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

It has been a most resourceful and creative time across the Bega Valley and Sapphire Coast over the last two weeks.

All the schools of the Sapphire Coast Learning Community came together to showcase public education in the Performing Arts Festival at Eden Marine High school on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th July, followed by a celebration of achievements by community members, school staff and students at the SCLC Awards presentation, hosted by Bega High School on Friday 31st July.

It was obvious that all students and staff involved in the organisation and presentation of a wide variety of items and performances had put in many hours of practice and rehearsals “to get it right on the night”. Bega High School students were well-represented in performing, organising and acting as comperes on each night of the festival. The highlights of each night were many, but did include the Drumming lead by Ms Tak Teranishi, the SCLC Music Camp ensembles and Jocooaa Lee singing one of her HSC performance pieces, “Thinking Out Loud”.

Congratulations must go to all the teachers, parents and students who supported the festival, many of whom, such as Music teacher Julie Colwell, have been there since the first one in 2009.

Other opportunities afforded students in recent weeks have been several excursions and camps designed to expand students’ knowledge of their own skills and possibilities for the future. The Net Gen Project, sponsored by Bega Valley Shire Council, and aimed at potential entrepreneurs in the Bega Valley, brought Year 10 and 11 students from Bega and Eden together at Bournda for 2 days. The fourteen students from Bega High School worked with business entrepreneurs and communications trainers in developing and presenting future-oriented product proposals, in amongst a 2 hour bush walk and other camping activities. Seven students have been identified to continue in the program and have some willing mentors able to assist in their development as future business leaders in the Bega Valley.

Year 10 students travelled to Moruya Careers Market as a timely follow-up to their Year 11 subject selections processes. Both activities, combined with interviews to review and refine choices, will prove essential in ensuring students are thinking about future options and opportunities, and requirements for success at school and beyond.

We also look forward to meeting with students and parents to give more details about what is required to achieve relevant and satisfying credentials in the senior years at Bega High School. Information sessions (both the same) can be attended on Tuesday 4th August or Thursday 6th August. Please contact the school at any time if you or your child needs advice on careers, courses or student progress.

Thank you to those respondents to our recent Newsletter Survey. It is not too late to give some feedback. Some of the interesting data so far indicates that most respondents do read the newsletter in its current format; that it is generally easy to read and it is useful for informing people about school and community events.

Newsletter Survey link:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MX65VFX

Thought: If people never did silly things, nothing intelligent would ever get done.

Mrs Linda Thurston
Relieving Principal
Coming Events

Monday, 3 August:
- Trial HSC Exams begin and continue until Thursday, 13 August
- In2Uni – University of Wollongong program for 8M

Tuesday, 4 August:
- Regional Netball in Berkley
- RoSA/HSC Information session for Year 10: 5:00 – 6:00 pm in school Library

Wednesday, 5 August:
- Cheese Factory Tour

Thursday, 6 August:
- Cheese Factory tour
- RoSA/HSC Information session for Year 10: 4:30 – 5:30 pm in school Library (Repeat of Tuesday session)

Friday, 7 August:
- Zone U15s Basketball in Bega
- Year 10 Subject Selections finalised

Monday, 10 August:
- Motivational Media presentation
- University of Wollongong Enrichment Program for Year 8
- First Aid Course for Year 11
- Mindbenders Film Making Workshop at Merimbula Wharf

Friday, 14 August:
- Year 8 Subject Selections finalised
- Catch up day for Year 12 Trial HSC Exams

Tuesday, 18 August:
- Year 8 Geography Excursion

Wednesday, 19 August:
- In2Uni University of Wollongong Enrichment Program

Thursday, 20 August:
- Year 7 Vaccinations (to be confirmed)

Tathra Athletics Coaching

During Term 2, Mrs White was privileged to have so many talented Bega High School athletics students who volunteered their sport time to assist and coach the students at Tathra Public School.

