

I would like to thank Nathan Devine, Eythan Phillips, Bella Russell and Clayton Till for their excellent behaviour, participation and company on the day and I am sure that they have made some new friends. A special mention must go to Brett Burton who is also participating in the program but unfortunately couldn’t make it on the day.

University Of Wollongong (Uow) IN2UNI Program

Last Tuesday 26 May mentors from UOW Bega Campus worked with our students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Each of the sessions was designed to keep students informed of their post school options, encourage goal setting as well as maximising their success in the HSC.

The sessions were well received and definitely gave students something to think about. As usual, all of our students displayed our values of personal best, respect and responsibility – well done.

AIME Mentoring

On Friday 22 May, three of our Indigenous students attended the first AIME mentoring session for the Year at University of Wollongong Campus, Bega.

All reports indicate a very successful and rewarding day. AIME provides mentoring and educational services for Indigenous high school students to build a generation of future leaders.

The next AIME session is on 12 June for students in Years 9, 10 and 11. In addition Jon Youens, AIME Program Coordinator, will be visiting the school on Thursday 11 June to work with all of our students.

If anyone would like further information on the program please do not hesitate to contact me.

Construction Whitecard and Senior First Aid Training

Notes have been handed out for students who expressed an interest in the Whitecard course. It will be held at Jindabyne Central School on Thursday 16 July 2015 (Week 1 Term 3).

The cost is $135.00 per student which includes the school bus charges.

We are limited to 10 places so students who return their notes and money first will be included. If you require any further information please let me know.

Dates have been set for the senior first aid training. Due to a high demand there will be two courses offered on Monday 22 June (Week 10 Term 2) and Tuesday 21 July (Week 2 Term 3). The cost is $120.00 per student which is discounted from $165.00.

The relevant paperwork will be distributed as soon as possible to all students who expressed an interest. There is a maximum of 14 participants per course.

Taste Of TAFE

Just a reminder that the TAFE Open Day at the Cooma Campus is to be held on Wednesday 24 June 2015. The day has been organised for any students who may be interested in completing a TVET course in Years 11 and 12 as part of their program of study as well as exploring post school options for senior students.

The cost will be $5.00 per person to cover our school bus. A BBQ lunch will be provided by the Cooma Campus. Interested students will choose to attend 2 hands on sessions in: Building and Construction, Trades and Technology, Human Services, Rural Studies and Tourism.

Permission notes and workshop choices have been given to interested students. Could these please be returned as soon as possible?

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The final word….

Lost property is overflowing with polar fleece jumpers. Please encourage your child to come and get theirs.