Principal’s Report
The term is coming to an end as an eleven week term. I would like to thank all the students and staff who have put in big effort this term with their learning and teaching. We have had a lot of activities going on and last week was a good example of these activities.

On Friday we had an excellent day highlighting the national day of Anti-bullying run by Ms O’Reilly and her great team of students. We saw busking in the playground, acts of kindness – all making people aware of the reason for the day and how we all need to stand up to bullying to stop it happening and impacting on so many people’s lives. Well done!

Don’t forget that the end of the term is approaching and getting closer to the draw for the IPAD prize for paying school contributions and fees. A special incentive program this year to try to make it worthwhile getting money in early for the school to use for student programs. You can also pay these fees or any amount for excursions on our online payment facility on our school website. This allows you to do this from home like online banking.

The school has appointed a new Deputy Principal, Ms D, Walmsley who will start at Bega High on the 2nd April just before the end of term to get used to the place and to the students. The second Deputy position is in the middle of the advertising process and we hope that this position will be filled by the beginning of next term also. A great many thanks go to Ms Mace and Mr Banks for all their efforts over the last few terms. They have done a sterling job and should be very proud of their achievements. Well done!

The P & C meets every second Tuesday of the month – twice per term and we invite parents to attend these meetings from 5.30 pm. Last meeting we talked about a range of issues including fund raising for this year. We would like your opinion on this so please come along to the next meeting.

One of our ideas will be to run a feature article in the Newspaper about the programs at Bega High with and advertisement – Bega High School Yearly Fund Raising – asking for Alumni or past students to donate or help support the school. We hope the business houses that we deal with will assist us as well.

Don’t forget the Homework Centre is available on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 to 5.30 pm. All welcome. If you, as parents could ensure that your children are doing their homework every night that would help us greatly.

Every night students need to come home and do the following
1. 10 minutes at least revising notes from the day – each lesson
2. Check diary for homework and assessment tasks or assignments due – do some of this work
3. Planned approach to revising and studying all past work in each subject – e.g. Monday might be 15 minutes each on English and Maths / Tuesday – 2 more subjects. This means going through the work systematically from the beginning of the year, taking notes or making mind maps etc.
4. Using this method students will be prepared and on task with all their work.

Bullying and Cyber Bullying is an ever present problem in the lives of students. We want to asset them and for them to report any instances. As parents, please be very aware of your students on Facebook, texting and chat rooms. Social Networking along these lines will not go away but it needs to be monitored for healthy interaction. My advice to you is to create a rule in the house that mobile phones are turned off and put away at a certain time of night and not left in bedrooms as students can be constantly woken by phone calls and tones.

Thanks for your cooperation and help this term. I appreciate parent input at all times.

John Salmon
Principal

Remember
Years 7 & 9 Vaccinations
Wednesday, 20th March

Years 7 & 9 Vaccinations –
HPV dose 1 for Year 7, HPV dose 1 for Year 9 boys only,
Hepatitis B dose 1 for all Year 7.

Bega High School
Absentee Hotline: 6492 9010

If your child is going to be absent from school, please telephone with the following information:
Student Name
Roll Class
Date of Absence
Reason for Absence
Your Name

All other enquiries: 6492 9000
Coming Events

Tuesday, 19th March:
- Open Boys Soccer at Bega

Wednesday, 20th March:
- Years 7 & 9 Vaccinations – HPV dose 1 for Year 7, HPV dose 1 for Year 9 boys only, Hepatitis B dose 1 for all Year 7.
- Year 11 CAFS to Golden Gig in Merimbula
- The Big Draw
- Work Education Enhancement at Bega TAFE
- Year 10 Term 1 Maths Exam

Thursday, 21st March:
- The Big Draw activities continue
- Harmony Day activities

Friday, 22nd March:
- The Big Draw activities
- Regional Final National Rugby 7s at Queanbeyan
- Years 11 & 12 Geography Excursion to Kosciuszko National Park

