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
Welcome back to school and to winter!
I would like to extend a special welcome to new students and families who might be reading the Bega High School newsletter for the first time. In the newsletter you will find a link to a survey where we are seeking feedback about our newsletter format and information. Responses are still welcome.
Survey Monkey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MX6SVFX

The term started with a very successful and well-organised combined School Development Day at Merimbula RSL and Merimbula PS for more than 360 school staff. The keynote speaker, Geoff Knight, spoke about his transformation from a bikie gang member to an internationally respected tenor, giving us a message that staff in schools can make a difference for students. Workshops for teachers and administration staff featured topics ranging from project-based learning, teaching kids about money, inspired communication skills, preparing for promotion and teacher accreditation for WHS and CPR training.

This is an exciting time of the year, especially if you are a student or parent of a student in Years 8, 10 and 12. The Trial HSC is happening at the beginning of August and this will give Year 12 students a chance to show how much knowledge they have gained and how they can apply their knowledge in different contexts. It will also give them experience in meeting deadlines, following an exam timetable and following HSC-type protocols.

Formal Parent Teacher Sessions have been held for all years by the time you have read this newsletter. If you have any queries or concerns about the content of student reports please contact the Year Adviser for your child’s year, in the first instance. Of course, whenever you have a question about your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school for an appointment. As well, it is possible to access information held in our Millennium database. You can contact office staff for password details and instructions so that you can see your child’s progress and assigned tasks at any time.

Year 8 students are now looking to the future in terms of being able to choose elective courses that they will study over the next two years. The Subject Market held on Thursday 16th July helped students understand experiences and opportunities available in particular courses and the types of skills they could develop. Year 10 students are also now making choices for their Preliminary RoSA leading into the 2017 HSC year. Again, the Subject Market has helped them consider their options but they will also be supported with one-on-one interviews to review choices and possibilities, as well as extra information sessions on Tuesday 4th August OR Thursday 6th August which will feature speakers from TAFE and University of Wollongong. You and your child can also make individual appointments to clarify information with Careers Adviser, Steve Diprose and/or Year Adviser Scott Harris on 6492 900.

A generous member of the Bega Valley community has joined with Australian Schools Plus to support students and staff from Bega Valley Public and Bega High School in a project entitled Successful Transition with a STEM Focus. The project focus acknowledges the need to further develop skills and aspirations in the study and application of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. At the same time, the project has been designed to enhance transition processes and experiences for students moving from primary school into high school with teachers from both schools working together to develop and run the learning program over the next few years. Bega Valley Public School and Bega High School students will work together in a technology hub to develop and enhance their understanding of STEM concepts and develop positive connections for the future. As the project develops there will be updates in the newsletter and via the students involved.

Week 3 of this term will see another wonderful Sapphire Coast Learning Community (SCLC) event in the form of the Performing Arts Festival at Eden Marine High School. Congratulations to all the staff and students involved in this celebration of culture, dance and music. The end of that week will also see Bega High School host the inaugural SCLC Awards where we will acknowledge community members, school staff and students in various award categories. SCLC performers will be part of the event, and guests will enjoy delicious catering by Bega High School students.

Thought for the term: There are two educations. One should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live.

Mrs Linda Thurston
Relieving Principal
Coming Events

Tuesday, 21 July:
  • Parent/Teacher Night for Years 7 & 8

Wednesday, 22 July:
  • Rehearsal day for SCLC Performing Arts Festival in Eden
  • Interschool Snowsports (4 days)
  • SCLC Performing Arts Festival at Eden High

Thursday, 23 July:
  • BVSC Work Inspirations

Monday 27 July:
  • HSC Society & Culture major work due

Tuesday, 28 July:
  • Far South Coast Careers Market at Moruya Basketball Stadium
  • Rehearsal day for SCLC Performing Arts Festival in Eden
  • Interschool Snowsports (4 days)
  • SCLC Performing Arts Festival at Eden High

Wednesday, 29 July:
  • SCLC Performing Arts Festival at Eden High

Thursday, 30 July:
  • Bega Valley Shire Council Work Inspirations visit
  • Australian Mathematics Competition
  • Girls League Tag & Tackle competition for Years 7 – 12 in Bega

