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 Report
We know it is coming into winter when we have already “run and won” the School Athletics Carnival. The weather was ideal for students, staff and parents to enjoy record-breaking competition and effort from all competitors and participants on Wednesday 20th May.

Again, the success of the day was based on teamwork and cooperation between a range of people and started long before the actual Wednesday. Students who did not attend the event at the Bega Recreational Grounds missed the chance to see fantastic competition and to do some learning about the range of athletics sports. All absences will need to be explained by parents/carers in a note or phone call to the school.

For the best part of 2014 and the first part of this school year the Human Society and its Environment (HSIE) faculty has been led by Sharon Champagne as relieving Head Teacher, following the retirement of Kath Miller. Sharon has worked with a team consisting of both permanent and temporary teachers in delivering geography and history to students from years 7 to 12, in addition to electives such as commerce and international studies. Her dedication to both her curriculum and to the faculty has been on show every day.

Sharon’s leadership in the ‘super staffroom’ has been invaluable in helping teachers and support staff engage students in learning relevant skills and knowledge through the HSIE curriculum. Sharon is now returning to a full teaching load and students can take more advantage of her knowledge of and passion for Asian society and culture as the school transitions to the appointment of a new head teacher in term 4 of this year.

In Week 3 of this term 116 Year 7 students and 113 Year 9 students participated in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy over 4 days. Although I quipped to one parent that NAPLAN is important to students in terms of the support that comes in the form of funding, the school sees the assessment program as an important way of collecting some evidence about students’ literacy and numeracy skill development, and the teaching strategies that are effective.

All students who participated are to be congratulated on their engagement in the process. Teachers and support staff, under the leadership of Doug Whitaker, Joe Nawiesniak and Sharon George, sensitively ensured that all students could demonstrate their skills with minimum disruption.

Mrs Linda Thurston
Relieving Principal

Staff Contacts Update
Who do I contact?

Student absences: 6492 9010 or 6492 9000

Fees and payments: School Office (6492 9000)

Year Advisers:
Year 7 – Mr Don Green
Year 8 - Ms Brenda Montgomery
Year 9 – Mr Mark Hopkins
Year 10 – Mr Scott Harris
Year 11 – Mrs Jennie Smith
Year 12 – Ms Sharon George

Student Support and Wellbeing:
Mark Freedman (Head Teacher Welfare)
Kaylene O’Reilly (Student Support Officer)
Mark Rose (Indigenous Support Officer)

Subject Information (Head Teachers)
English – Mr Doug Whitaker
Mathematics – Mr Joe Nawiesniak
Science – Mrs Michelle Smith
Human Society & Its Environment – Mrs Tania White (Acting)
Home Economics, Music & Language – Mrs Maria Hay
Industrial Arts & Creative Arts – Mr Greg Hain (Relieving)
PD/H/PE – Mrs Janelle Green
Special Education – Mrs Jessica Harris
Coming Events
Tuesday, 26 May:
• Aboriginal Girls’ Breakaway Group
• 15s Zone Netball

Wednesday, 27 May:
• Leadership Workshop for Aboriginal students at Bournda (3 days)
• Year 11 SLR 3 day walk at Bournda (until Friday)

Friday, 29 May:
• Regional Cross Country at Nowra

Tuesday, 2 June:
• Aboriginal Girls’ Breakaway Group

Wednesday, 3 June:
• Brumbies 10s Development Day at Bega Rec. Grounds

Monday, 8 June:
• Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday, 9 June:
• Aboriginal Girls’ Breakaway Group
• Regional Boys’ Volleyball
• Brumbies 10s Competition in Canberra
• Year 10 into 11 Curriculum Expo (to be confirmed)
• P & C Meeting

Wednesday, 10 June:
• Year 10 Unique Experience – University of Wollongong
• Year 12 History study days in Sydney (3 days)

Thursday, 11 June:
• Karabar Distance Education Textiles students to Spotlight in Queanbeyan

Friday, 12 June:
• Karabar Distance Education Textiles workshop
• AIME Program for Years 9, 10 & 11

CABEC’s Nepal Earthquake Benefit Show
After a very successful show on Thursday, 7 May, we’d like to say a massive thanks to everybody who came and all those who donated. We raised a total of $317.45 and Ms Perry donated a further $200 towards the cause. Thanks Ms Perry!
The show wouldn’t have been what it was without the help of Mr Freedman, Rhys Davies and Mr Browne. Thank guys. Support from all the teachers, deputies, Jack and the SRC was also greatly appreciated.
To stay updated on what’s going on, feel free to like our Facebook page CABEC or the Bega High one. (It really does help sometimes). But for now, stay classy and stay in class.
Cellestine, Abbee & Buddy - CABEC

Does multi-tasking reduce focus?
Can your kids really study while updating their Facebook page, listening to their music players and messaging their friends?
Research shows dedicated study time without distractions produces better learning and a greater ability to retrieve information.

Bega High School Uniform Shop
Open each Thursday of the school term
8.30 am to 4:00 pm
For enquiries phone: 0417028864

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

SECONDHAND BEGA HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Any unwanted uniforms in reasonable condition would be greatly appreciated
All sizes needed
Donated items can be left at the school office
Library News
The Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards: The 2015 Short List may be viewed online at: http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2015.htm The Library has most of the titles appropriate for our school's readers.

