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
Another productive and creative term is behind us and this newsletter includes many examples of the extent of students’ and staff members’ skills and talents. It is a good time to reflect on the many achievements of students as we reach the halfway mark of the school year. One event that will give us that chance is the Parent Teacher Evening for Years 9 to 12 on Thursday 25th June. Appointment cards have been distributed but please contact the school if you do not have one or need to make appointments for alternative times.

We will also be in touch with parents/carers in the near future about students who have achieved 100% attendance in Term 2. As mentioned previously we will celebrate 100% attendance throughout the year so be on the lookout for an invitation in Term 3 if your child was at school every day during the first half of the year.

As part of our ongoing monitoring of what is going on in the school there will be many ways in which we will be seeking feedback from community members, staff and students. One of the first surveys is about our newsletter communications. Here is a link to the survey where you can give feedback and suggestions about the format, content and accessibility of the school newsletter.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MX6SVFX  If you do not have internet access we can provide a hard copy of the survey – at the school office or via your child.

Term 3 will be a busy time for students in years 8 and 10 as they make choices for 2016. During the first week there will be a subject market and information session for parents and students. More information will be available before the school vacation but please keep Thursday 16th July available for the information session at 5.30 pm.

We look forward to another busy term after the July vacation. The vacation time is a good opportunity for students to check their school uniforms, books and computers (and other technologies) and to perhaps sort their notes from class, to ensure they are ready for another successful time in the classroom and beyond. We wish everyone a safe vacation.

Mrs Linda Thurston
Relieving Principal

Coming Events
Monday, 22 June:
- Indigenous Games at Bega Valley Public School

Tuesday, 23 June:
- NAIDOC Week activities (all week)
- Aboriginal Girls’ Breakaway Group
- White Card Course for Year 10
- Science Excursion to Mogo Zoo for IM & MC classes

Wednesday, 24 June:
- Year 10 Taste of TAFE day
- Zone Athletics in Moruya
- Parent/Teacher night for Years 9, 10, 11 & 12

Friday, 26 June:
- LAST DAY TERM 2
- Year 7 Transition to High School Celebration Excursion to Merimbula
- Open Boys Soccer – Bega Vs Pennant Hills at Bega Rec. Ground

TERM 3
Monday, 13 July:
- Staff Development Day – students DO NOT ATTEND

Tuesday, 14 July:
- Students return to school

Wednesday, 15 July:
- MultiLit Excursion to Mandeni

Thursday, 16 July:
- Year 8 into 9 and Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection

Friday, 17 July:
- State Cross Country Run

Tuesday, 21 July:
- Parent/Teacher Night for Years 7 & 8 (to be confirmed)

Wednesday, 22 July:
- Rehearsal day for SCLC Performing Arts Festival in Eden

Thursday, 23 July:
- BVSC Work Inspirations
The Spaghetti Challenge

The CAFS students were once again given a task to complete in groups. This task was the spaghetti challenge. The aim of the challenge is to use marshmallows and spaghetti to make a tower. The winner of the challenge is the tallest tower. The photos show the students completing the challenge.

Great challenges were achieved.

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The Walkway Cafe
The Walkway Cafe operated by the Special Education Hospitality class was open for business on Wednesday, 10 June, serving 18 paying customers. The menu featured a nachos melt with a vegetarian version to cater for special dietary requirements. Students prepared and served a range of coffees and teas with the hot snack which they made and garnished.

Thank you to the staff who continue to support the Cafe.

Mrs Maria Hay
Head Teacher TAS - Home Economics

Bega High School students represent South Coast in NSW CHS Boys’ AFL State Championships

Congratulations to Kevin Dixon (back row second from left) and Billy Stubbs (back row second from right) on their selection for the NSW CHS Boys’ AFL State Championships 2015 South Coast Team.

The Championships were hosted by Sydney East, Tuesday, 2 June to Thursday, 4 June, 2015 at Henson Park and Mahoney Oval, Marrickville.
Zone Cross Country
The Eurobodalla Zone Cross Country Carnival was held at Wolumla Sports Ground on the 8th May. Bega had a large team of students participating in this year’s carnival, and I must say a very well presented team at that. They definitely looked impressive exiting the bus into the grounds. The day was perfect running weather and Bega High School students produced some fantastic results.

RESULT HIGHLIGHTS: All the below students qualified for the Regional Cross Country Carnival
12 year Boys – Nathan O’Brien - 2nd, Riley Lucas – 4th, Noah Murray – 5th
12 years Champion Team – Bega
13 year Girls – Malak Butchers – 6th, Jasmyn Smith – 7th
14 years Girls – Janet King – 5th
15 years Boys – Matthew Parsons – 1st
15 years Girls – Daisy Boyle – 5th
16 years Boys – James Burgess – 4th
17 years Girls – Carmen Macgregor – 2nd

Regional Cross Country
The South Coast Regional Cross Country Championships were held at the Willandra Course, Cambewarra near Nowra last Friday (29th May). Although Bega High only had a few students travel the big distance to compete, they did themselves and the school very proud on a very challenging and unforgiving course.

