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Bombala

HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Spirit of Water



The Bombala High School staff and students would like to invite everyone to join them at the Bombala Pool this Friday 5th February for a day of fun and competition sharing the 'Spirit of Water'.

If you can spare any time to help with timekeeping and/or are able to join the teachers in the 'challenge' against the students, we would love to see you. There are a large number of events both in the water and on land, so you do not have to get wet to be involved. It would be great if we the adults ended up with the bragging rights. Please phone the school if you can help in any way or turn up on the day.



Principal's Message

Welcome to all families, especially those of our new Year 7 students and new enrolments to Bombala High School for 2010. The school has a busy start to the year and already a number of new and exciting activities and programs are underway.

Forty one new Year Seven enrolments have joined the school this year, the biggest group for quite a while. It was great to see all of them so well prepared for school in their uniforms and so keen to get on with their studies at Bombala High School. So far the students have had no problems fitting with high school life including a more complex timetable and different teachers for all of their subjects.

On Friday evening fifteen Korean students and a Korean teacher arrived at the school for four weeks of a home stay program. The students are staying with families of students in Years 7,8,9 and 10 in Bombala, Delegate, Bibbenluke and Cathcart and will attend normal classes on most days. A number of visits to local attractions will also take place.

The Korean students have come to Australia as part of a Korean government program to develop their skills in the English language which is seen as essential in all areas of education, trade and commerce. The students come from a part of Seoul city which has a population of nearly 28 million people and many live in high rise apartments so the opportunity to visit this part of Australia will be a unique experience for them.

I would like to thank all of the families who have taken Korean billets and so warmly welcomed them into their families. Thanks to Max Stewart who has taken on the important role of coordinating the Korean visit.

Seven students have undertaken training as Level 1 coaches as part of the Commonwealth Government. After School Active Sports program already this year. They will be involved in running the Active Sports Programs at local primary schools which aims to promote a healthy lifestyle and fitness in our younger students. Kate Baker, the Regional Coordinator of the program was very impressed by the high standard of our Year Ten students that participated in the program and I know that the leadership and organisational skills developed in this program will give these students an advantage in many areas throughout their lives.

Most of our outgoing Year 12 students have now received details of their university placements, TAFE courses or apprenticeships. It has been a stressful few weeks for these students waiting for information about the courses they have been able to get into, made even more difficult by a move to the new ATAR (Australian Tertiary Assessment Rank) from the UAI (University Admission Index) last year. The great news is that it seems that nearly all students have received entry into the courses they desired and are now busily trying to find accommodation and making living arrangements at various regional centres as many courses begin in the next few weeks. We will hope to publish further details on these placements next week.

This year all students should receive a program outline and an assessment summary for each subject that they study. We would like students to paste this on the first two pages of their workbooks for each subject. Each teacher has a detailed and complex program for each subject that shows the outcomes that should be achieved, the detail of the content, skills and teaching strategies and resources for the subject.

The program outline is a summary of the teachers program and will show what unit of work is being studied each week and what assessments, tests, assignments and practical work projects are required. Parents (and students) can look at the program outlines to see what their students are studying and if they have any assessment tasks due at that time.

Mrs Rodwell has organised an outstanding program for this year's Swimming Carnival, 'Spirit of Water', planned for Friday. She has made sure that there is a range of competition and activities for our serious swimmers as well as those who don't enjoy the water as much. The house captains will be working to raise the spirit of all house members and students are encouraged to join in and dress up on the day. Parents are warmly welcomed, and any parents that can assist with judging or time keeping roles would be greatly appreciated. Parents at work are also welcome to drop in at lunchtime to support the carnival.

The 'Spirit of Water' Carnival is an important part of the school year and all students are expected to attend and contribute to this great school community day. Students need to make sure they have plenty of sunscreen and a large bottle of water to avoid the effects of the possible hot weather.