Tuesday, 26th March:
- Year 8 Term 1 Maths Exam

Wednesday, 27th March:
- Year 7 Mathematics Test

Friday, 29th March:
- Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday, 1st April:
- Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tuesday, 2nd April:
- Students return to school

Wednesday, 3rd April:
- Year 9 Term 1 Maths Exam

Thursday, 4th April:
- State Swimming at Homebush (until Saturday)
- Boys & Girls Zone Touch at Bombala

Monday, 8th April:
- Class 7E EcoRanger program

Tuesday, 9th April:
- Class 7T EcoRanger program
- P & C Meeting

Thursday, 11th April:
- Class 7Q EcoRanger Program
- Zone Squash at Bega

Friday, 12th April:
- Whole School Cross Country Carnival
- LAST DAY TERM 1

TERM 2

Monday, 29th April:
- Staff Development Day (No students attend)

Tuesday 30th April:
- All students return to school

Have you changed your Address or Family Details?

Bega High School needs to keep your records up to date. Please contact the school office if there are any relevant details that have changed recently.

Science News – Optics in the Outback

Interested Bega High students were privileged to attend a presentation by University of Sydney, Ph D students, Tom and Stephanie.

Their topic was optics which they presented with passion. First up was a brief lesson on how optic fibres work and then some students got to operate the laser telephone if they could get the mirrors to reflect the lasers to the right spot.

Next was the idea of Harry Potter’s invisibility cloak. Students received a brief lesson on meta – material, things built from lots of tiny structures, and how these allow invisibility.

Lastly some students were issued the challenge of getting through a laser maze without breaking the beam.

Tom and Stephanie said Bega High School students were the best they had come across yet with students fully engaged and asking lots of intelligent questions.

Well done to the students who attended.

Students trying to line up the lasers to get their message through.

Light reflected through an optic fibre.
Home Economics News

Year 12 Hospitality student Joshua Bennett during the fire safety workshop with fire control officer Mr Garry Cooper. Students were instructed then practiced putting out fires using fire extinguishers and fire blankets.

Year 11 Hospitality are off to an amazing start this year. They look fantastic in their uniforms and are already into it cooking up a storm! The students are very excited about going on their first work placement very soon, where they will put these skills into practice in local and interstate restaurants and hotels.

Miss Ann Smith

Year 8 Textile Technology student Teah Strang with her classmates completing the practical section of her sewing machine licence.

WorkCover officer Mrs Donna Salway pictured with Year 12 Hospitality student Jacinta Alcock after her presentation on the role of WorkCover in health, safety and security in the Hospitality industry.
Year 12 Food and Beverage Hospitality student Kate Warby preparing coffee during the pre-opening of The Niche, Year 12 Hospitality restaurant which opens this Friday for lunch.

Joccoaa Lee with students from Bega Pre-school on their visit to Bega High. They were invited to come and taste the food prepared by year 10 in the unit FOOD FOR SPECIAL NEEDS.

Year 10.7 Food Technology chose a barnyard themed morning tea to entertain 20 Bega Pre-school children with. The children sat on haystacks while being served treats such as homemade sausages rolls, mini pizzas and animal cupcakes. Drinks served included banana smoothies and berry slushies. The students worked so well as a kitchen team and did an amazing job. Miss Ann Smith

Mrs Maria Hay
Head Teacher TAS – Home Economics

Year 10.5 Food Technology students recently prepared lunch for 25 Year 3 students from Mumbulla School as part of their study of food for special needs. The Year 10 students had to plan their menu around student’s individual needs which included vegetarian, no dairy, no eggs, and wheat free. Quite a challenge!

