Mission Statement
Bega High School is committed to providing excellence in education, which prepares all students to contribute responsibly to a changing world by preparing students to be:
- Skilled lifelong learners
- Balanced in their life
- Skilled problem solvers and decision makers in relation to all aspects of their lives
- Responsible and compassionate citizens
- Self-confident
- Valued group participants

Principal’s Message
On behalf of the staff of Bega High School I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable vacation over the summer.

This edition of the newsletter does not include a Principal’s Report. The report will be available after Presentation Days. It will be published as a hard copy and also available on the school website and via email.

Please enjoy the great news from the last two weeks - a fantastic representation of all-round learning at Bega High School.

Mrs Linda Thurston
Relieving Principal

Coming Events
Wednesday, 9 December:
- Peer Support Camp at Bournda (Year 6 into 7) (3 days)

Thursday, 10 December:
- Years 7 & 9 Presentation Ceremony in school hall – 10 am – 12 noon
- Years 8 & 10 Presentation Ceremony in school hall – 1 pm – 3 pm
- Last trading day for Uniform shop 2015

Friday, 11 December:
- Year 11 Presentation Ceremony in school hall – 10 am – 12 noon

Monday, 14 December:
- Year 11 Mathematics Assessment task
- Year 7 End of year Bournda camp (3 days)

Wednesday, 16 December:
- Last day Term 4 for students
- 2015 HSC Results released

Thursday, 17 December:
- Staff Development day

Friday, 18 December:
- Staff Development Day
- Last day Term 4 2015

2016
- See separate notice for Uniform Shop opening times during January 2016

Wednesday, 27 January:
- Staff Development Day

Thursday, 28 January:
- Years 7, 11 & 12 return to school

Friday, 29 January:
- Years 8, 9 & 10 return to school

Wednesday, 3 February
- Whole School Swimming Carnival

Message from the Head Teacher Welfare
We wish everybody a happy and safe holiday and look forward to a great 2016

Any student or parent seeking assistance over the break can contact the Kids Helpline on 190 055 1800 or Headspace on 1800 650 890.

Alternatively, the school can be messaged on 0407 929 191 and someone will get back to you within 24 hours

Mark Freedman
Head Teacher Welfare
Victor Chang Science Award

The Victor Chang Science award is awarded to the best science student in Year 11. Shaun Smith was awarded this honour by a representative of the Victor Chang Institute in Wollongong on the 6th November, in front of his proud family. Shaun also received an invitation to tour the Victor Chang Research Institute in December.

Well Done Shaun!

Year 7 Technology

Year 7 Technology students preparing rice paper rolls using produce from the permaculture garden

MADD Music and More CD

MADD Music and More, a CD of Bega High School music goes on sale this week.

The CD includes live MADD performances and student recordings from throughout the year, including Nick Hoskins, Kevin Dixon, Matt Parsons and Anthony Hawker’s “Still My Mob”.

MADD Night is the most important Performing Arts Event of our school year. Two acts formed to especially participate in MADD 2104 and have since both released downloads that have risen high in the National JJJUnearthed Charts.

Two of Gypsy & the Albert Folk’s original instrumentals have charted, one peaking in the top 5. These downloads were all recorded at school last July.

Cabec (Cellestine Janiola and Abbey Hausfeld-Suffern) also made their debut at MADD 2014 and went onto play both the Cobargo and Candelo Music Festivals. Cabec have begun to attract National airplay. They used school recording facilities to prepare for their music festival performances. Their latest song “Longing for You” is currently being played on JJJ and a Melbourne Community radio station, a special version of which is included on the MADD Music and More CD.

The MADD Music and More 2015 CD features the music of over 40 students.

Many students have given up lunch or recess to gain recording experience and to make a special version of their MADD performance.

The MADD Music and More 2015 CD costs $5 and is expected to sell very quickly!

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
Support Unit End of Year Concert

The support Unit provided yet another exceptional concert in the school hall this year. There were two performances over two days in week 9, which were attended by Year 6 transition students, as well as years 7 & 8 from Bega High. The support unit from Narooma High also attended along with members of the public and various members of the wider school community.

The concert was presented in two parts with the first half consisting of numerous short acts including a memorable Wiggles performance, complete with Captain Feathersword, Wags and Dorothy. Johnathon Mortlock and Prue Scullin-Ryan sang beautifully to accompany the dancers.

The second half was presented as The Lion King which was a pared down version of the Broadway version, only better. The costumes and sets were all made by the students in the support unit as part of their Vis Art and Tech Mandatory classes. A number of Year 7 students helped out with on-stage roles as well as backstage and sound.

A large number of year 12 students returned to school for the concert as did a number of ex-students from the Support Unit. On Wednesday it was standing room only in the large hall with some audience members standing in the foyer to watch. The Thursday concert coincided with the International Day of People with Disability but the focus on both days was purely on ability with extraordinary performances from all participants.