The Australia Day celebrations held at the show ground last Saturday were a credit to our town and the organising committee. Marni Moreing received the Bombala Young Citizen Award and made a fabulous speech and I know all of the teachers present were very proud of her achievements. It was also great to see our students getting involved in the shearing and wood chopping events especially Charlie Lomas who has the makings of being a fine young axeman and Josh Brownlie helping out behind the scenes of the shearing.

Philip Steel
Principal

CAREERS

Welcome to, or back to, Bombala High School to all our students. As in all areas of the School the Careers room has been busy getting ready for another big year, with a few key things already set.

Year 12 University of Wollongong Visit

To kick things off a number our year 12 students will be heading to Wollongong on Wednesday to participate in the annual University of Wollongong Discovery Days to learn more about what University life may be like. Thank you to Mr Little and Mrs Morgan for accompanying these students on what should be an enjoyable and informative excursion.

Australian Defence Forces Visit

A number of representatives of the Australian Defence Forces will be at the school on Friday 12 February between 9.00-10.00 to talk to any students who may be interested in finding out more about careers in the ADF. These talks will be limited to students from Years 10-12. Parents and caregivers are also most welcome to come along – please contact Ms Pocock at the school to advise if you will be here for the talks.

TAFE

Students from Years 11 and 12 who have enrolled in TAFE delivered VET courses will commence classes on Wednesday 17 February. More information will be issued to the students this week.

Combined Universities Visit

On Tuesday 9 March the annual Combined Universities and TAFE visit will be held for students in Years 10-12 who are interested in finding out more about courses, universities. Parents and caregivers are also welcome to attend.

Year 10 Work Experience

I would like to commend our Year 10 students on their motivation regarding their Work Experience. I have had some students already approaching me with ideas about possible placements etc – great work people. The dates for Work experience for 2010 are 15-19 November and 22-26 November. I have sent an email to all Year 10 students with some more information so encourage them to check their emails for this.

There are a number of other activities which are not yet finalised and when appropriate will be included in the school newsletters. I will also be emailing students with information and other resources as I receive them so encourage all students to check their school emails regularly.

If you need to contact me with regard to Careers, TAFE or VET related matters please feel free to ring me at the School.

Leonie Pocock
Careers Adviser / VET Coordinator

Coming Events

3 & 4 February	University of Wollongong visit
4 February	DER Induction
5 February	Swimming Carnival
16 February	P&C Meeting
19 February	Terry Murray
26 February	School Photos

Bombala & District Netball Meeting

A Netball Meeting will be held this Thursday 4th February at the RSL Club commencing at 7.00pm.

Agenda items.

- Susan Pratley Clinic.
- Sapphire Registration.
- Representative Player Payments.
- Constitution.
- Shed Fit-Out.
- Catering Officer.
- Recording Secretary.
- Publicity Officer.
- Fairy Meadow.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Bombala & District Swimming Club General Meeting

A meeting will be held at 4.00pm on Monday 8th February at the pool. All parents welcome.

Invitation to all Year 9 and 10 Parents

Bombala High School will be holding a Parent Information Session this Thursday evening in the School Library on the Digital Education Revolution (DER) laptop program. Mr Andrew High from Eden Technology High School will be conducting the session which will include familiarisation, software training, questions and answers.

DER Parent Information Session

Thursday 4th February 5.00 to 6.30pm - School Library

Kathleen Platts
Technology Support Officer



Adam Haley-Perkins and his family welcome their Korean student visitor.

School Choir

Calling for interested parties to join our School Choir on Wednesdays at second lunch. Names to Mr Brady.

Wanted by the Art Department

The Art Department is looking for old **towels**. If you have any that you no longer need please send them into the Art Room.

Thanking you,

Ms Morris

Cooma District Junior Rugby League Inc

Players wanted in 2010 for Under 16s.

The Cooma Colts Under 16s require players for the 2010 season in all positions. Games will be played on Friday night on a home and away format in the Canberra Junior Rugby League Competition.