Year 9 Parents – Essential Secondary Science Assessment Results
This week all year 9 students received their results from the ESSA test they did online in November 2012. Ask your child for their results if they have not given them to you.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved an overall placement in the top band:
- Quinn Argent
- Joshua Balfour
- Eleanor Grose
- Shaun Smith
- Tabitha Zweck

Ms Smith
Head Teacher Science
Mathematics - Classroom Expectations and Common Courtesies

Being prepared for every lesson is vital to ongoing success and improvement in student learning. The Bega High School Logo shows us the values that we are all trying to uphold.

Respect:
- Treat classmates and classroom visitors with respect.
- Get to know your classmates in social conversations before class. Avoid social conversations during class. Brief conversations about what’s being discussed in class are OK.

Responsibility:
- Come to every class. Arrive at class on time. Remain in your allocated seat.
- It is important to come properly equipped to class. It is inconvenient to others if other students have to borrow equipment or are unable to do their work.
  - ALWAYS have pen, pencil, ruler and workbook ready in class.
  - ALWAYS bring your textbook
  - ALWAYS bring your Board of Studies approved calculator to class.
- Turn off your mobile
- Don’t play games on laptop, surf the web, or listen to your i-pod in class.
- If you miss class, you are responsible for catching up on the material covered.

Effort:
- Complete all classwork and set homework promptly
- Be involved and engaged in class. Listen actively. Be ready and willing to contribute (constructively) to class discussion.
- Ask questions. Be ready to respond to questions – even if your response is “I don’t know; let me think about that for a minute.”

Achievement:
Consistently following the above points along with regular homework will bring success in Mathematics.

Upcoming Tasks:
- Year 7 – Wednesday 27th March, Period 1 – Term Exam
- Year 8 – Tuesday 26th March Period 1 – Term Exam
- Year 9 – Wednesday 3rd April, Period 1 – Term Exam
- Year 10 – Wednesday 20th March, Period 1 – Term Exam
- Year 10 – Wednesday 3rd April, Water Investigation Due

**MATHS HOMEWORK**

**WHAT WORK SHOULD BE COMPLETED AT HOME?**
- Each lesson Your Teacher records work on the board to complete. This is usually textbook work or a sheet.
- You should record the set questions in your Maths workbook and your diary.
- Any unfinished work should be completed at home.
- Constant revision of all previous work, if there has been no set work.
- You should label your work clearly and show all working.
- You are expected to mark your work using the answers at the back of the textbook.
- When your homework is checked, tell Your Teacher if you had any problems with the work.

**HOW MUCH?**
- You should expect to complete approximately ½ an hour of Maths at home after each lesson (more in the senior years), constant practise & revision is the key to success.
- If you are needing longer than half an hour per lesson ask yourself:
  1) Am I utilising class time effectively to complete as much work as possible?
  2) Am I having trouble understanding the work? If so, tell Your Teacher.

**WHAT IF I DON'T DO MY HOMEWORK?**
- A note will be made in your diary so your parents are aware.
- You will get a cross next to your name on Your Teacher’s roster.
- 3 strikes and you’re out (3 crosses and you will have to serve a lunch detention to catch up the homework).
- The next 3 strikes – you will receive a demerit.

Bega High School Uniform Shop

Please Note: The final date for those students who wish to use their 2012 Prize Giving Vouchers at the Uniform Shop in Thursday, 28th March 2013.

Daylight Management have advised that the Hooded Fleecy Jackets for the cooler weather will be arriving in April.

Also available are slacks, track pants and winter jackets

Open each Thursday of the school term
8.30 am to 4:00 pm
For enquiries phone: 0417028864
Regional Swimming 2013
The largest squad in years did the long haul up to Dapto for the Regional Swimming Championships on Wednesday 6th March.
15 swimmers competed in all disciplines on a beautiful autumn day. All swimmers performed outstandingly and a huge thank you to all parents and caregivers that were able to help the students perform at such a high stand.
The following students were successful in qualifying for the State Carnival to be held at Homebush on the 4th, 5th and 6th of April 2013.

