As part of Bombala High’s commitment to the Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) program the school has introduced a new award and recognition scheme this year.

The PBL program works by identifying behaviours that the school wants to encourage and providing frequent recognition to students who display those behaviours. All school staff will be giving a small token, known as a ‘Smiley’, to students demonstrating the school’s values of Personal Best, Respect and Responsibility.

Five Smileys can be exchanged for a raffle ticket which gives students the chance to win a major prize. The prize draw for Semester 1 will allow one lucky student to choose between an iPad, a GoPro or a $500...
scholarship to be used for any school expenses.

Smileys also count towards ‘Gems’, which replace the green slips parents might be familiar with from previous years. Gems are awarded by teachers using the Sentral software program, which allows the school to track our students’ progress. Replacing the old Bronze, Silver and Gold levels, the school has adopted a new range of awards named after precious gemstones.

Students who have accumulated certificates in previous years will not have to start over but will be credited with the appropriate number of Gems and receive their next certificate when they reach the required number.

The new awards are:
Opal = 25 Gems
Jade = 50 Gems
Amber = 100 Gems
Amethyst = 200 Gems
Topaz = 300 Gems
Sapphire = 400 Gems
Ruby = 500 Gems
Emerald = 750 Gems
Diamond = 1000 Gems

These awards will be presented at school assemblies and parents will be notified when their child is due to receive an award. I look forward to seeing our students strive to achieve their personal best and wonder who might be the first to receive a Diamond Certificate.

Jamie Little
Welfare Head

From the principals’ desk…

Well here we are in Week 4. The term is certainly flying by.

At the beginning of each school year I think it is important to remind students about the Department of Education’s Behaviour Code for Students. The first two sentences state:
‘NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.’

A few of the key student expectations are:
‘respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members,’
‘resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly,’ and
‘not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools.’

As a consequence of this code, every person at Bombala High School has the right to feel protected and safe. Every student has the right to learn without disruption from others. There was an incident last week where some students did not comply with the above three expectations.

The Behaviour Code explicitly states:
‘Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.’

I have personally interviewed four students this week who have not followed the guidelines explicitly stated in the behaviour code. Where appropriate I have taken disciplinary measures. As I said above, every member of our school community has the right to feel safe; every student has the right to learn.

A copy of the Behaviour Code can be found at the end of this newsletter. Please take the time to read it and discuss it with your child. If you would like further explanation about specific aspects of the code, please contact me at the school.

In my experience, the students who succeed at school are those who are able to see the relationship between student and teacher as a partnership, rather than a competition. They are fully involved in all aspects of school life and make the most of any opportunities that arise.

There have been many positives this week that reflect our school values. Many staff have personally made the effort to speak to me about how well every Year 9 student did on their team building/community service excursion. Well done to each and every one of you. You are a credit to yourselves, your families and our school.

Finally the musical talents of two of our Stage 6 students, Jessica Herron and Joey Reed have been recognised by our Director of Public Schools, Matthew Brown. Jessica and Joey have been invited to perform in front of all the principals within the Queanbeyan Network of schools. This will be a wonderful experience for them and they will represent our school with pride.

Andy Winfield
Relieving Principal
UOW Discovery Days

In what has become an annual event on the BHS calendar twelve senior students headed for Wollongong on Monday 1st February to participate in the University of Wollongong’s Discovery Days. The students stayed at International House, an off-campus college which normally houses a mixture of overseas and rural students. Students were given their own rooms and had dinner, and breakfast the following day, in the college’s dining room.

On Tuesday the students attended classes at the university with approximately 1200 other high school students from all over the state. The students had registered for classes online and chosen courses including sports science, computer gaming, physics, music and art. They followed their own timetable for the day, with the assistance of a large number of university student volunteers who helped guide them around the large campus. The students were certainly impressed by the university grounds and the facilities available and the opportunity to spend a day as a university student is an invaluable experience.

While Wollongong might not be the obvious choice for graduates of BHS a number of Bombala students who had attended Discovery Days in previous years are now fulltime students at UOW.

Hopefully the students have a clearer picture of university life and some extra motivation for the long hours of study ahead of them this year. Thanks must go to Mr Little and Mrs Sullivan for accompanying these students.

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

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

History Depth Study 4  Year 10
Rights and Freedoms
Task weight 20%
Due: 24/3/16

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

Textile and Design – Year 11
Task: Journal Cover
Task weight 35%
Date of Notification 2/2/16   Due: 6/5/16

School Assembly
Thursday 3rd March
12:30pm in hall
All welcome!

P&C Meeting
Tuesday 23 February
6:00pm in library
All urged to attend

‘Hogs for the Homeless’
19 February 2016
Coming to BHS: Brad Fittler
Matt Cooper, Steve Menzies,
Nathan Hindmarsh, Josh Perry and
Ian Schubert

Coming Events
17 FEBRUARY
Zone Swimming- Narooma

23 FEBRUARY
Open Girls Basketball – Bega
P&C Meeting

24 FEBRUARY
Yr 7 Immunisation
Travelling Stem Roadshow Visit

26 FEBRUARY
Boys / Girls Basketball trials
Amenities receiving a facelift at Rockton Falls

Last Friday 12 February I had the pleasure of organising the Year 9 students to attend a community service and team building day. We started with some activities and games in the hall before setting off to Rockton Falls. When we arrived there it was all hands on deck to clean up this wonderful location. This included clearing the steps, picking up rubbish, digging drainage tunnels, pruning and sanding back and repainting the picnic table. These activities were finished in approximately 1.5 hours with all students working well together to achieve our objectives.