Registration cost is \$55 per player, the registration fee includes shorts, socks, player insurance, NRL pass, qualified coaches and First Aid Officers. Also included in your registration cost is a Presentation Day barbecue, Year Book, Colts Polo shirt (or similar apparel) and Under 16 Jumper Presentation Dinner.

For more information please contact Mark Williams on 6452 3164 or Max Clark on 6452 1693

Year 7



Pictured above are some of the new Year 7 students listening intently at the morning assembly.

Swine Flu Vaccine Available Free

Swine flu activity has dropped significantly in NSW over recent months, but continues to have a heavy impact in many Northern Hemisphere countries. It remains to be seen what the impact in Australia will be as we move into next winter, although a resurgence of pandemic influenza activity is possible.

NSW Health is encouraging everyone to obtain a free vaccination against this potentially life threatening illness. The Panvax® vaccine is available free from most general practitioners and Aboriginal Medical Services. Some community health centres and council immunisation clinics are also offering the vaccine free of charge. Call ahead to confirm the health service is vaccinating on the day you wish to visit.

Further information can be obtained through following the links.

- The fact sheets are available on the Department's Occupational Health and Safety website at: <https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/adminandmanage/ohands/hsi/index.htm>
- Pandemic influenza vaccination available for children aged ten years and over: https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/detoh_s/adminandmanage/ohands/hsi/vaccine.doc
- Pandemic influenza vaccination approved for children aged 6 months and over: https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/detoh_s/adminandmanage/ohands/hsi/vaccinereminder.doc
- NSW Health: information about the vaccine: <http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/vaccination/index.asp>

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Uniform for 2010

Bombala High School expects all students to be in uniform while at school and to change into sports clothes for sports activities. It has been very encouraging to see almost 100% of students in uniform for the beginning of the year and we would like to encourage this to continue throughout the year.

Students who are out of uniform must provide a note. Students who do not have a reasonable explanation for being out of uniform will be asked to change into uniform (from our pool of washed uniform) or to attend detention on the day.

A list of uniform has been included in this newsletter. Don't forget that the transition from grey, black and blue bottoms to grey bottoms for boys and blue for girls will be phased in over the next two years so it is not necessary to purchase new shorts or trousers for older students and students are OK to continue wearing these colours until the end of 2011.

Final samples of the proposed sports uniform have not yet been finalised but will be available for viewing and ordering in the next few days including track pants and tops.

The school has a full range of polo shirts, polar fleece jumpers available for purchase over the counter. A limited range of blue trousers and skirts are also available but we do not have a full size range and are unable to find a suitable supplier for further stocks. BKM in Bombala and Squishys at Cooma have suitable grey shorts, trousers for boys and blue shorts and trousers for girls. Skirts can be orders from Squishys.

Woollen jumper orders have not yet been finalised but this will be resolved early in 2010.

Families experiencing difficulty in providing uniform for their students can contact the school for assistance.

Junior	Uniform	Price	Location
Boys	White polo shirt with crest	\$20	School Office
	Grey Shorts Grey trousers	Approx \$20 -\$30	BKM Bombala Squishys Cooma
	Blue polar fleece with crest	\$28	School Office
	White shirt	\$20-\$30	BKM Bombala Squishys Cooma
	Blue woollen jumper with crest	Approx \$60	BKM Bombala Squishys Cooma
	Blazer (for formal occasions)	Loan	School Office
	Tie (for formal occasions)	Loan	School Office
Girls	White polo shirt with crest	\$20	School Office
	Navy Shorts Navy trousers	Approx \$20 -\$40	School Office BKM Bombala Squishys Cooma
	Tartan Skirt	\$55	School Office BKM Bombala Squishys Cooma
	Blue polar fleece with crest	\$28	School Office
	White shirt	\$20-\$30	BKM Bombala Squishys Cooma
	Blue woollen jumper with crest	Approx \$60	BKM Bombala Squishys Cooma
	Blazer (for formal occasions)	Loan	School Office
	Tie (for formal occasions)	Loan	School Office
Seniors			
Boys	As above Year Rugby jersey	\$95	By order from school
Girls	As above Year Rugby jersey	\$95	By order from school
Sports	School track suit trousers School track suit jacket School sports shorts Sports polo	\$21 \$34 \$14 \$18	By order from school
Shoes	Enclosed and sturdy shoes Black shoes (for formal occasions)		
Hat	Hats required for outside activity		