RESULTS:
12 years Boys – Riley Lucas - 18th, Nathan O’Brien – 31st (out of 40)
13 years Girls – Jasmyn Smith – 19th

Year 8 Semester 1
Excellence is not being the bet; excellence is doing your best. It has been pleasing to see so many Year 8 students receive excellent reports and 51 will be receiving awards for applying the school motto that Effort, Respect and Responsibility leads to Achievement.

Many have performed well in extra-curricular activities, including: sport, music and subject specific competitions. Our SRC representatives, Simone Blacka, Brendan Taylor, Bree Monck, Anthea Charalambous, Kimberley Robertson and Matt Gibb have taken on extra responsibilities such as helping with the school Breakfast Club.

Mr Freedman and I enjoyed our “happy call” to many parents at the end of Term 1. It was great talking to so many parents about positive things.

I am taking four weeks long service leave at the beginning of Term 3 and so won’t be here for the Year 8 Parent/Teacher night. Mr Freedman will be filling my shoes during this period. However, contact me at school at any time if you’d like to talk to me.

In the meantime, I hope Year 8 have a great two week break and come back refreshed to continue being excellent in Term 3.

Ms Montgomery
Year 8 Adviser

RETURN OF BLUE STUDENT MEDICAL DETAILS AND HEALTH CONDITIONS FORM

Parent/Carers of students with a current medical and/or health condition have received a blue student medical details and health condition form via the mail. Please complete and return to the front office.

To assist us in ensuring the wellbeing of each of our students, it is necessary for the school to have all current medical details of students’ health conditions.

You should always contact the school as soon as you are aware of any newly diagnosed allergies, other medical conditions or changes to an existing condition.

If you require another copy of the student medical details and health condition form, please contact the front office.

Thank you.

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
Language program at Tathra Public School

Bega High School students and staff have been privileged to be able to participate in a ten-week Aboriginal language and culture program at Tathra Public School. Nine indigenous students were given the opportunity to work with Graeme Moore to teach the students the Dhurga language and pass on cultural information. Topics included significant sites, bush foods and medicines, family structures, counting, the seasons, weapons, dance, face markings and sports and games.

Bega High School students were able to learn from Graeme and to assist him to pass on this information to the primary students. Our students were fantastic role models and were at all times mature, responsible and reliable. The primary students thoroughly enjoyed working with the high school students and especially enjoyed playing sports with them at lunch. Tom Francis and Durramuh Parsons have quite the following!

A highlight was teaching the students a number of traditional dances that were then performed at the Tathra Public School book launch. Particular mention goes to Nic Hoskins and Kerry-Anne Perry for their efforts in this.

Our thanks go to Margaret Taylor and principal, Lisa Freedman at Tathra Public School for inviting us to be a part of this project and to Graeme Moore for passing on his knowledge, sharing his experiences and encouraging and motivating all that he had the chance to work with.

Students involved were:
Tom Francis
Durramuh Parsons-Campbell
Kerry-Anne Perry
Rhiannon Chapman
Janaija Parsons
Nic Hoskins
Clyde Parsons-Campbell
Jarram Toomey
Matthew Parsons

Some words from the Dhurga Language:
Walawaani- Hello
Cungara Binaan- Listen with your ears
Murrah- hand
Noogle- nose
**Multilit**

This year we have been able to offer the multilit program to a number of our students. This is a ‘best-practice’ model of one on one literacy instruction developed by Macquarie University. The approach is to find out what skills students do have and which areas are cause for concern, and to then fill in their knowledge with direct, systematic and intensive teaching and/or tutoring of these skills.

Multilit can be difficult for schools to provide due to the one on one requirement. A group of 14 fantastic volunteers co-ordinated by Verna Macintosh and Debbie Parker have been at school for 4 hours per day, with each volunteer at school 1-2 days per week. The program focuses on

Students have enjoyed participating in the program as have the volunteers. The progress made by students has been amazing. A number have graduated the basic program and have now moved on the extension program. In addition to this students are enjoying reading, books have been borrowed and we have had to expand out resources to keep up with the great work the students are making. A huge thanks go to Verna, the volunteers, Debbie Parker, Lee Russell and Bec Perry.

For more information on the program go to multilit.com

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**La Trobe Priority Access Program**

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The University has campuses in Melbourne, Bendigo, Albury-Wodonga, Mildura and Shepparton

Priority Access will be open to current Year 12 students and wards bonus points to eligible applicants for entry to La Trobe.

