Many Year 12 students have been proactive with their study before their HSC trial examinations. It was a pleasant surprise to come to school early one morning and observe the students studying in the library. The students organised to meet at 7.00am and take advantage of the quiet time to do the extra study. They also asked some of their teachers to tutor them during these early morning sessions. Many of the students also stayed after school until 5.30pm studying and receiving extra tutoring from their teachers. It is great to see the students’ commitment to their studies and the dedication of their teachers so that the students can achieve their best possible outcome in the upcoming HSC examinations.
‘Exploring Landscapes’
A writing enrichment program for Year 7

Each year Bournda Environmental Education Centre provides writing enrichment opportunities for students in Stage 4 to celebrate National Literacy Week. Yesterday I had the pleasure of guiding a writing workshop for selected students in Year 7 from Bega, Eden and Bombala High Schools.

This workshop has sessions which focus on vocabulary development, sentence structures, descriptive details and narratives. The students are then given the opportunity to produce a narrative of their own around the idea of ‘Exploring Landscapes.’ These drafts are then edited and published and become a display that travels to each of the schools involved and finally the works are returned to the students.

Brianna Hepburn, Mackenzie Phillips, Russell Jamieson and Brady Jones participated in the day with enthusiasm and thought. They were superb representatives of Bombala High.

I am looking forward to working with Year 8 students from the three schools in a fortnight’s time on a programme that has the focus ‘Voices in the Landscape.’

Deb Harris

P&C News

P&C Annual General Meeting

The Bombala High School P&C will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, September 8 commencing a 7.00pm in the High School Library.

All parents are invited to attend.

P&C Says ThankYou

The P&C would like thank everyone who donated food or worked at Primary Schools’ Speech Night. Many compliments were received.
Getting to know Belinda Rodwell

I began teaching at Bombala High in 1991.

I was born in Japan when my parents were working overseas for the Australian Diplomatic Corps. We then moved to Sweden where I began school and that school was very different to Australian schools. I moved to Canberra at the end of first class and had my first summer Christmas. My schooling continued around the Canberra region where I attended seven different schools in total.

At the University of Canberra I studied a Bachelor in Applied Science in Medical Laboratory Science (Pathology), Graduate Diploma in Education with a fellowship in Environmental Science and later a Graduate Certificate in Physics Teaching.

I enjoy teaching at Bombala High as a Science teacher. My grandfather was a scientist and he nurtured an attitude in me to investigate the world around me and question why it occurs the way it does.

What I enjoy most at Bombala High is the students wanting to learn and I am very impressed by their behaviour and attitude both in the classroom and outside. I am glad that my own children have had the opportunity to be educated at Bombala High because I know that this school will set them up for their future as ‘Life Long Learner’.

This week in Careers . . . .

RURAL FIRE SERVICE CADET PROGRAM

I was on an excursion yesterday and was unable to participate in RFS this week. Reports are that all went well and Year 9 students are improving their skills and teamwork abilities.

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG IN2UNI WORKSHOP (UOW)

The first session ran last Wednesday with Year 11 students. This workshop, delivered by UOW mentors, covered a variety of topics including the HSC journeys of the mentors, student interests and aspirations post HSC, making a back up plan and how to use the UOW moodle site to complete the weekly modules.

Whilst there were a few students away on the day, the students who were able to attend reported that they all came away with something to think about. We look forward to our next workshop which will be via video conference.

In addition, in 2016, In2Uni is offering two programs designed to give students an edge in the HSC. The Year 12 Summer Master Classes will run over the three weeks during the January school holidays between Tuesday January 5 and Wednesday January 20 2016. Students will get to experience life as a university student and will be awarded with 6 unspecified credit points, a guaranteed UOW Early Admissions Interview and be eligible to apply for the $1000 In2Uni Schools Partnership Scholarship. The Master Class application fee is $430 payable once students have been selected to participate, however, students can also apply for a free place. Master Class subjects include: An Introduction to University Science, fundamentals of Business Management, human geography and designing business information systems. Some courses are offered via the Bega Campus also. Please pick up a brochure if you are interested. Further information is available at: www.uow.edu.au/in2uni-myway.

UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (UAC)

Just a reminder that we have received copies of the information booklets for the Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS), Educational Access Schemes (EAS) and Equity Scholarships for 2015/2016. These booklets are available from Careers for any Year 12 student applying for university. If you do require any assistance with the process please do not hesitate to contact me. 6458-3358 or 0409 556 813.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Again a reminder that I have put together a package of local scholarship applications for Year 12 students completing post school qualifications. These are very lucrative scholarships and every amount of financial assistance helps.

The scholarships available include the Bombala Lions Club Shelley Braden Memorial Award, Bombala RSL Sub Branch, the Brassington Hagger Scholarship and Monaro Education Foundation. If you were not able to attend the parent/student information evening, please pick up a package from the Careers Office on your way to Maths.

If you need any assistance in writing your applications please contact me.
The Under 15 Basketballers go to Bega

The Under 15 Boys and Girls Basketball Teams travelled to Bega to compete against other schools from around the region. After meeting the bus (driven by Mr Fuiono) at Bega it was plain to see that the drive down the mountain had not sapped the excitement and energy out of the Bombala students as a stampede of excited athletes ran faster than I had ever seen them move right toward the stadium.