Terry Murray

Fretwork

Terry Murray the guitar supremo with a kaleidoscope of stringed sounds and styles at his fingertips will be visiting Bombala on Friday 19th February 2010. From flamenco to rap, classical to rockabilly, this program traces the origin of the guitar and demonstrates the way in which simple melodies can be dramatically changed by choice of instrument and feel. Terry invites his audience to supplement his drum machine with basic forms of body percussion, exploring syncopation and rhythm, and guitar players are welcome to bring their instruments as some may be selected to play along.

Students are requested to give their names and \$5 to the Front Office as soon as possible. Money no later than 15th February.

I _____ give permission for my son/daughter
_____ to attend the Terry Murray presentation and enclose \$5.

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Bombala High School P&C Meeting

Minutes of the P&C Meeting held on 16th November 2009 at Bombala High School Library commencing at 7.00pm.

Present

Philip Steel, Leonie Pocock, Sheree Jones, Jo Garland, Pam Summerrell, Lionel Platts and Carol Sellers.

Apologies

Shevaun Heffernan, Billy Peisley, Victoria Morris, Marcia Douch, and Warwick Long.

Minutes of Meeting held on 21st September read. Moved Jo Garland Seconded Philip Steel.

Correspondence In

Mike Kelly – National Partnership Program, criteria used to determine eligibility, will respond when more information is received.

Bombala Council – Crossing.

A letter with a petition from Co-ordinators Harrison Sellers, Lindsay Ingram and Jack O'Hehir Elton about school uniform and the policy 5.5.2 was complied to.

Treasurer's Report

As per book report. Moved Lionel Platts seconded Pam Summerrell.

Needs further looking into re address, so that the statements reach Lionel.

Principal's Report

Proposed Korean Visit – Home Stay Accommodation for 15 Korean Students over a four week period. Arrive 29th January 2010.

Year 12 finished exams, Formal Night was held at the RSL. Moves being made to stop school using licensed clubs, may have to change our plans next year.

Uniform – a policy draft attached for P&C endorsement and students have been asked for a further vote on some of the options.

Refurbishment of school blinds, see if P&C are interested in providing new ones.

Orientation Evening 24th November, a P&C member to attend, plus a representative for Presentation Day.

General Business

Quote for blinds came in \$3,240 for Maths' Rooms. Moved Pam Summerrell that the P&C pay for them seconded Sheree Jones.

Canteen lollies are being phased out, only on Red Days so that they do come under the Guide Lines and Chocolate Fundraising is being phased out.

A clock is to be purchased to go on the tower in the Court Yard. Sheree Jones to purchase moved Leonie Pocock seconded Lionel Platts.

To be noted that learning difficulties in the classroom to be addressed and all staff to be made aware of the student's requirements.

Excursions – food not enough supply on one excursion. To be looked into for further dates coming in 2010.

A list of excursions to be advised at the start of the year with the costing so that parents are aware.

Dust coats for Metal Work and Wood Work Rooms – Philip looking into.

Ambulance Cover if excursion go interstate like the ACT, are our kids covered?

Teachers away with major works to be finished on time.

P&C to purchase shirts for the children to wear at special functions was passed back in 2008. Pam to fix. Moved Pam Summerrell seconded Jo Garland.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Next Meeting at Bombala High School Library on Monday 16th February 2010 at 7.00pm. 'All welcome'.

The Agenda for the next meeting is the Discipline Policy, Gas Heaters and School Bus