New faces for 2016 welcomed to BHS

Last week, Bombala High welcomed a host of new faces to our school. Seventeen Year 7 students spent their first official day with Year 11 and 12 as the only other students at school. This gave the newcomers a lot of space to become acquainted with high school life.

The staff that spent time with Year 7 on their first day were impressed with the students’ enthusiasm and ability to adapt to their new environment.

The other new face belonged to Mr Andrew (Andy) Winfield, our Relieving Principal for Term 1. Mr Winfield comes to us from Monaro High School and brings with him 32 years of teaching experience. He is looking forward to a productive term at BHS and getting to know all our students and parents as the term progresses.

Mr Winfield replaces Mr Glen Warren who has been successful in gaining the position of Principal at Deniliquin High School.

The students and staff wish Mr Warren all the very best as he takes on the challenge of a much larger high school and know that he will do a great job.

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From the Deputy’s desk...

Hello and welcome back to the 2016 school year.

A big welcome, in particular, to our new students and parents. Thank you for choosing Bombala High School.

A number of significant changes have occurred to the staffing at Bombala High School over the summer holidays. Glen Warren, our Relieving Principal, has successfully applied for and accepted the position of Principal at Deniliquin High School. This is a great move for Glen, both professionally and personally, as he has family in the area and was the Relieving Deputy Principal at Tooleybuc Central School before he arrived at Bombala over ten years ago. Glen has been an extremely valued member our school community and has made a wonderful contribution to the continued development of our school. Although he will be missed, he leaves behind a significant legacy. I would publicly like to thank Glen for his substantial efforts in his time at Bombala High School.

Glen’s promotion has led to the appointment of Mr Andy Winfield as our Relieving Principal for Term 1. Andy has a wealth of experience in senior executive positions in public education and comes to us from Monaro High School, having spent many years at Port Macquarie High School. One of Andy’s first roles was to commence the selection process procedure which will lead to the appointment of a permanent Principal to the position for the commencement of Term 2 this year. It is great to have such an experienced practitioner as leader of the school and I know the staff are looking forward to working with him.

I will be continuing in the role of Relieving Deputy.

Running a school is a complex manner and we are always looking for ways to improve our processes. Much of the efficient organisation of the school is a result of our dedicated office staff and it is important that we all do our best to assist them in managing the school. There are a couple of significant contributions that parents and guardians can make...

Firstly, it is really helpful if excursion notes and money are presented to the office staff well before the date of the excursion. There are occasions when important excursions have to be postponed, or cancelled, due to the lack of response to excursion notes. We can avoid this if money and permission notes are returned well beforehand. A great example of this is the upcoming swimming carnival this Thursday – there are still a small number of students who have not returned their permission to swim note and therefore will be legally unable to participate in the carnival.

Secondly it is vital, and a legal requirement of the school, that student absences are recorded accurately. This is as easy as sending in a note with your child the next time they attend school with the reason for the absence, or just give the school a ring on the morning of the absence. Once an absence is recorded in our roll system, there are only seven days in which that absence can be updated. If we don’t hear from you, the absence is recorded as ‘unexplained’ permanently. So just let us know as soon as you can so our records are accurate.

At Bombala High School great things happen and we are quite proud of this. If you want to see examples of the variety of activities our students undertake at your local high school, check out the shopfront window in Maybe St next time you’re in town.

And a final reminder... our school’s swimming carnival will be held at the Bombala Pool this Thursday from 9:00 am onwards. Feel free to come and support your child/children at what is the best little swimming carnival in the state of New South Wales! Get to know some of the staff while you’re there! Looking forward to a great 2016! Marty Lyons

Finn Keavey looking for tools with Mr Herron

Jamie Farrell, Mel Devine and Elsie-Rose Kember

Indiana Hentscher and Kamryn McCulloch
Awards Day
Formal Assembly
2015

Wednesday 16 December 2015 saw our annual awards day assembly where our students’ success is celebrated. There was a huge audience of students, family and friends in attendance. The Masters of Ceremony were our 2016 Presidents, Tanika Hampshire and Adam Rodwell.

Mr Glen Warren gave the Principal’s address which was followed by the Sports Awards announced by Mrs Emma Sullivan. These awards celebrated the sporting success achieved throughout the year and culminated in Sports Person of the Year, Bailey Jones, for his national level representation in long jump and triple jump. What an achievement! Bailey also received a School Blue for his sporting achievements.

The academic awards followed, presented by year advisers and there were over 120 students who achieved first in subject and merit awards for which they are to be congratulated.

The special awards then followed and again there were many worthy recipients. The highlights of these awards include Hannah Ingram receiving the Reuben F Scarfe Award for Commitment, Meg Farrell was announced as the Learning Support winner and Francis Famador receiving the Most Improved Year 10 award.

The Kirsty Jamieson Year 10 Memorial Award went to Kayla Hall and Jessica Herron, and were announced as recipients of the Bombala RSL Scholarships. Teri Roberson and Lachlan Sellers were very deserving recipients of the prestigious Long Tan Leadership Awards. A special mention must be made also of Jackie Chapman’s Outstanding Achievement Award, effectively making her the highest achiever at Bombala High School in 2015.