Throughout the term, Bega High School students provided a structured athletics program on many athletics disciplines to both teachers and students at Tathra Public School. The coaching allowed all involved to explore the intricacies in the disciplines of sprinting, relay, high jump, long jump, discus and shot put.

It was evident that throughout the coaching program that Bega High School student’s confidence grew, as they imparted their expertise knowledge on their chosen discipline. In addition to this, the Bega High School students acquired some management skills in organising primary students, as they realized that some weeks not everything goes to plan.

The conclusion of the program resulted with the Bega High School students assisting the running of Tathra Public School athletics carnival. The Bega High Students enjoyed seeing the development of the Tathra Public School students especially the improvement on technique and skills of each discipline. In addition the extra assistance of timekeepers was a great assistance to Tathra Public School.
Open Boys Hockey
After a huge absence on the boys hockey front, Bega High School was pleased to enter a side in the SCSSA Open Boys Hockey competition. Bega High School had made the semi-final of the South Coast region. On 2nd June 2015, the Open Boys Hockey side travelled to Goulburn to play Crookwell High School.

The weather was a little warmer than predicted and our boys side had both youth and experience. The Open Boys Hockey was well drilled thanks to Matt Jennings, Daniel Smith and Ben Mead. The boys listened well and had a great preparation.

The first half was an even contest; however we didn’t make the most of our opportunities. We couldn’t score a goal. All you hear on the sideline was “ooh; aah; so, so close; why won’t the ball go in?” Crookwell had just as many opportunities and managed to find the back of the net a few of times.

The second half we dominated. Crookwell High was struggling to tackle and then hold the ball. Bega High was way too strong, yet still we were struggling to score. Finally, Daniel Smith potted one into the back of the net. This was followed by Jamie O’Brien ‘rabbit’ run through the field. Bega High School was now on the roll and knew what the back of the net was like. Unfortunately time beat us and we were defeated by Crookwell High School.

Mrs White was extremely proud of how the boys conducted themselves. They served the school and the community proud. Their sportsmanship was impeccable and their camaraderie and team organisation was strong. Mrs White is hopeful that the Open Boys side will continue as once we can score a couple of goals, we will be more than competitive.

Team members: Daniel Smith, Ben Mead, Matt Jennings, Ethan Ryan, Devlin Lee, Ryan Alcock, Rowan Barber, Jacob West, Jayden Heyhorn, Jamie O’Brien, Dylan Lawson, Dylan Cooper, Jack Allan.

Year 10 Food Technology
Decorate Cup Cakes

Women’s Self Defence Course
Congratulations to the girls that completed the World Goju Karate Academy's self-defence course, the course consisted of basic escaping techniques to effective stopping techniques as well as controlling an attacker, assertive behaviour and situational awareness.

The girls also had some fun learning advanced techniques, weapon defence and modern fighting methods, I'm sure all enjoyed the course and hope to see them come and try general training, contact us if you are interested in the next Woman's Self-Defence course or about General classes

Participants:
Sandy Rogers, Kimmy Robertson, Bree Monck , Hayley Robertson, Taylah Abraham, Meg Warby, Bianca Howard, Jemima Warnock, Jasmine Peel, Renshi Adam Ross, not pictured Brianna Triffitt, Zoe Sass

Regards
Jenny Robertson

**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**
Squash Report

South Coast Championships

The NSW Combined High School Regional Championships were held at Cardiff during the last week of last term (23-25 June). This event sees teams from every Region participating and competing for the title of Regional Champions during a three-day event full of fierce competition, hard work and lots of perspiration.

Bega High has once again excelled with three of our players making it onto the South Coast Regional Team: Nikki Tarlinton (#4), Blake Dowling (#2) and Scott Galeano (#4), all year 11.

Not only did they play on the South Coast team, they also participated in the Individuals competition which leads to selection onto the NSW team which subsequently competes against Queensland.