‘The Wiggles’ perform at Bega High to a packed house

The Lion King

Hakuna Matata

Support Unit End of Year Concert Program

PART 1

WIGGLES MEDLEY

- HOT POTATO
- ROCK YOUR BEAR
- CAN YOU POINT YOUR FINGERS
SUNG BY PRUE SCULLIN RYAN & JOHNATHAN MORTLOCK

WIGGLES: NIC STICOTTI, CAIT GROSS, NOAH CLARKE, DOM SYMMES
DOROTHY: HANNAH BOYLE
WAGS: GAVIN RINGLAND
CAPT. FEATHERSWORD: ANDREW SPINDLER
CHEF: TAYLOR BOLTON

BUTTERFLY FLY AWAY
SUNG BY PRUE SCULLIN RYAN

LITTLE BLUE GIRL
SUNG BY PRUE SCULLIN RYAN & JOHNATHAN MORTLOCK

LOVE SONG
BOYBAND 2015: GAVIN RINGLAND, DANIEL COLE, NIC STICOTTI

PART 2

THE LION KING
OUR VERSION OF THE HIT BROADWAY MUSICAL IN 4 ACTS

STARRING...

NICHOLAS STICOTTI, GAVIN RINGLAND, HANNAH BOYLE, JORDAN SPINDLER, ANDREW SPINDLER, TAYLOR BOLTON, CAITLIN GROSS, DANIEL COLE, DANIEL TOWERS, AMBER HARDING, BEN HALIN, MICHAEL JONES, SUE HIND

AND...

CARLA ALCOCK, DIVYATMA SARASWATI, SERENA CLARINGBOLD, MIKAYLA DAVIES, SHAKIRA SMITH, ISABELLA WHITAKER, MIA BOYCE, DOM SYMMES.

STAGE CREW

MARIAN ARENZ, HAYLEY ROBERTSON, NAKAYLA ROOTSEY, INDI SPARKS

MATT ROLLASON, LUKE MEYERS, OLI CLARKE

SUPPORTED BY...

CATHY TYQUIN, BRENDA MONTGOMERY, TRISH PIERCE, DON GREEN.
Sapphire Coast Learning Community Stage Band Debut Performance
Magic Mountain
Friday, 11 December at 6 pm followed by Christmas Carols
Entry is Free

Students from Bega High School who will perform with the Sapphire Coast Learning Community Stage Band:
Back row from left to right: Grace Moore, Jorja Robbers, Rebekah Platts.
Absent: Cylem Power

Year 9 Design and Technology
Students designed and produced Christmas ginger bread houses for Christmas

Year 9 Design & Technology

Year 9 Design and Technology students designed and made a range of sleepwear
Year 6 into 7 Orientation Days

Year 10 Food Technology students with their Christmas cooking sweets gifts
Year 7 Technology
Year 7 have been learning about fabric decoration and creating cushion covers in textiles technology.

Year 9 Food Technology
During this term year nine Food Technology students have been studying Food Trends. They complete the term with making sushi and fruit sushi.
Community Noticeboard

ADVERTISING

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.

Song Writers’ Camp for Years 8 – 11
Monday, 14 – Wednesday, 16 December
at The Crossing

In partnership with the Yuin Folk Club, Four Winds and other arts organisations in the south east The Crossing Land Education Trust is hosting a Songwriters Camp for Years 8 - 11 music students.

The $150pp 3 day camp includes all meals, accommodation and instruction at The Crossing Land Education Trust in Bermagui. Some subsidies are available.

This year’s camp will be held on 14 - 16th December – the last week of Term 4. Professional musicians will be on hand to guide participants over the three day camp to develop songs about where they live - ‘my place’.

The camp will provide a music extension opportunity for young people to express their thoughts and feelings about the south east.

Places are limited to 24. Please book on line at thecrossing.thebegavalley.org.au

The Bega Valley Autism Lab is going to start in 2016!
What is the ‘Autism Lab’?

‘The Lab’ is a computer club for kids with high functioning Autism/Asperger’s. Its intent is not only to provide tuition in areas such as programming, 3D, digital design and gaming, but also to help these kids navigate social norms and build meaningful relationships.


When and where?

Lab sessions will take place in the Bega Library. The first Lab is on Tuesday, 19th of January 2016 (3:30 – 5:30 pm), the second on Wednesday the following week (to be confirmed), then again on Tuesday the next week. Initially, the sessions will be free.

Bookings are essential (Monika on 0404 798 368 or monikaryanbega@gmail.com)! Please bring your own device (i.e. laptop or iPad)!

Applications for the 2016 YMCA Youth Parliament are now open

This program engages a diverse array of young people from across NSW in youth advocacy, active community leadership parliamentary education and personal development.

Youth Parliament is an apolitical program that empowers young people to be advocates for their community! Young people have the opportunity to create solutions to the problems facing NSW and debate those ideas in NSW Parliament House in front of real MPs!

The program is a 7 month commitment that requires attendance at two residential camps during the April and July school holidays.

