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

The new year has already seen some great achievements for the Bega Valley and its community. Bega High School congratulates James Bower-Scott (Year 12, 2015) for his receiving the BVSC Young Citizen of the Year award, along with Hannah Fernandez, and in the company of the 2016 Citizen of the Year, Philip Moffitt.

It was most pleasing to hear of James’ skills and talents, developed and displayed over many years, and to be assured that he will go on to successfully represent his family and the community into the future. The awards were actually presented in the recently completed and newly-opened Bega Valley Civic Centre – a testament to the skills and versatility of a range of Bega Valley residents, businesses and local government leaders.

A day later and Bega High school was buzzing with activity – teachers, student support staff and administration staff working to prepare for the next two days and the year ahead. The school farewelled a number of staff in 2015 and new staff have since been appointed and moved into the valley and the school. We welcome:

- Scott Defina – Deputy Principal; previous school Corrimal High School
- Justina Baumann – newly appointed teacher in English KLA
- Daniel Benzie – not so new to the valley; teaching English; previous school Elderslie High School
- Ruth Clark – now permanently appointed in Home Economics; previously at Hillston Central School
- Ritchie Faulkner – teaching PDHPE and previously at Narrandera High School
- Anna Martin – newly appointed to teach Music.

The school also welcomes some teachers who have taken up temporary positions in various subject areas where teachers are on short or long term leave – Peta Relton, Chris Blewett, Jamie Carrett, Sarah Hulands, Heidi Collett, Catherine Coman, Helen Edwards, Ron Harris, Carol Holden, Lily Nicholson and Maggie Thorssell.

Year 7 students have made a positive start to their life as secondary students – 132 – smiling, listening and following teachers to classrooms.

The school has a new database for keeping track of student records and details, in addition to the official Department of Education files. It features a Parent and Student Portal that will become available when we have migrated data and information.

More details will be available in future newsletters. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school with suggestions, questions, or concerns or for a meeting time. The list included here contains current information about people who can help you and your child.

We look forward to doing our best to develop life-long, creative and resilient learners in 2016.

Mrs Linda Thurston
Relieving Principal

Coming Events

Wednesday, 3 February:
- Whole School Swimming Carnival

Thursday, 4 February:
- University of Wollongong Discovery Day Excursion to Wollongong (2 days - returning Friday)
- Year 11 TAFE days begin

Tuesday, 9 February:
- Year 12 TAFE days begin
- P&C Meeting

Thursday, 11 February:
- Year 7 Bournda Camp- (2 days - returning Friday)

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

Bega High School Uniform Shop
Open each Thursday of the school term
8.30 am to 4:00 pm
For enquiries phone: 0417028864
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 - Mrs Tania White
Year 8 – Mr Don Green
Year 9 - Ms Brenda Montgomery
Year 10 – Mr Mark Hopkins
Year 11 - Mr Scott Harris
Year 12 – Mrs Jennie Smith

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 – Ms Bindy Hayes
Home Economics, Music & Language – Mrs Maria Hay
Industrial Arts & Creative Arts – Mr Phil Banks
PD/H/PE – Mrs Janelle Green
Special Education – Mrs Jessica Harris

RoSA, HSC & Alternative Learning Contacts

Bega High School Careers Adviser:
Mr Stephen Diprose

Deputy Principals:
Mrs Jenny Mace & Mr Scott Defina

Head Teachers:
English: Mr Doug Whitaker
Mathematics: Mr Joe Nawiesniak
Science: Mrs Michelle Smith
HSIE: Ms Bindy Hayes
Industrial & Creative Arts: Mr Phil Banks
Technology & Music: Mrs Maria Hay
PD/H/PE: Mrs Janelle Green
Special Education: Mrs Jessica Harris

Aurora College – The NSW Virtual Selective High School, providing students in rural and remote areas the chance to study specialist subjects using the latest technology.
auroracoll-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
www.aurora.nsw.edu.au

Bega High School contact: Mr Mark Freedman

TAFE NSW – Illawarra Institute
Online: www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au
Course Information: 1300 766 123
Campuses at Bega & Eden: Ph: 1300 766 123

Open Training & Education Network (OTEN)
Course Information: Ph: 1300 362 346

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Term 1 Sport Choices 2016

Bega High School provides an active and varied program for sport. Weekly sport is conducted on Wednesday afternoon for Years 7 – 10.

Please discuss the following options with your child. Sports choices will likely be held on Thursday of Week 2.

If you have any question do not hesitate to contact Mr Ritchie Faulkner at the school on 649 29000.

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* It is a pre-requisite of Surfing that students complete their “Surf Survival” certificate. It is conducted for students in Year 9 and up with a view that they will choose Surfing for sport in the future.
Welcome back to school

The Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of New South Wales (P&C Federation) is committed to a public education system that provides for all students equally. The Government has prime responsibility to provide an education system open to all, which is free and secular.

Today is the first day of another school year. A new group of students is entering their first step on the great adventure of education. We wish students, parents and teachers a happy and successful year.

Our students are capable of great things, and we encourage parents to work cooperatively with their child’s teacher and school to make the most of the opportunity public education can provide.

‘It is unfortunate that this special time of year is being marred by the decision of the Federal Government to break its promise to properly fund education in Australia. The Gonski reforms were independently recommended and supported by all major political parties at the last Federal Election, yet new Federal Education Minister Simon Birmingham has just walked away from the promises made to the electorate, and to the students of Australia’. Jason Vials, President of P&C Federation commented.

‘Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull talks about the need for an agile and innovative workforce, and the importance of students excelling in Science and Maths, but refuses to provide the funding our education system needs to achieve those outcomes’. Mr Vials continued.

Education funding is not a cost – it is an investment in the future of our country and its citizens. We need a Federal Government genuinely committed to a bright future for our country and its people.

The initial implementation of the Gonski reforms have been enthusiastically embraced in NSW by the State Government, by Principals, Teachers and Parents. We have seen the difference the extra funding is already making to our schools and student outcomes.

We call on the Federal Government to honour its promises, and join all of the stakeholders in our education system to ensure a bright future for the students of Australia.

Sydney, NSW, 27 January 2016

For Further Media Information Contact:
Media Contact:
President Jason Vials 0418 163 665 president@pandc.org.au
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.

Sea to Snow - a Journey with Altitude

Year 10 students are encouraged to apply now for The Sea to Snow Journey which is on early this year (Year 9 and Year 11 applications will also be considered).

250km from Bermagui to the Snowy Mountains through wilderness and remote tracks with not for profit organisation The Crossing Land Education Trust.

The 3 day training camp runs from Wednesday 9 to Friday 11 March ($250)

The 9 day Journey happens in the second week of Term 1 holidays from Saturday 16 to Sunday 24 April ($750)

The Journey is recognised at the Gold level of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

See thecrosssing.thebegavalley.org.au to book a place. Email thecrossing@thebegavalley.org.au if you have any questions

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Bega High School Absence Note

STUDENT NAME: __________________________________________

DATE(S) ABSENT: __________________________________________

Reason for absence or leave:

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Parent/Caregiver Signature ___________________________ Date ____________