Friday: 31 July:
  • AIME Program for Years 9, 10 & 12
  • Regional Athletics in Canberra
  • SCLC Awards in school hall

Monday, 3 August:
  • Trial HSC Exams begin

Tuesday, 4 August:
  • Subject Selection Information session for Years 8 and 10: 5:00 – 6:00 pm in school Library

Thursday, 6 August:
  • Subject Selection Information session for Years 8 and 10: 4:30 – 5:30 pm in school Library (Repeat of Tuesday session)

Friday, 7 August:
  • Zone U15s Basketball in Bega

Athletics Results

Well done and congratulations to everyone who attended and participated in the Athletics Carnivals this year. No matter if you were the serious athlete or there just to have fun, it has been a great pleasure to see you all have a go, achieve, have fun and show school spirit. You have been an absolute credit to our school and the community.

Mrs Bexterman

Bega High School ATHLETICS Carnival

House Champions:
  1st BALMAIN (914pts), 2nd LUFF (792pts), 3rd PEDEN (750pts), 4th EVERSHEL (648pts)

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Athletes who have progressed to Regional Athletics at the AIS Track in CANBERRA are as follows:

GIRLS:
- Mia Boyce (13 yrs): 1st 100 m, 1st 200 m
- Jorja Moore (13 yrs): 3rd High Jump
- Janet King (14 yrs): 2nd 800 m, 2nd Long Jump, 3rd 1500 m
- Georgia Pearce (14 yrs): 1st Discus, 1st Javelin
- Daisy Boyle (15 yrs): 1st 400 m, 1st Discus, 2nd Long Jump
- Chloe Harlow (15 yrs): 1st Shot Put
- Renee Cooper (15 yrs): 2nd Discus
- Telesha Heyhorn (17 yrs): 1st Shot Put, 1st Javelin, equal 1st Discus
- Millie Boyle (17 yrs): 2nd Javelin

BOYS:
- Noah Murray (12 yrs): 1st 200 m, 1st High Jump, 1st Long Jump, 2nd 100 m
- Benjamin Keys (12 yrs): 3rd 200 m
- Finlay Geoghegan (13 yrs): 2nd Javelin
- Lawrence Davis (14 yrs): 1st 100 m, 1st 200 m, 1st Long Jump
- Darnell Andy (14 yrs): 2nd 800 m, 2nd Shot Put
- James Burgess (16 yrs): 2nd Discus, 3rd Shot Put
- RuebenSmahel (16 yrs): 2nd Javelin
Mogo Zoo Excursion

Some excursion comments and photos from students:

Yesterday I went with my class to Mogo Zoo as a reward for working well this term and as an educational experience for our Science unit.

We saw many animals there such as tigers, lions, meerkats, otters, deer, giraffes, red pandas, tortoises and monkeys. There were many more animals there but there are too many to mention.

My favourite animal was the dingo. I like how they are peaceful in their environment and they are closely related to wolves.

By Jack

Yesterday we went to Mogo Zoo. We saw lots of animals. My favourite was the otter. We saw the feeding of the Tigers. We also saw the gorilla talk. But the feeding of the Tiger was the best.

When the Zoo Keepers feed the Tigers they just hand feed them. The Tigers walk up to the fence and get fed meat. The keepers put the meat at the fence and the Tigers eat it through the fence.

The male Tiger was roaring at the other one because it wanted all the meat. And it splashed all the water on us.

By Harry

On Tuesday 23rd June we want on the bus to Mogo zoo. We saw a lot of animals, including animals that are endangered we watched the gorillas get fed. There were 4 gorillas; 1 male, 2 females and 1 baby. They were fed vegetables like carrots, lettuce and tomatoes. They eat 40kg of food a day.

By Ryan

On Tuesday 23rd June, 15 students from the Special Education Unit went to Mogo Zoo. It took two hours to drive there, but it was worth it because we had an excellent time.

We saw lots of monkeys, big and small, and watched them having fun swinging around on the ropes. The meerkats were standing like soldiers and the otters were swimming in their pool to catch lunch. The dingoes were resting on their beds but the lions were playing around, jumping on each other and rolling in the grass.

The best part of the day was watching the tiger splash in the pool while he was being hand-fed by the zoo keeper. It was a fantastic day!