Participant Criteria: Applicants must be in Year 10 – 12, motivated to expand their leadership and advocacy skills, be able to fully commit to the entire program, be passionate about representing the youth voice in their electorate.

Camp details:

Applications close Friday, 11 December 2015

Training Camp: 14 – 17 April at Vision Valley, Arcadia

Residential Camp: 10 – 16 July at Sydney Academy, Narrabeen

Cost: $700 – scholarship and sponsorship support available.

If you are interested in getting involved or would like to find out more go the website [http://www.ymcansw.org.au/centres/youth-government/ymca-nsw-youth-parliament](http://www.ymcansw.org.au/centres/youth-government/ymca-nsw-youth-parliament)

Further Questions?

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Program Coordinator Ruby Ward at ruby-lyn.ward@ymcansw.org.au or 02 9633 8284
TAKE fLIGHT - FUNDRAISER DANCE PARTY
A fantastic night out for the whole family with performances by
the fLiNG Company and YfLiNG, DJ Sets pumping out
fantastic tunes, trivia and a party into the night!
ONE NIGHT ONLY - SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER,
7PM @ BEGA SHOWGROUND PAVILION
So put on your dancing shoes and let’s party!
EARLY BIRD CHEAP TIX - www.trybooking.com/JPZH

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, 10th December
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

Welcome the world to your home!
Why not host an overseas exchange student with AFS
Intercultural Programs? We have participants due to arrive in
February and they require volunteer host families for their stay
in New South Wales.
Participants come for 5 months to 11 months and attend high
schools and become an active member of the school,
community and your family. They come from countries
including France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland,
Finland, Canada, Japan, Costa Rica, Argentina and Brazil.
If you are interested in going on an exchange overseas we
would also love to hear from you to discuss the opportunity of
becoming an exchange student.
For more information please call Sharon Toohey on 02 9215
0077, aus.hosting@afs.org or contact the AFS Hosting team
on 1300 131 736 or visit www.afs.org.au/host to make an
inquiry!

MERIMBULA & BEGA SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP
Sapphire Coast Tennis is running tennis camps for beginners
to advanced players aged 5-16 years over the school
holidays.
MERIMBULA - The camp runs for 3 days:
Monday 18th, Tuesday, 19th & Wednesday, 20th January
from 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm.
The 3 day camp will cost $65 per child. There is a $5 discount
per child if fees paid before the 19th December
BEGA - The camp runs for two days.
THURSDAY and FRIDAY 21st, & 22nd January
from 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm.
The 2 day camp will cost $45 per child. There is a $5 discount
per child if fees paid before the 19th December
To register Call James on 0409 315542 or email
sapphirecoasttennis@gmail.com

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Station, Sydney.
sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps
fb.com/nswsportandrecreation Ph: 13 13 02

Junior rugby league is back in our
town.
Boys, girls and prospective coachs
are invited to register their interest.

Contact Jake McDonald
0404808227
email: truckamac@hotmail.com
Join us on Facebook Candeelo Bemboka Junior rugby
League
UOW College and UOW 2016 Option’s Day
UOW College will again be exhibiting at the annual 2016 UOW Option’s Day to be held on the 5th of January at the UOW Wollongong Campus.

We will be on hand to provide information about Alternative Pathways to UOW, Career-Ready Qualifications, Payment Options, Scholarships and much more! Students, Parents and Career Advisors can register at the UOW Upcoming Events website.

Are you ready to kick-start your career?
UOW College has a number of career-ready qualifications in Nursing, Early Childhood, Legal Services, Business and Community Services. We offer courses ranging from Certificate III to Diploma-level to help you get where you are going in no time at all!

Contact us at uowc-vocational@uow.edu.au or 1300 885 395 for more information. Also ask us about In2Uni and Smart&Skilled Scholarship Opportunities.

Are you Worried About Your ATAR? UOW College has got you covered!!
UOW College has been helping students achieve their study goals and gain entry into UOW Bachelor degrees for over 25 years. We offer alternative pathways to most Bachelor* programs at the University of Wollongong. Some of our programs can also be listed as one of your 9 Preferences in the Universities Admissions Centre online offer system. Visit the UAC website for information on our programs on offer and how to elect a preference.

For further information contact UOW Future Students via 1300 367 869 or via future-students@uow.edu.au.

*Subject to meeting UOW entry requirements.

STEP to UOW Program in 2016
The UOW College would like to remind you of their STEP to UOW Program for any students who may have experienced or be experiencing disadvantage during their secondary schooling, particularly Years 10-12.

Eligibility criteria and course information can be found at the UOW College website or by contacting Miss Sherien Khachiche via sherien@uow.edu.au or on (02) 4221 3950.
BEGA HIGH SCHOOL
Absence Note

STUDENT NAME: ____________________

ROLL CALL: ____________________

DATE(S) ABSENT: ____________________

Reason for absence or leave:

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