Alexander Eadie, year 8, also played in the under 15’s Individuals competition. Alex also filled in for other regions that did not have a full complement of players.

The Individuals competition is always very tough and our players get the chance to meet and compete against the state’s best players. It is a wonderful experience and daunting at the same time.

The South Coast girl’s teams won the competition! Fantastic result and congratulations to Nikki!

The boys South Coast team came third! Another great result. Congratulations to Blake and Scott!

Annual Music and Dinner Night for Bega High’s Cambodia/Vietnam Study Tour

Each year a number of dedicated community members organise a night to raise funds for the projects that our students fund and participate in on their trip to Cambodia and Vietnam in the September/October holidays.

This function is always a fun time and is very successful in raising heaps of money (which is much needed at the moment due to the value of the Australian dollar.)

The details are outlined below:-

When: 6.30pm Saturday 15th August
Where: Bega Country Club, Tarraganda
What: 2 course meal (main and dessert) coffee, tea and nibbles fantastic entertainment from “All Fluff No Substance” Lots of giveaways on the night.
Cost: $30 per person

We’d love you all to get a table together and come along. If you are interested in attending see one of the participating students or contact

Jo Riley-Fitzer on 64944046 or Robert Bateman on 64921027

Crazy for Cambodia

Students are busily raising funds for the projects to be completed during Bega High’s Study Tour to Cambodia and Vietnam during the next school holidays.

Our next event is to be held on Friday 7th August – a mufti day at school “Crazy for Cambodia”. Students are asked to dress up in their craziest outfit and make a donation to these projects. There have been some fantastic outfits in the past and we can’t wait to see what this year brings.

Other dates to remember:

15th August
Community Dinner and Music Night at Bega Country Club (see article above)

22nd August
“Garage Sale” in the school hall, including pre-loved goods, books, and “Crafts for Cambodia” Goods

31st August
Movie Night at the Picture Show Man in Merimbula
Behaviour Code for Students

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:
- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Respect
- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

Safety
- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

Library News

Our Library is preparing for the implementation of a new library management platform, called “Oliver”. Oliver will bring a wide range of advantages, most of which are summarised below.

Web based learning, teaching, information and library management tool
Delivers digital content such as ebooks and websites to schools

For Students
- Interactive experience and a vastly improved search capability
- Standard and Simplified interfaces
- Download ebooks to BYO devices 24/7
- Access other libraries and information repositories
- Ability to search school library, Google and other educational information sources concurrently
- Ability to rate resources and write reviews
- Ability to focus student research to the most appropriate information resources

For Teachers
- Identical services as for students plus:
- Direct access to DEC learning tools and digital repositories
- Ability to create resource lists for school based units of work
- Ability to have curriculum lists delivered from DEC to the school e.g. PRC; HSC thematic unit Discovery for Stage 6 English; Anzac Centenary K-6
- Ability to meet syllabus literacy requirements through multimodal text

Library Staff
- Simplified library management
- Auto feed of borrowers from IDM and ERN
- Ability to display student photographs
- Easier cataloguing with a direct link to SCIS
- Simplified circulation
- Resources able to be searched in real time, no delay as per Web Enquiry.

Oliver should be ready to use early in Term 4.

Book Reviews- new books

Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee. A historic literary event: the publication of a newly discovered novel, the earliest known work from Harper Lee, the beloved, bestselling author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning classic, To Kill a Mockingbird. Originally written in the mid-1950s, Go Set a Watchman was the novel Harper Lee first submitted to her publishers before To Kill a Mockingbird. Assumed to have been lost, the manuscript was discovered in late 2014. Go Set a Watchman features many of the characters from To Kill a Mockingbird some twenty years later. Returning home to Maycomb to visit her father, Jean Louise Finch—Scout—struggles with issues both personal and political, involving Atticus, society, and the small Alabama town that shaped her. Exploring how the characters from To Kill a Mockingbird are adjusting to the turbulent events transforming mid-1950s America, Go Set a Watchman casts a fascinating new light on Harper Lee’s enduring classic. Moving, funny and compelling, it stands as a magnificent novel in its own right (Online at http://www.harpercollins.com/9780062409850/go-set-a-watchman.)
Ophelia Queen of Denmark by Jackie French. Following on from I Am Juliet (August 2014), this is the second title in a proposed new series for young people that focuses on the reinterpretation of Shakespeare’s classic and enduring plays. 