Back: Mackenzie Gibbons, Jessie Hoyland Meaker, Emily Nawiesniak, Carrie Evans. Front: Elyse Philipzen, Ellie Parker, Kiera Hoyland

Jessie Hoyland Meaker (17 years Boy):
- First in 400 m Freestyle
- First in 100 m Backstroke
- Second in 100 m Butterfly
- Second in 100 m Freestyle
- Second in 200 Individual Medley
- Second in 50 m Freestyle
- Second in 200 m Freestyle

Ellie Parker (12 years Girl):
- First in 100 m Freestyle
- Second in 50 m Freestyle
- Second in 200 m Freestyle
- Second in 100 m Backstroke

Emily Nawiesniak (16 years Girl):
- Third in 100 m Butterfly
- Third in 50 m Freestyle
- Third in 200 m Freestyle

Mackenzie Gibbons (12 years Boy):
- Second in 100 m Butterfly
- Second in 200 m Freestyle

Keira Hoyland (13 years Girl):
- Second in 100 m Breaststroke

Carrie Evans, Elyse Philipzen, Keira Hoyland and Ellie Parker:
- Second in 14 Years Girls Relay

FREE DENTAL TREATMENT
The School Dental Service operates in the Bega Valley from the Pambula Community Health Centre.
Appointments are available for all children from Preschoolers to 17 years of age.
You can access the service by ringing 1800 450 046 with your Medicare Card ready.
The service is orientated to prevent decay by providing early intervention with high priority going to preschoolers. Usually fissure seals and fluoride treatment feature in a child’s treatment plan, reducing the chances of tooth decay.
Children in pain are also treated as a high priority with emergency appointments put aside. Government Teen Dental Plan vouchers are accepted here, encouraging youth to remain in the service.

FOR ALL DENTAL APPOINTMENTS & ENQUIRIES PLEASE TELEPHONE THE ORAL HEALTH INTAKE SERVICE FREECALL 1800 450 046

DIAMOND STUDENTS
This fortnight’s prize winners!
The following students have won a movie pass from the Picture Showman in Merimbula –
- Year 8: Tahlia Braunack
- Year 9: Bethany Spindler
- Year 10: Daniel Cole
- Year 11: Sammie Smith

The following students have won vouchers from Top Fun in Merimbula –
- Year 8: Morgan Durrant-Curtis
- Year 9: Kaytlen Walsh
- Year 10: Jesse Blanchfield
- Year 11: Abbey Tarlinton

Congratulations to these students and thank you to our sponsors.
ADAMORIGINAL Music Performance

Adam Hill is a multi-talented Dhungatti (Kempsey area of NSW) artist who works as a professional painter, graphic artist, cartoonist and illustrator. He is also a respected Yidaki (Didgeridoo) player, having studied formally with traditional Yolngu teachers from North East Arnhem Land.

He has toured around the world and performed for Nelson Mandela and featured in the Rugby World Cup opening ceremony.

Adam performed for Year 8 and all the Elective Music Classes from Years 9 – 12 at Bega High School on Thursday, 14 March.

Adam presented an original, humorous, highly energetic program of song, language, puppetry and Yidaki (Didgeridoo). While he draws on storytelling and performance traditions for inspiration he also included a display of his basketball prowess.

Through his performance techniques and various styles of the Yidaki, Adam was enormously applauded for an entertaining and informative presentation. Congratulations to all those students who took the time to attend such an event.

DON’T GET SICK from your Water Bottle!

Hydration is key to good health and physical activity. Not drinking enough fluids throughout the day can lead to dehydration and decreased performance in activity or sport. Some signs of dehydration include having a strong thirst, dry mouth, decreased amount of urine produced, and sleepiness (Thompson, Manore & Sheeshka, 2007).

Many people drink water from water bottles. Not sharing water bottles is one way to help prevent the spread of germs. Germs can be present and spread even before the infected person shows any signs of being sick. Germs can be spread from saliva when a person with an infection shares a water bottle with another person.

