On Friday, 19th February, a number of very loud and very beautiful Harley-Davidsons rolled into town, ridden by NRL legends such as Brad Fittler, Josh Perry, Ian Schubert, ‘Blocker’ Roach and Steve Menzies, supporting the Hogs 4 Homeless campaign.

In 2012, rugby league legend and NSW Blues warrior Brad ‘Freddy’ Fittler said that as a father it made him feel sick that there were nearly 47,000 homeless young people under the age of 25 in Australia. This prompted Freddy to contact Father Chris Riley and his Youth off the Streets team with the idea of creating a fundraising event to help a worthwhile cause. Freddy enlisted the help of some of his mates fellow rugby league legends Ian Schubert and Nathan Hindmarsh to ride their Harley Davidson motorcycles throughout NSW to raise awareness and funds for the homeless youth of Australia.

With the support of Harley Davidson and the NSWRL they showed their true blue spirit and created Hogs 4 Homeless. This is their fourth tour of NSW and their first visit to the Bombala area.

It was great to have this group of footballers in town supporting a very worthwhile cause. It was also great to have the entire Bombala School Community (Bombala High School, Bombala Public and St Joey’s) in the multi-purpose hall to hear their message and to get some details on these wonderful footballers’ careers.

Marty Lyons
From the deputy’s desk… who was very happy to see an old tiger!

The year has really got a move on – we are already in Week 5 and that means there is plenty happening at Bombala High School!

Last Friday a number of ex NRL players arrived at the school on their Harley-Davidsons, promoting the social issue of homelessness in our state – Hogs 4 Homeless. I know that at times we can think that this is a big city issue but there are some people, even in our school community, who have to deal with not having permanent accommodation. Imagine the impact such uncertainty has on relationships, education – even a person’s long term future!

I was privileged to spend some time with the players and it was a great opportunity for the Bombala community. Brad Fittler even mentioned how beautiful this part of NSW is and, looking at the weather we’ve been having recently, I can say it’s the best I’ve seen this part of the state look in twenty years.

Just a reminder to all students that the simplest road to success at Bombala High School is to ensure that we all are Respectful, Responsible, and always do our Personal Best. I would hope that all members of the Bombala school community can assist us in ensuring that these values are instilled both at our local school and in the wider community. It’s not difficult – be nice to people, look after yourself and the community’s property and always have a go! If we all follow these values, we can create a truly inclusive school community.

Lots of assessment tasks coming up – make sure you get onto them early and get them finished in plenty of time. Your teachers will even give you advice on how to improve your submission before it’s due!

Marty Lyons

Photos capturing the day
Zone swimming at Narooma

On Wednesday the 17th of February 8 students from Bombala High School travelled to Narooma for the Zone Swimming Competition. The superstar squad consisted of Larissa Ponsford and Dakota Miles from Year 7, Lane Stevenson, Dale Sheehan and Simon Till from Year 8, Zac McGowan and Dylan Elton from Year 10 and Alex Rosten from Year 12.

An eerie silence that is not usually customary of a bus full of Bombala High School students could only be explained by the students mentally rehearsing their future feats that they would face them in a matter of hours when they stood victorious on the winner’s podium. (It was either this or the fact that it was really early in the morning and they were all tired.) I chose to believe that the former was accurate and that our swimming stars were priming themselves for a great competition.

We arrived at Narooma with the option of a warm-up in the pool still open to our swimmers that none of them took. Was this a tactic of not showing the opposition how good we were or were our students feeling the pressure of the competition? For most of our team it was their first race of the day and every competitor swam very well and in some cases were leading until the dreaded 33 metre mark where some of our swimmers were searching for the wall. When the realisation hit that they still had (wait… carry the 1) 17 metres to go, you could see the pain but also the determination in their eyes that would see them finish strongly.

The young guns of Larissa Ponsford, Dakota Miles, Lane Stevenson, Simon Till and Dale Sheehan tried very hard all day and finished with some heat wins and places and some very respectable times. The older brigade of Dylan Elton, Zac McGowan and Alex Rosten didn’t have as many races but raced extremely well and provided good support to the rookies. Simon Till was a fan favourite and was cheered home by the boisterous crowd in the last event for Bombala High School.

A big thankyou to all the students who participated in the day, Mrs Sullivan for organising the event, Peter Braden for driving the bus, and our cheer squad of Dawn Worley and Tina Usher.

Scott Challman, Coach Extraordinaire
Meeting Opened: 7.00pm

Present: J Jones, S Jones, T Ponsford, R Stevenson, H Parr and G Warren

Apologies: R Badewitz

Minutes: Moved H Parr/J Jones

Principal’s Report:

Staffing 2016:
Staffing at this point in time is:-
- Principal: Glen Warren
- Deputy Principal: Marty Lyons
- 3 Head Teachers: Warwick Long/Jamie Little/TBA
- Staff Out: Nicole Challman (transfer), HT Position lost
- Staff in: Maree Coates – Science/Ag
- Jessie Adams – temporary role for 2016 teaching English/History
- Need to fill: Junior Science 3 days per week

Funding for 2016:
Our funding will remain similar for 2016 as it was in 2015.

Equity Funds $185,872
- Socio-economic $92,908 (includes wages for Margaret Deighton)
- Aboriginal $5,268
- Disability $87,696

Location funds $67,224

Operational funds $280,874

Total $533,970

Treasurer’s Report:

Opening balance $2626.95 for Working Account
Closing balance $3191.50

Moved: J Jones / H Parr

Business Arising

Principal agreed notice should have been given to parents re taking leave. Suggestion received that a column be inserted into newsletter in 2016 on organisation, where such announcements can be made.

Letter to be sent to Matthew Brown asking for clarification of upcoming consultation process. Moved: H Parr / J Jones

General Business:

Moved by H Parr/T Ponsford that Bailey Jones be paid the following for contribution to travel costs.
- $100 State
- $100 All Schools
- $100 Nationals
- $300 Total

H Parr raised thanks to Belinda Rodwell for the amazing job she did with the Formal.

Minutes to be put in newsletter previous to next meeting.

Meeting closed: 7.55pm

Meeting Tonight - Tuesday 23 Feb
Library 6.00pm - All welcome
Bombala Basketball Assoc is calling for names for the next competition.

The men only comp is played Wednesday nights and ladies only comp is on Mondays.
Yrs 7-9 boys can play in either comp.
Names to Carol Ingram or Donna Shelley by Friday 4th March.
The comp will commence 21 March.
Insufficient names for men only comp we will play a mixed comp. Ladies can play in both if they wish.

Coming events

24 February
- Yr 7 Immunisation
- Travelling Stem Roadshow Visit

26 February
- Basketball Trials

9 March
- Regional Swimming

15 March
- School Photos
BOMBALA HIGH SCHOOL
FOOTY COLOURS DAY

This Friday 26 February 2016
In support of Hogs 4 Homeless

Come dressed in your favourite footy team colours

Please make sure you bring a gold coin donation which we will send directly to Hogs 4 Homeless to support their cause and thank them for visiting our school!