The musical performances throughout the ceremony were of a very high quality and certainly entertained the large audience. Jessica Herron performed ‘I see fire’, Renee Ingram sang ‘Horses’ and Joey Reed performed ‘Drifting’. Students, families and staff were then treated to a wonderful afternoon tea in the canteen which was an excellent opportunity to catch up and celebrate our success.

We would like to not only congratulate all of our award winners for their achievements in 2015 but also all Bombala High students who strive to achieve their personal best. A big thank you must go to Ms Margaret Deighton for her wonderful floral displays and to Miss Charmaine Clark for behind the scenes efforts in electronically collating all results.

Well done in 2015 Bombala High School and I am sure 2016 will also be an excellent school year.

Donna Shelley
Awards Day Coordinator
This week in Careers…Term 1 Week 2

Welcome to 2016 where there is already a lot happening in Careers

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY MY DAY

If you are interested in a career in sports coaching, sports administration, PDHPE teaching, personal training or rehabilitation, Charles Sturt University is holding a MyDay Exercise and Sport Science day at their Bathurst Campus. This is an excellent opportunity for students in Years 11 and 12 to experience life as a CSU student for a day.

The date is Friday 26 February 2016 from 9.45 am – 2.00 pm. If you are interested in studying a Bachelor of Education (Health and Physical Education), Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science or Bachelor of Sport Studies/Bachelor of Communication (Journalism) this day may well be worth the journey. MyDay at CSU Wagga Campus is also on 26 February for Medical Science, Medical Radiation Science and Nursing with times and details the same. Could students/parents please express their interest in attending this MyDay experience by either dropping in to the Careers office or contacting me on 6458-3358 or 0409 556 813. You are also welcome to drop into the Careers office or email: donna.shelley@det.nsw.edu.au.

Please also make sure you ‘like’ the careersbhs facebook page where all information is also posted.

Donna Shelley
Careers

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG DISCOVERY DAY EXCURSION

A group of 13 Year 12 students set off yesterday to UOW to experience a day in the life of a university student. They will be attending a variety of pre chosen lectures and stayed on campus last night. The students are being escorted by their Year Adviser, Mrs Emma Sullivan and Head Teacher Welfare Mr Jamie Little. This is traditionally an excellent and valuable experience and we look forward to their reports when they return later tonight.

CAREERS COMMUNICATION

If any students or parents/caregivers have any Careers based queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 6458-3358 or 0409 556 813. You are also welcome to drop into the Careers office or email: donna.shelley@det.nsw.edu.au.

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Assessment task
Year 10 History, Depth Study 4
• Rights and Freedoms
• Due: 26 February 2016
• Value :20%
• Donna Shelley

Swimming Carnival
This Thursday
4 February
Bring towel, sunscreen, swimmers, plenty to drink and pool entry.
Canteen facilities available.
Dress in house colours.
All parents encouraged to attend

“Shouting out to all parents”

Bombala High
P&C Meeting
Tuesday 23 Feb
6:00pm
In the library

We would love to see some new faces at the meeting. Please come along and have a say in your child’s education.

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A Californian Adventure

On 2nd January this year, five of our students and Mr Warren left for a 21 day adventure in the United States. Run by Educational World Travel, the journey saw the students spend 9 days touring San Francisco and Los Angeles and then 11 days staying with a host family in the bay side city of San Diego.

The song goes that ‘it never rains in Southern California’ but our students must have taken some much needed rain with them, with many tours and theme park visits hampered by wet weather.

After the excitement of the Golden Gate Bridge, Hollywood and Disneyland, the students made the three hour bus trip south to San Diego and finally got to meet their host students. After an initial period of marvelling at each other’s accents, Mackenzie, Blake, Nathan, Makayla and Teri made firm friendships with their American counterparts.

Time spent at Rancho Buena Vista High School was an eye opener and, at 3300 students, it was almost double the population of Bombala! The students got to experience a day in the life of an American high school student, an opportunity they will never forget.

Leaving was hard and the students have made plans to stay in touch with their American families. Please feel free to ask any of the students about their adventure and keep an eye out for when the next journey may be offered.
TENNIS ANYONE!!

Thursday Ladies Tennis is looking for players, old and new, to play in our tennis competition. Our comp runs every Thursday from 9.15 until 11.30 (approx) from February until June.

If you think you might like to meet some new people, have a laugh while doing some exercise, then come along to the tennis courts in Young Street this Thursday 4/2/16 from 9.30am when grading will take place. No experience necessary.

The competition will begin the following Thursday 11/2/16.

If you would like any more information, or would like to put your name down (names to be in by 4/2/16), please feel free to contact Lauren Yelds on 6458 5201 or 0418 585 274.

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**2016 Debutante Ball**

**For all Debs & Partners who have already signed up to participate in the 2016 Deb Ball... Deb Ball practice will start next Wednesday 10th February at 7:00pm at the Exhibition Hall on Wellington Street. Please bring your nomination form if you have it (copies will be available at practice if you need one). Please wear sturdy shoes, no flip flops, no sandals without back strap, no bare feet.**

**If anyone is interested in participating in the Deb Ball this year and you have not yet signed up, please contact Janet Lomas 6458 3660 or St Joseph’s School 6458 3776 to get the information needed before Deb practice starts.**

Thank you.

Janet Lomas and Deb Ball committee