Why is water important? Depending on your age, 50% to 75% of your body weight is water (Thompson et al., 2007). It’s something we can’t live without.

Water has many important benefits:
• Hydrate your body (fluid and electrolyte balance).
• Helps to digest food.
• Carries oxygen and nutrients through the body.
• Lubricates and cushions joints.
• Cools the body when sweating.
• Keeps skin and lips moist.
• Removes wastes from the body.

Illnesses that can spread by sharing water bottles. The Public Health Agency indicates that the following illnesses are the ones most often spread by sharing water bottles:
• Influenza (flu)
• Colds and other respiratory illness
• Mononucleosis
• Meningitis (infection involving the brain and spinal cord)

Two types of water bottles that are commonly used disposable, clear, plastic single-use reusable Bumgardner (2008) indicated that single-use bottles are meant to be used one time only. Reusable bottles can be used over and over. They have a wider mouth for easier cleaning and refilling. Proper cleaning is important because germs from saliva and dirty hands can contaminate the bottle and cause illness.

Tips for reusable water bottle use.
• Drink water before, during, and after physical activity to replace water lost through sweating.
• Drink before you become thirsty.
• Label your water bottle with your name.
• Don’t share your water bottle with others.
• Discourage shared use of squirt bottles. Some sports teams routinely squirt water from person to person using the same bottle.
• Take water bottles home every day for cleaning.
• Carry the bottle in a multi-purpose plastic bag when it’s in an equipment bag.
• Change the multi-purpose plastic bag after each game.

Cleaning reusable water bottles. Clean with warm soapy water, rinse, and leave to air-dry. Your reusable water bottle should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected regularly with 5 ml (1 tsp) bleach mixed with 500 ml (2 cups) of water. Keep the solution in the bottle for at least 10 minutes. Pour out solution and rinse well, air-dry, and place in a clean bag before reusing.

Bega High Students perform at Candelo Fundraising Concert for the Queensland Floods

Congratulations to: Camellia Keogh in Year 12
Tom Kelly in Year 11
Sasha Millhouse in Year 10

The above students performed on Saturday, 16th March at the Candelo Showground to raise money for the flood victims in Queensland.

Students provided entertainment from late afternoon to early evening. Well done to these musicians for giving their time and talents for a worthy cause.
Bega High Canteen Roster for 18 – 22 March 2013

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Community Noticeboard

Material relating to students will be advertised at the Principal’s discretion and does not necessarily reflect the views of this school. No cost to non-profit making organisations.

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre
SOUTH EAST NSW WOMEN’S LEGAL SERVICE

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

FOR WOMEN IN SOUTHERN NSW

A solicitor will be in Bega on:
Thursday, 21st March
9 am – 2 pm
At the Women’s Resource Centre, 14 Peden Street Bega
Appointments are necessary – Freecall 1800 229 529
Mobile phones may incur a charge. We can phone you back

The Bega Valley
Migrant & Multicultural Social & Activity Group
are proud to celebrate
Harmony Day
at Bega High School
from 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm on
Thursday 21 March 2013
All welcome. Join us for a cultural extravaganza with stalls, food to taste, activities and performances.
Gold coin donation.
For further details call Emma on 0428268374

YOUTH WEEK
ART SKILLS WORKSHOPS
Explore design and printing techniques with artist Tanja Riese and make original small artworks - POSTCARD size.
Two FREE art skills workshops will be run as part of Youth Week at the Old Bega Hospital.

Workshop 1: Printing using linocuts on
Saturday 6th April from 10 am – 3 pm.