I loved and admired their readiness for the competition and I sensed that this attitude would hold us in good stead for the rest of the day. Turns out that I totally misread the situation and the wild dash for the stadium was actually to the amenities, due to Mr Fuiono’s hydration plan implemented to ensure athletes were ready for a full day of competition.

The girl’s team faced three challengers for the day and put up a great effort against all of them. Their defence was very solid and their ball movement in offense was really good. For such a young team they showed great potential and their transition from defence to offense lead to a lot of scoring opportunities. One such memorable play was a give and go that would have impressed even Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen. (Firstly for those young people unaware of these old players I apologise and secondly shame on you! These were the guys that paved the way for current superstars Kobe and Lebron.)

The girls were led very well by

BOSTES – TEACHING DEGREE CHANGES FROM 2016

As you may be aware, the Minister for Education recently announced that NSW school leavers entering teaching degrees in 2016 will need to achieve three Band 5 HSC results including English.

We have also been informed that whilst this is an expectation, there are a range of other options and pathways into teaching that are comparable to this standard. Any students interested in studying teaching should check with the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) or directly with universities for the specific pathways they offer. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me or visit the BOSTES website at: http://www.nswteachers.nsw.edu.au/future-returning-teachers/become-a-teacher/raising-university-entry-standards/

CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE

This service offers professional, friendly and impartial advice following the release of HSC results. The service is free and available by phone (1 300 300 687) or through their website (www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au).

Parents and carers may also use this service if they are seeking advice on a student’s behalf. The Careers Advisory Service is available from Friday 18 December to Wednesday 23 December 2015.

The website also contains helpful information to assist students in clarifying course choices, employment opportunities, career pathways and training options.

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY (CSU)

CSU has sent information about their range of scholarships for first year students. In 2015 CSU Foundation awarded over $1 million to more than 300 students studying at their campuses. Scholarships range in value from $1000 to $76000 and cover a wide range of courses and campuses.

Some scholarships are based on academic excellence and motivation to succeed, while others recognise community involvement, specific course areas and support for students experiencing financial hardship.

Accommodation scholarships are also available for students entering their first year of university in 2016. The application process is easy and for more information please see me or visit the website at: www.csu.edu.au/scholarships

Donna Shelley
Careers
Chloe Day, who was controlling the defence and continually pulling down defensive rebounds against opponents much taller. Karter Hampshire was also very dangerous on the open floor and created many chances for herself and other team mates.

Jessica Herron and Katie Farrell showed some strong defence on the bass line making it hard for the opposing teams to make easy baskets. Abbey Boreham and Tayla Ventry both found open space to take some good shots, however, the basketball gods were not smiling upon us. Brianna Hepburn was relentless up top in defence and made it very hard for the opposing guards to take control of their offensive.

The girls came fourth in the competition with 3 respectable losses. All the girls should be commended for their sportsmanship and effort on the day. The Under 15 Girls Team consisted of Jess Herron, Chloe Day, Abbey Boreham, Tayla Ventry, Brianna Hepburn, Karter Hampshire, Katie Farrell and was coached by Mr Fuiono.

The boy’s division had seven schools competing in it with Bombala having to play against five of them. The boys were very competitive and like their female counterparts displayed some tenacious defence. The quality of their defence enabled many opportunities for scoring at the other end but their conversion rate was a bit low on the day.

Blake Stevenson was pulling down lots of rebounds for Bombala and Sam Power was instrumental in organising his teammates about defensive and offensive set ups. Charlie Peisley kept trying all day and was always moving and keeping the defence guessing. Jordan Rosten and Bryson Phillips-Jones were also causing havoc with their speed up the court in transition. Bryson also hit a three-pointer which brought the crowd to their feet.

Zac McGowan was a hard match up for all the opposition teams because he was able to read the play so well that it limited their options. Zac made many steals on the day and created many chances for Bombala to score. Noah Coles was playing his first competitive games of basketball and he was very impressive in out rebounding many opponents much taller than himself.

Reagan Hurley was the rookie of the team but showed a maturity and basketball intellect that surpasses his age. Reagan showed that he wasn’t intimidated by his much older opponents by continually cutting and fighting for rebounds in the key. Dylan Elton was a strong leader on the day and took control of situations during the game like all good leaders do. He continually worked hard and supported his teammates both on and off the court. A three-pointer by Dylan (which he told us he was going to shoot) in the closing minutes of the competition capped off a successful day of fun basketball for Bombala High School.

A special mention must go to Keiarna Rodwell who refereed seven games of basketball in which she had to put up with coaches that made Bobby Knight* look like a shy little kitten. Keiarna was a fantastic ambassador for Bombala High School and officiated in a fair and respectable way. She was assisted by Dylan Elton and it was great to see Dylan take on that challenge.

Bombala High School would also like to thank the parents who made the trip to support the two teams. All of the students and teachers really appreciated it.

*Bobby Knight was an American college coach who was renowned for yelling and abusing referees.
Coming Events

FRIDAY 21 AUGUST
Snowboarding @ Perisher

TUESDAY 25 AUGUST
9/10 PASS Excursion to Canberra

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST
TAFE

FRIDAY 28 AUGUST
Footy Colours Day

MONDAY 31 AUGUST
CHS Athletics

WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER
TAFE

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER
TAFE

ADVANCE NOTICE
THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER @ 12.30
Year 12 Final Assembly

For more information on any of these events please call 6458 3358

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