We then had our lunch break followed by free time which was swimming under the watchful eye of Mr Gary Herron. All of the Year 9 students were wonderful ambassadors for our school and worked hard to make the area as tidy as possible. You all should be very proud of yourselves and I was only joking when I said we should do this every Friday – just letting you know!

A big thank you to Robert and Sue for their hard work during the day and to Gaz for his organisation of all the tools we needed, driving the bus and supervising the swimming! Thank you also to Hugh Stevens from State Forests for attending also and making this excursion possible.

Donna Shelley, Year 9 Advisor.
YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
I will be meeting with Year 10 students this Friday February 19 to give them some preliminary information on work experience for 2016. Whilst work experience is traditionally completed in Year 10, it is also possible for students from other years to participate, providing it doesn’t clash with any assessments which are due. After our meeting we will organise a Work Ready Day where the finer details will be discussed and students will be involved in a variety of activities centred around the world of work. If anyone requires further information at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE (JP)
I just wanted to let the school community know that I have been successful in being appointed as a JP. The school hasn’t had one available for some time so we see this as a very positive service that can be offered. Please do not hesitate to contact me to make an appointment when I am not on class if there are any JP related matters with which I can assist you.

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES VISIT
A number of university representatives will be at school on Tuesday 8 March 2016 from 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm in the Library. More organisational information will follow, however, I would encourage all students to attend as it is a fantastic opportunity to ask questions of the presenters who are usually university students themselves. Parents and caregivers are also very welcome to attend.

TAFE FEE FREE SHORT COURSES
Illawarra TAFE has organised a number of fee free short courses to be held at Bombala High School on Saturdays during Term 2. The courses being offered are:
- Basic Word 30 April 9.00 am – 3.30 pm
- Intermediate Word 7 May 9.00 am – 3.30 pm
- Advanced Word 14 May 9.00 am – 3.30 pm
- Basic Spreadsheets 21 May 9.00 am – 3.30 pm
- Intermediate Spreadsheets 28 May 9.00 am – 3.30 pm
- Advanced Spreadsheets 4 June 9.00 am – 3.30 pm.

If you meet the following criteria, you may be eligible to undertake one of these Fee FREE Short Courses:
- are aged 15 years or older
- have left school
- live or work in New South Wales
- an Australian citizen, permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen.

Please contact me if you require any further information or alternatively the link is: http://search.teafeillawarra.edu.au/coursesearch.htm?q=&lo=Bombala%20High%20School&m=0

TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS/FUTURE PATHWAYS
Currently it is very quiet on this front, but this won’t be for long! In the very near future we will be conducting interviews with individual senior students to ensure that any information we receive is directed to the right students. In the meantime, if any students, parents or caregivers have any queries, please feel free to contact me. These interviews are a valuable exercise and in cases where students aren’t entirely sure of their goals after the HSC this one on one situation can give them some ideas.

I would also encourage as many students as possible to attend excursions to as many universities and TAFE campuses as possible to reinforce that these institutions are accessible to every student who is interested!

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY (CSU) MY DAYS
Just a reminder to make sure you express your interest in any of the MyDay dates. The CSU website has a full list of the dates and you can also see me. Some interest has been expressed for Psychology MyDay.

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

Donna Shelley
Careers
Bombala Basketball
Bombala Basketball is holding the AGM on Wednesday 17/2/16 in the RSL Auditorium.
All players are urged to attend.
Remember...no committee - no basketball

An invitation for parents and community members....

It's not every day we have high profile NRL players visit Bombala and we would like to extend the invitation to all parents, caregivers and community members to come along and spectate as these elite athletes interact with our students and deliver an important message about homelessness.

The players visiting will be Brad Fittler, Matt Cooper, Nathan Hindmarsh, Steve Menzies, Josh Perry and Ian Schubert.

If you would like to come and watch, please meet at the multi-purpose hall at 9am.

9.00am until 10.00am approx.

Friday 19th February

Bombala Youth Group
Every Friday
6:00pm – 7:30pm
$3 entry
Money goes towards buying supper.
Contact Sarah: 0439 386 339

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Relieving Principal: Mr Andy Winfield
Relieving Deputy: Mr Marty Lyons
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In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school’s uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.
Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education and Communities.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

☐ Treat one another with dignity
☐ Speak and behave courteously
☐ Cooperate with others
☐ Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
☐ Value the interests, ability and culture of others
☐ Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
☐ Take care with property

Safety

☐ Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
☐ Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
☐ Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
☐ Care for self and others
☐ Avoid dangerous behavior and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement

☐ Attend school every day [unless legally excused]
☐ Arrive at school and class on time
☐ Be prepared for every lesson
☐ Actively participate in learning
☐ Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education and Communities will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.