Workshop 2: Solar Plate Printing on
Saturday 13th April from 10 am – 3 pm.
All materials will be supplied with a maximum of 15 participants per workshop.
Age range 12 - 24 years.
BOOK NOW at Spiral Gallery, Bega, Ph 6492 5322 to secure your spot.
Create works you can enter in Spiral Gallery’s POSTCARD Exhibition to be held in June 2013 at Spiral Gallery. Over 350 entries were received in 2012 and we are hoping for an even bigger exhibition in 2013. The exhibition will have a youth category with prizes awarded.
What is the P & C?
The P & C supports the education of all students enrolled at Bega High School by bringing parents, guardians, citizens, students and the teaching staff together to discuss issues and work in close co-operation. It is the representative voice of parents/carers with children at Bega High School and assists the school staff in the establishment of policy and management strategies in all facets of school activity.

Why join?
The P & C allows parents and the wider community to be informed of school programs and activities and to have a voice in school issues. Recent research has shown that increased parental participation improves student participation and learning outcomes. The school also has a number of committees that require a parent representative including welfare, curriculum, and finance. Being on one of these committees gives you the opportunity to contribute to the decision making process of the school.

Who can join the P & C?
The Bega High School P & C is open to everyone: parents, caregivers, grandparents, teachers, students and members of the whole community. If you can come along we would love to see you!

P & C Meetings: 5.30 pm on the second Tuesday of every month during the school term in the Bega High School Meeting Room at Front Office

P & C meetings enable parents and citizens to come together to discuss the needs and aspirations of the students, the school and the school community. You are always welcome to come along for a friendly cuppa, learn all about your school and share your ideas. Guest speakers are often invited to meetings. These include Bega High staff or students to discuss a particular curriculum area, or guests from outside the school who have an interest in the school. There are currently many exciting developments happening at Bega High and as a member of the P&C you will stay well informed on curriculum, activities, events and school goals.

Fundraising: The Bega High P & C carries out various fundraising activities and the money is always put back into the school to improve learning opportunities and purchase additional resources.

Voluntary Contribution
The P & C also asks for an annual voluntary contribution of $50 per family. We recognise that many parents and caregivers find it difficult to attend meetings and fundraisers, but may wish to make a financial contribution. You can do this simply and easily by visiting the Bega High School website at www.bega-h.schools.nsw.edu.au, going to make a payment and choosing the voluntary contributions option. These donations are used for whole school initiatives and provide a simple way for you to directly help to make a great school even better. The P & C has recently contributed to: the annual Matheletics subscription, support for the permaculture garden project, outside seating, long throw classroom projectors for Visual Arts, HSIE and Support faculties, new equipment for the music faculty, IMSI FloorPlan software and a UPI 3D Printer for Industrial Arts.

Contacts:
President: Kat Smith
Vice President: Henry Grose
Secretary: Claire Burgess
Treasurer: Lyall Zweck

Please contact us to share your ideas about your school. You can contact us by email through the school: bega-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au and also receive minutes of meetings by email even if you cannot come to all meetings.

Bega High School P & C supports the Gonski recommendations. This is a great way for you to support our school and its future. Help us to be heard by going to igiveagonski.com.au and registering your support.

The Gonski Review found Australia is investing far too little in schools, and that we need an urgent overhaul of the way schools are resourced.

The future funding of our schools is being decided right now. The Gonski Review made it clear we urgently need to invest more in education and public schools

What is Gonski?
The Gonski Review was the most comprehensive investigation of the way schools are funded in Australia in almost 40 years. It was commissioned by the Federal Government and conducted by an expert panel headed by senior businessman David Gonski. The final report was released in February 2012.

Gonski found Australia is investing far too little in education and, in particular, in public schools. As a consequence, too many students are missing out on the resources they need and there are growing gaps in the achievements of students from different backgrounds.

Gonski recommended a $5 billion a year injection of funding into public and private schools (75 per cent to public schools) and an overhaul of the way the money is distributed to ensure it is going where it is most needed. That money would be invested in local schools in ways that help students learn such as:

✔ Smaller class sizes
✔ Extra specialist teachers in areas such as literacy and numeracy
✔ Greater support for students with higher needs such as those with disabilities
✔ Additional training and classroom support for teachers
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