**Priority School Bonus:** The Priority Schools Bonus scheme is aimed at improving access to La Trobe University for Australian Year 12 students. Schools that have a strong relationship with La Trobe; are geographically close to La Trobe campus and/or form part of the University’s ties with social and equity pathways are included in this scheme. Priority schools bonus points are automatically applied through the relevant Tertiary Admissions Centre if you list a La Trobe course as a preference – there is no need to apply separately.

**Priority Campus Bonus:** The Priority Campus Bonus scheme is aimed at encouraging relationships with students residing in geographic areas that are of particular strategic importance to each La Trobe campus. If you are currently completing an Australian Year 12 program and live in an area identified in this category, you will receive up to five bonus points. These bonus points are automatically applied through the relevant Tertiary Admissions Centre if you list a La Trobe course as a preference – there is no need to apply separately.

If you have any questions regarding the La Trobe Priority Access Program, please contact the Schools Engagement and Student Recruitment team on 1300 135 045

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**Bega High School Uniform Shop**

**Opening Hours for Thursday, 25 June**

Term 3 - Thursday, 16 July

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Winter Opening Hours begin From Thursday, 23 July

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

For enquiries phone: 0417028864
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.

ABC Heywire
ABC Heywire is calling for stories by Year 10, 11 and 12 students from regional Australia. If you’re aged between 16 and 22 and live outside the big cities enter your story in the Heywire competition.
Stories can be in text, video or photo format.
30+ winners will get their story on the ABC and win a trip to the amazing Heywire Summit.
Entries close 16 September 2015
For more information go to: http://www.abc.net.au/heywire/

Bega Valley Learning Centre
Learn and Grow Together
- Preschool, Primary and High School Tuition
- Private and Small Group Sessions Available
Office 6, 185 Carp St. Bega (Above Gloria Jean’s Coffee)
Email: begavalleylearningcentre@gmail.com
Web: www.begavalleylearningcentre.vpweb.com.au
Phone: 0422 409 233

Are you in a swimming club?
Pambula Swimming Club will be holding a winter short course qualifying carnival at the heated, indoor Sapphire Aquatic Centre on Pambula Beach Road on Sunday 12th July with warm-ups starting at 9 am.
The programme and online entries will be available on the SESA website www.southeasternnsw.swimming.org.au with medals awarded for placings.
A fun winter BBQ will be available on the day plus goodies from the Aquatic Centre’s kiosk.

The Sea to Snow Ball
“OP Shop Formal”
~FRIDAY 26 JUNE- DOORS AT 5:30~
QUAAMA HALL

The Franco Prussians
Gypsy and the Albert Folk
Bega Valley Chamber Orchestra
&
Little Night In Showcase

TICKETS: $20 PER PERSON - $60 GROUP OF 4 - UNDER 16 FREE
The sea to snow Ball is held by The Crossing Land Education Trust to provide scholarship funds to young people for the Sea to Snow Journey. The ball is a way for the far south coast community to help young leaders. More info can be found at thecrossing.thebegavalley.org.au

A FAMILY FRIENDLY DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

 SEA TO SNOW
 Ball

FREE FILM NIGHT
ROAD TO NHILL
Pre-Screening Dinner
6.30pm – soup and roll $4
Interval Supper – soup plate with tea / coffee $3
Saturday 27 June 2015
Doors open 6.30pm, screening 7.30pm
Bemboka Memorial Hall, Bemboka

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Our popular Winter Kids’ and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what’s on including our popular ski / snowboard camps at Jindabyne. Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids’ Camps are suitable for kids aged 7 to 16 years* and range from 1 to 7 days.

Residential Kids’ Camps include: 24 hour supervision, Instructor led activities, Accommodation, Meals, Supervised transport.

* Snow Sports camps are suitable for kids aged 10 – 16 years.

Family Camps include: Instructor led activities, Meals, Accommodation, Lift and lesson tickets and transport to Perisher (for Jindabyne camps only)**

** Kids as young as 6 years can participate in group lessons as part of a Family Camp.

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Music and Song Writing
WIMJAM FOR WOMEN

Fridays
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 July 2015
Mornings 10-12 noon

To be held at 14 Peden St Bega Phone 6492 1367 to book
or more info

Join WRC in singing, song writing, music and performance workshops
Compose original music inspired by your stories
Develop new skills song writing, singing, performing
Build self-esteem and boost your confidence
Bring your instrument or use our percussion instruments
Learn alongside musician Melanie Horsnell
Network with the Women’s Resource Centre.

GOLD COIN DONATION would be gratefully received!

Women’s Resource Centre is a non-profit organisation that provides information, referral, support and drop-in service for women of all ages. This workshop is supported through the Mumbulla Foundation.