Ages: 10+ Who was Ophelia? She only appears twice in the play Hamlet. The rest of the time we only hear about her second hand. Even her death is told by others. Did she really die? Could Ophelia have decided that if her lover could pretend to be mad, she could too; and that with the death of her father and brother she could determine her own future. Ophelia is depicted in Hamlet as a poor sweet innocent. This story will take Shakespeare’s text and give a different interpretation, with Ophelia being the daughter of the palace chamberlain who was raised with palace intrigues and knew how to use them, eventually becoming the queen of Denmark (Online at http://www.riverbendbooks.com.au/products/8822667?barcode=9780732298524&title=Ophelia%3AQQueenofDenmark).

Freedom Ride by Sue Lawson. Robbie knows bad things happen in Walgaree. But it’s nothing to do with him. That’s just the way the Aborigines have always been treated. In the summer of 1965 racial tensions in the town are boiling point, and something headed Walgaree’s way will blow things apart. It’s time for Robbie to take a stand. Nothing will ever be the same (Online at http://www.readings.com.au/products/19558006/freedom-ride).

My Australian Story by Deborah Challinor. Here we are, fighting alongside the co-called mightiest nation on earth with all the firepower you could ask for — jets, B52s, tanks, gunships, arty, rockets, napalm, you name it — and the VC are creeping around with a rifle each and we still can’t beat the buggers! And it’s getting worse, not better.

It’s 1969. The sixties are still swinging, man is headed for the moon and surfing-mad Davey is out to win the inaugural Newcastle Under-14 Surf Championship. But when his older brother Tom is drafted to fight in the army, the far-away war in Vietnam creates waves very close to home (Online at https://shop.scholastic.com.au/Product/8370276/My-Australian-Story-Vietnam).

Risk by Fleur Ferris. Taylor and Sierra have been best friends for their whole lives. But Taylor’s fed up. Why does Sierra always get what — and who — she wants? From kissing Taylor’s crush to stealing the guy they both met online for herself, Sierra doesn’t seem to notice when she hurts her friends. So when Sierra says Jacob Jones is the one and asks her friends to cover for her while she goes to meet him for the first time, Taylor rolls her eyes.

But Sierra doesn’t come back when she said she would. One day. Two days. Three . . . What if Taylor’s worrying for nothing? What if Sierra’s just being Sierra, forgetting about everyone else to spend time with her new guy? When Taylor finally tells Sierra’s mum that her daughter is missing, Taylor and her friends are thrown into a dark world they never even knew existed. Can Taylor find Sierra’s abductor in time? Or should she be looking for a killer? When a former police officer and paramedic writes a novel inspired by true stories of online predators and love gone wrong, you know you’re getting the real deal (http://www.randomhouse.com.au/books/fleur-ferris/risk-9780857986474.aspx).

Frankie and Joely by Nova Weetman. This is a novel that, in the current market, might be called ‘quiet’. For me it was as much of a page-turner as anything you’ll find on the YA shelves because it’s a generous, intense study of that most important subject: friendship. Frankie and Joely, two city girls, go on holiday to an outback farm owned by Joely’s warm and welcoming aunt and uncle. Once in Joely’s territory their friendship is put to the test. Frankie is a mischief-maker, who hides her vulnerability like a pro, while Joely scowls resentfully in her shadow. The author deftly hops between several different teenage heads. Although slightly dizzying at first, this turns out to be a brilliant device. As much as we sympathise with one girl because the other is physical perfection and turns every boy’s head, in the next breath we see how worthless that is for the beautiful girl who longs for family but only knows how to be desired. Two brothers, one tough and dominant, the other more sensitive, also get a useful point-of-view. I found my teenage self in these pages, and wish that I had actually read a book like this at the time. Subtle and perceptive, for ages 13 and up (Review by Emil Gale- online at http://www.readings.com.au/review/frankie-and-joely-by-nova-weetman).