By Jake Alcock (Year 7)
Indigenous Games at Bega Valley Public School  
22 June 2015  
Mark Rose and 15 students from Bega High organised a fun day of traditional Indigenous games for Bega Valley Public School students and what a successful day it was!

Our students conducted themselves very well and the primary students had a ball. Small groups moved through a variety of games stations.

Bronwyn Morris

Second Hand Uniform for Sale

2 x Medium/Large Shorts (worn for 2 weeks only)  
1 Hoodie jacket (large)  
1 x second hand shirt (large)  
$50 or nearest offer for the lot  
Ph: 0414 463 517

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
Subject Selection Information
Evening, Thursday, 16 July
Year 8 Excellence in Semester 1
Some of the 51 Year 8 students who received “Excellence” awards at the Year 8 Year meeting on Tuesday, 22 June.
Excellence awards are presented to those students who, on their reports, received at least 8 “Always” out of 9 subjects for their effort, respect and responsibility.
They are excellent because they always do their best.
Congratulations everyone!
Ms Montgomery  Mr Freedman
Year 8 Adviser  Head Teacher Welfare

Reminder to all Years
Quite a few students are attending school without the required equipment. It appears that pencil cases have been depleted over Term 2 and now is a good time to get everyone back on track.
A pencil case should have the following:

- Pencils
- Rubber
- Pens
- Coloured pencils or markers
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Maths geometrical instruments and a calculator (available for purchase at the school)

It is difficult for students to participate in their classroom learning if they do not have the basic tools to do so. Could you please ensure that your child has these items.

Bega High School NEWSLETTER via EMAIL
In order to reduce costs to the school and the environment, the school environment committee is asking parents/caregivers, who have access to the internet, to receive the fortnightly newsletter via the school website or by email. Could you please complete the slip below and return it to the front office, or send an email including your student/s names to bega-h.School@det.nsw.edu.au

Please tick a box and return to the school office or send an email to bega-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

☐ Could I please have the Bega High School Newsletter delivered via Email.

☐ I have changed my email address.

Email Address: ________________________________________________________________

Student’s Name (Youngest in family at Bega High): ___________________________________ Roll Class: _______

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____________________________________________________
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.

Open to Eurobodalla, Bega Valley, Bombala, Cooma-Monaro & Snowy River Shires. JD Shaw $1000 PRIZE for BEST FILM, JD Shaw $500 prize Best Film under 15 years, JD Shaw/SEA Screen $500 prize for Best Music Video, ABC Open Prize, Gooseboy Prize, Oh’Allmhurain Films NIDA prize for Best Actor, Eurobodalla Shire Prizes $500 each for Best Local Film & Best Road Safety Film, Bega Valley Shire Prizes $500 each for Best Youth Issue Film & Waste Prize for Recycling/Eco film.

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/

Fundraiser for the Far South Coast
U13 Rep Soccer Tasmanian Tour
Trivia Night
Saturday, 1 August at 7:30 pm at Club Sapphire, Merimbula.
Please arrive before 6 pm if you wish to purchase a meal before the Trivia begins.
Free Snacks provided, 8 people per team, raffles, games & prizes. Drinks & meals available to purchase, Mad Hatter Fancy Dress prize for the best hat!
$15 per person.
Get a team together for a night of fun and laughs.
Purchase tickets from an U13 Rep Soccer family or phone Nicholas Yee on 0400 365 234 (All tickets need to be purchased in advance)

Mobile Blood Service visit to Bega
Council Car Park, Littleton Gardens, Zingel Place
Monday, 3 August to Friday, 7 August
To make an appointment call 13 14 94 or visit dontateblood.com.au
Australian Red Cross Blood Service.

Your family can get FREE dental care

Did you know...?
CLINIC LOCATION
Pambula Community Health Centre
PHONE 1800 450 046

The Sea to Snow Crossing
Leadership Program for Yrs 9 - 11
Recognised with The Duke of Edinburgh Award
3 day training camp late August
9 day Sea to Snow Journey in late September by bike & boat
Training Cost: $230, Journey Cost: $760 (4 journey scholarships available, 2 for aboriginal students)
Find out more and apply now at www.thecrossing.thebegavalley.org.au
thecrossing@thebegavalley.org.au
Phone 64933400