On Thursday the 4th of February Bombala High held our annual swimming carnival.

With a 90% plus student attendance, we had a great day with plenty of house colours, dry land events, crazy hats, house chants and the competitive races.

Once again we kicked off the carnival with our novelty events, ‘the golf ball gutter ball’ and ‘filling the canister with holes’. Myanba made a clean sweep of all age divisions in gutter ball, but the canister fill was more evenly spread amongst the houses.

More traditional events took place with breaststroke and freestyle events contested by many students, with Myanba taking an early lead. The middle of the day saw some parents join forces with the staff to win the ‘iron man race’, much to the chagrin of the students. (Thanks Leesa and Wendy.)

Myanba’s lead was then extended throughout the rest of the day through the butterfly, backstroke and medley events.

The winning house on the day was Myanba, followed by Nalbaugh, then Rockton.

A huge congratulations to all our students who contributed to such a wonderful, fun day and also to the parents and staff who challenged the students, adding to the colour of the day. Thank you.

Gary Herron & Emma Sullivan

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Swimming Age Champions

Girls
12 yrs: Kamryn McCulloch
13 yrs: Larissa Ponsford
14 yrs: Mackenzie Phillips
16 yrs: Jessica Herron
17 yrs over: Annie McGrath

Boys
12 yrs: David Cotterill
13 yrs: Lane Stevenson
14 yrs: Dale Sheehan
15 yrs: Tim McGrath
16 yrs: Dylan Elton
17 yrs over: Alex Rosten

The Golden Platypus (age champion handicap event) winners were Larissa Ponsford and Alex Rosten.

A big thank you to the staff at Bombala High for a huge effort to ensure the success of the day.
It’s Week 3 already, the term is well and truly underway. The highlight so far has been the Swimming Carnival. It was great to see so many students in attendance both participating and assisting. More importantly it was really pleasing to see people enjoying themselves and having fun.

One of the key factors that affect schools in NSW is the submission of official student numbers for the year. This directly impacts on staffing at the school. The numbers I have submitted this year are higher than we anticipated as we have happily welcomed new families to our school.

The process for the appointment of a permanent principal at Bombala High School is underway. The intention is for a permanent principal to be in place for the start of Term 2.

Finally, on a personal note I’d like to thank everyone for the warm and friendly welcome I have been given. Everyone I have met has been extremely helpful and supportive which I genuinely appreciate. It has made the transition from Monaro High School both simple and stress-free. I have really enjoyed my first days here and am looking forward to those that lie ahead.

Andy Winfield

Introducing Myediary

Bombala High School recognises the importance of diaries as an educational tool. They help us to manage our busy lives and keep track of what we have to do and when. Over the past few years, students have been provided with diaries to help manage their homework and other assessments. This year, Bombala High is introducing an electronic diary or eDiary.

The needs of our students and community are changing with the advancement of technology. More and more students have access to smart phones and are using these to keep track of what they need to do. The eDiary allows them to access their diaries anywhere, anytime and on any device that has access to the Internet. MyeDiary is for teachers, students and parents. Over the past few weeks teachers and students have been introduced to the eDiary. They have activated their accounts and are becoming familiar with how it works. Parents can be given access and see set and whether it has been completed.

What do I need to do to get access to the eDiary.

Parents who wish to have access to the eDiary simply need to ensure that the office has been notified of your preferred email address. Emails will be sent in the coming weeks inviting you to activate your accounts. Once activated, you will be able to see all homework assigned to each child and their overall completion status.

You will also be able to communicate with your child’s teachers using the inbuilt messaging features.

How do I log in to Myediary?

Go to the website https://bombalahs.myediary.com.au

Log in using your email address and the password you created.

For students, your email address is your Internet username @education.nsw.gov.au

Assessment task notices

**Textiles and Design HSC**
- Task number 2
- Weight 20%
- Date of notification 3/2/16
- Due date 19/2/16

**English**
- Visual Literacy: Representing and Writing
- Weight 10%
- Date of notification 3/2/16
- Due: 24/2/16

**History Depth Study 4**
- Rights and Freedoms
- Task weight 20%
- Date of notification 5/2/16
- Due: 24/3/16

**Agriculture Yr 11**
- Task number 1
- Task weight 20%
- Date of notification 5/2/16
- Due: 24/3/16

**Textile and Design – Preliminary**
- Task: Journal Cover
- Task weight 35%
- Date of Notification 2/2/16
- Due: 6/5/16

Upcoming events

- **Friday 12 Feb**: Rockton Excursion
- **Wednesday 17 Feb**: Zone Swimming Narooma
- **Tuesday 23 Feb**: Open Girls Basketball-Bega, P&C Meeting
- **Wednesday 24 Feb**: Yr 7 Immunisation
- **Friday 26 Feb**: Open Basketball Trials

From the Principal’s desk...
Goodbye and Good luck, Glen!

Last Saturday night colleagues came together for a farewell dinner for Glen Warren and his family. The evening was enjoyed by all and we wish him all the very best at Deniliquin.

On Friday the 19th February, ‘Hogs for Homeless’ will be visiting the school. This group comprises a number of ex-NRL players who are spreading the word about homelessness in Australia, and particularly the effect it is having on our youth.

More information about this event next week!

Basketball information

February is also a big month for boys and girls basketball with competitions and trials for representative teams appearing shortly. If you’re into basketball, keep your eyes and ears open!

Heads down for a busy week!

Marty Lyons

Student’s efforts recognised

Dear Mr Warren

Thank you for your generous donation of the book *The Bombala Battlers*. I am pleased to tell you that this book has been accepted into our published collection. Once processed, this publication will be accessible to researchers and staff in our reading room and I am sure it will be a valuable addition to our library.

Please pass on our congratulations to the students involved in its production as well as Ms Caitlin Morrison. This publication must have demanded many hours of dedicated work. Once again, thank you for your support of the Australian War Memorial and your interest in the development of its National Collection.

Yours sincerely
Shelley Blakely
Assistant Curator/ Published collections

Agriculture students visit local Landmark Sheep Circuit Sale

Bombala High School students Logan Brownlie, Abbey Boreham, Jade Newman and Kayley Keavey joined the many local farmers at the recent Landmark Sheep Circuit Sale on Wednesday 3rd February.

The students observed the marketing and sales processes involved in selling sheep through a circuit sale system. Hearing the auctioneer speak with a fast paced informative tone was exciting for the students to witness. The stock for sale were of a high quality and the prices reflected that. The students were interested in getting involved in the bidding process and seeing a small pen of 1 ½ year old 1st cross ewes looked very attractive. With a budget set in place the students were excited to get involved after observing 4 prior sales take place. There was plenty of interest in the small pen of ewes and the price quickly exceeded our budget.

The circuit sale took students to the yards at Kooracca, Oasis, Old Kelvin Grove, Fairview and Eastwood. The students interacted appropriately throughout the sales and spoke positively to some of the local farmers. The experience was well received by the students with many questions asked and a great trip all round.