Emily Gale is the Online Children’s Specialist, and a Children’s & YA author the rest of the time.

John Eastlake
Teacher librarian

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Community Noticeboard

A D V E R T I S I N G

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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South Coast Music Camp

ENROL NOW so you don’t miss out on this year’s music camp. All orchestral instrument players of all ages and abilities (including beginners) are welcome to come along for a week of great music, excellent tuition, yummy food and plenty of fun.

Date: Monday 21 Sept - Friday 25 Sept (1st week of NSW school holidays) the camp is not residential - each day goes from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

Venue: Mumbulla School in Bega

Please visit this website- https://sites.google.com/a/begachamberorchestra.org/bega-chamber-orchestra/music-camp/scmcenrolment and follow the instructions to enrol. You can contact Rosie Yee via email if you have any questions or problems enrolling rosieyee77@gmail.com

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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/
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.

BEGA VALLEY SHIRE LIBRARY
2015 BOOK WEEK COMPETITION
“BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD”

Preschool age: Colour in the “Turtle & Snail” (Template available)
Kindergarten: Colour in the “Treehouse” (Template available)
Year 1 & 2: Make a stained glass window or a Lion mask
Year 3 & 4: Make a lantern with a book character on it
OR Make a bookmark in the shape of a candle and add the title and author of a book you enjoyed reading.
Year 5 & 6: Make either a lighthouse OR A treehouse out of any materials.
High School: Create a timeline of books that have ‘lit up your world’, giving book title and age you were when you enjoyed it.

Print your name, class and school on your entry and send it to your nearest Library by Monday 17th August 2015. Judging will be done at your Library and then entries will be displayed during Book Week Monday 24th till Friday 28th August 2015.

Prizes of book vouchers will be awarded in the above categories.

For any enquiries please ring 64992242
Women & Girls fighting climate change through the way we live.

No feminist club, simply leading the way. EVERY SINGLE PERSON can reduce their carbon footprint. Join our local group www.1millionwomen.com.au/get-involved. Inaugural Meeting 1MW South Coast Hub launch. Guest speaker/male supporter Dr. Matthew Nott, CEFE founder. Brainstorming session. Wednesday 12th August 2015. @6.30pm enrolments for 7pm start until 9pm. @ Club Bega Bowling Club, 82 Gipps St. RSVP Dörte Plantertplanert@bigpond.com.au

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**Bandaluzia Flamenco Live at Candelo Town Hall**
**Plus Guitarama**
**Presented by Candelo Arts Society**
Saturday, 15 August
Doors open 7:30 pm
Cost: $25/20 concession
Workshops Sunday:
Guitar – 10 am & Dance 11:30 am

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**Roll Up Your Sleeves and Give Blood**

Mobile Blood Service visiting:
Bega
Council Car Park, Littleton Gardens, Zingel Place

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Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate. Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch. Please bring photo I.D. with you.

To make an appointment call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au.

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**UC Open Day VIP Experience**

Saturday 29 August 2015, 10am - 4pm

Students and families from UC’s network of schools are invited to this special event.

- Individual attention by UC staff and current students
- All the demonstrations and course information of the UC Open Day
- Personalised campus tours
- Family information sessions
- Free lunch

This is a FREE event. Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

RSVP by Friday 14 August to the Widening Participation Team
T 6206 3972
E aspireuc@canberra.edu.au
Canberra.edu.au/about UC/widening participation

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