Book Reviews
My Name Is Red by Orhan Pamuk
Orhan Pamuk is a Turkish writer and has won the Nobel Prize in Literature. This book is suitable for mature readers.

My Name Is Red about which Orhan Pamuk says "it's my most colourful and optimistic novel", covers nine snowy days of Istanbul in 1591. When Şeküre, a beautiful lady with ceaselessly fighting two sons, decides to look for a new husband, a new lover in place of her husband who didn't ceaselessly fighting two sons, decides to look for a new husband, a new lover in place of her husband who didn't ceaselessly fighting two sons, decides to look for a new husband, a new lover in place of her husband who didn't ceaselessly fighting two sons, decides to look for a new husband, a new lover in place of her husband who didn't ceaselessly fighting two sons, decides to look for a new husband, a new lover in place of her husband who didn't ceaselessly fighting two sons, decides to look for a new husband, a new lover in place of her husband who didn't ceaselessly fighting two sons, decides to look for a new husband, a new lover in place of her husband who didn't... (Goodreads online at http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/20645231-the-last-shot).

One True Thing by Nicole Hayes
When is a secret not a secret? When your whole life is public. Frankie is used to being a politician's daughter, but with her mum now running for Premier, life's a whole lot crazier than usual. All Frankie wants is to lose herself in her music. So when her best friend, Kessie, invites a student journo to interview the band, Frankie is less than thrilled.

Thirst by Lizzie Wilcock
Review by Meg Whelan.

Last Shot by Michael Adams
"I glance at my fellow fugitives in the glow of the fire: black-streaked, white-eyed, faces fearful but fierce. Whoever any of us were a week ago, we've now become people we could never have imagined".

Every Move by Ellie Marney
Rachel Watts is suffering from recurring nightmares about her near-death experience in London. She just wants to forget the whole ordeal, but her boyfriend, James Mycroft, is obsessed.
with piecing the puzzle together and anticipating the next move of the mysterious Mr Wild - his own personal Moriarty. So when Rachel's brother, Mike, suggests a trip back to their old home in Five Mile, Rachel can't wait to get away. Unfortunately it's not the quiet weekend she was hoping for with the unexpected company of Mike's old school buddy, the wildly unreliable Harris Derwent. Things get worse for Rachel when Harris returns to Melbourne with them - but could Harris be the only person who can help her move forward? Then a series of murders suggests that Mr Wild is still hot on their tails and that Mycroft has something Wild wants - something Wild is prepared to kill for. Can Watts and Mycroft stay one step ahead of the smartest of all criminal masterminds? The stage is set for a showdown of legendary proportions (Allen & Unwin online at http://www.allenandunwin.com/default.aspx?page=94&book=9781743318539).

John Eastlake
Teacher librarian

Attendance: It’s Not OK to be away!

A considerable number of students across Australia and at our school are having their opportunities to perform to their potential adversely affected by parent condoned absences. Once it was the case, that students only missed school when they were genuinely ill, but now that has changed. Students are being allowed to stay away from school for an ever increasing number of excuses including:

* A day off for their birthday  
* A day off because relatives are visiting  
* A day off to be with parents at home  
* A day off to look after younger brothers and sisters  
* A day off to go shopping

The thought of an argument with children to get them to school often is too great to bear for some parents. Every day a student is away, they are losing a learning experience. Over time, their knowledge base will be full of holes like Swiss cheese. Learning is sequential and attending three out of four lessons leaves gaping holes.

A sobering fact is that in Australia today, the average student will lose one year of education (200 days) through parent condoned absences over their school career from Kinder to Year 12.

After love and care the most important thing that we as parents can give our kids is an education. Let’s do it.

Should you require support in saying NO to your son/daughter on their attendance or any other issue please contact the school immediately.

We can all work together to make a difference to your student’s future.

Be on time, Be at School, that’s the rule!

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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.

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Trivia Night for Declan Bower-Scott

Declan Bower-Scott is a 16 year old Bega Football player who has been selected in the NSW U 17’s Indigenous Rugby League Team, touring France and Italy for 3 weeks in November 2015.

To help raise the $5000 which is needed for Declan to travel on this tour we are holding a Trivia Night at the Bega Golf Club Tarraganda on 4th July 2015 - 7 pm for a 7.30 start.

Raffles throughout the night with plenty of great prizes. Tables of 10 at $10 a head.

BYO Nibbles. Get a table together or come along and be placed on a table.

Please book your place by contacting Angela Bower on 0418988907.

Hope to see you there
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is once again seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in July 2015 for a stay of one term, one semester or two semesters.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one term, one semester or two semesters from France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Denmark. They will attend a local high school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive health insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. To enquire about becoming a volunteer host family visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

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Wild Landcare Adventure for Year 8 - 9
Two nights from 5 pm Friday 29 May to 1 pm Sunday 31 May
Bush, bike and canoe journey from Quaama to Bermagui with 1 night camping & 1 night in a train carriage bunkhouse & landcare along the way
half subsidies available courtesy of the Far South Coast Landcare Association in partnership with The Crossing Land Education Trust book at The Crossing Land Education Trust Website
STUDENT NAME: ____________________________  ROLL CALL: ____________________________

DATE(S) ABSENT: ________________________________________________________________

Reason for absence or leave:

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Parent/Caregiver Signature ____________________________ Date ________________

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