

Bombala High News

Students compete well at Zone Athletics



The Zone athletics carnival was held in Moruya on Thursday. Bombala High School had an enthusiastic squad of athletes that boarded the school bus at 6:15am in the morning for the 3 hour journey down to the coast.

The weather was very warm for mid-June, but overnight rain left the track very boggy and wet. Bombala High School students were more than holding their own against strong competition and, although results are still being finalised at time of publishing, some Bombala students look very likely to be going to Regional competition in Canberra next term.

Thank you to the students for giving their best and for their willingness to help with the running of triple jump and long jump. Thank you to Miss Nguyen and Ms Mackey for all their help on the day.

Scott Challman

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Rugby League teams travel to Wagga



On Monday Mr Challman, Mr Sullivan and Billie Peisley had the privilege of taking 29 rugby league players to Wagga for the Small Schools' Knockout.

Our U14's kicked off the day playing against Hay. The boys went down in a close game before the U16's took on Hay as well. Having the bare minimum, our lads were gallant in defeat, losing in a close game. Only having two scheduled games the U14's were back in action, this time taking on the very well-drilled Sacred Heart school from Cootamundra. The the score wasn't so close this time around, however they never gave up and kept trying to the final whistle.

The U16's took on Junee next, allowing Junee to skip out to an early lead before they clicked into gear, coming home with a wet sail. However, time ran out and the comeback fell short.

The last game of day saw the U16's take on the knockout's eventual winners, Sacred Heart. By this time our lads had nearly ran out of puff and Sacred Heart came away with a comprehensive victory.

Overall, there were some outstanding moments of sportsmanship displayed from our lads. Some super individual performances from Jackson Tellis and Nicholas Camm-O'Hehir who never gave up all day regardless of the score. A big thanks to Billie for stepping up to join the trip and drive the bus and as always, to Mr Challman.

A great experience, many laughs and not a lot a of sleep was had by all!

Michael Sullivan



Coming Events

THURSDAY 24 JUNE

Assembly

FRIDAY 25 JUNE

Last day of Term 2

TUESDAY 13 JULY

Term 3 commences for students

A message from the Principal...

Great representation once again

It has certainly been a term of fantastic representation across sports, performance and leadership for Bombala High School. On Tuesday our Rugby League teams travelled to Wagga to compete in the Country Rugby League Small Schools Knockout. Whilst the scoreboards didn't necessarily lean in our favour, from all reports our students conducted themselves brilliantly. Thanks to Mr Sullivan, Mr Challman and Mrs Peisley for giving up part of their long weekend to get the boys to and from Wagga.

Our music bands have submitted their final performances to the Surround Sound competition for NSW rural schools. They have been giving a huge amount of time to this competition and big thanks go to Mr Perry and Miss Marskell for guiding them through the process. Finalists for this competition will be announced early next term.

Last week our Presidents, Portia and Jesse, represented Bombala High School to the NSW Governor General at a student leadership conference in Sydney. It is an amazing opportunity that we haven't been able to offer in the last year due to Covid-19, and our two leaders represented us with pride. A huge thanks to Shirley Towan for helping get Portia and Jesse to the event in what was a very busy week.

Literacy and Numeracy tutorials power ahead

This term we began our literacy and numeracy tutorial programs for all students in 7-10, which run once a week. Funding for this initiative has come from the state-wide tutorial program that has allowed us to run additional class time in key areas.

Earlier in the week I was given some data that has been tracking the growth of our student performance in reading and numeracy. In all areas our Year 8 and Year 9 students are showing positive growth, and in all areas we are growing in some instances 14% faster than the average of the state!

I'm an English teacher by trade, and am very averse to overreading numbers, but I do feel that this is indicative of the great work of our teachers and the perseverance of our students. Well done all.

We're on the look-out for rentals again!

After a very long and substantive promotions campaign, we have managed to secure some additional staff for the second half of the semester. This has been a massive coup for the school given the state-wide staffing shortage – particularly in rural schools.

The flipside of this is that once again we are looking for houses for our teachers. Last time we went to the community we were overwhelmed by your support. We have recently landed an agreement with the NSW Teachers Housing Authority where they will happily engage a rental agreement on a teacher's behalf even before the teacher arrives. This way our landlords can secure their properties straight away, management and maintenance is looked after at a standard required by NSW Government and we don't have to worry about timing if and when we secure teachers. A win-win all around.

Right now we have a teacher coming to fill a block from midway through term 3 until the end of the year (17th of December). If you have accommodation options about to come up please drop us a message and we will put you in touch with THA.

Have a great week,

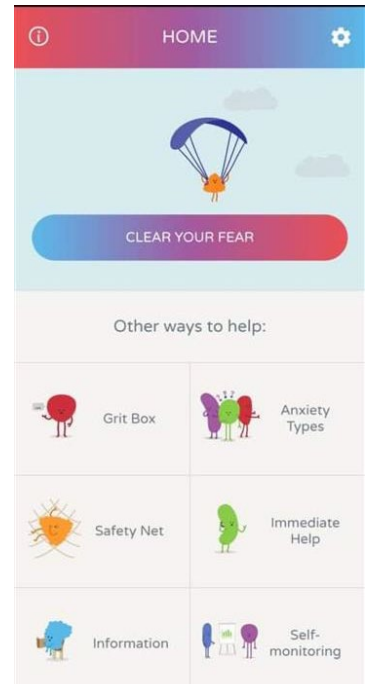
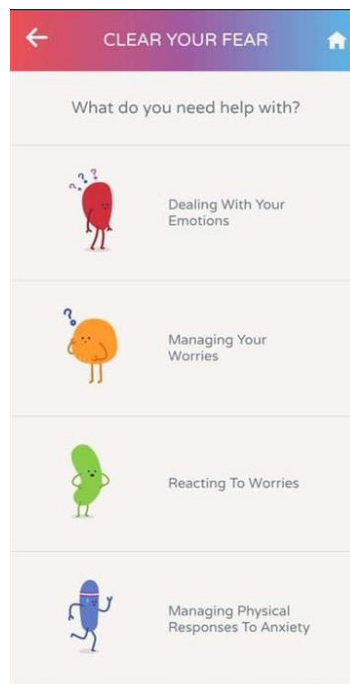
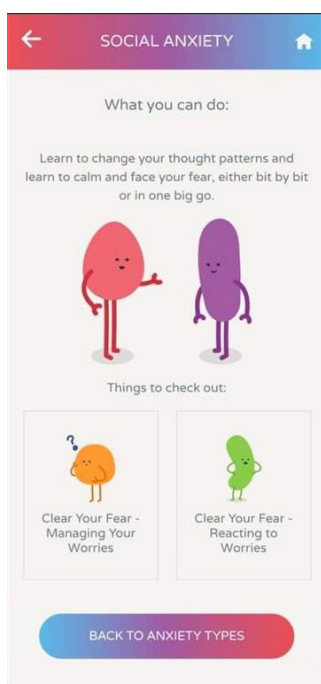
Jai

APP of the Week ‘Clear Fear’

This app is designed to help when you are feeling anxious or worried. It has different strategies to help you manage your way through all kinds of anxiety, from exam anxiety to social, general, phobias, or even performance anxiety. It focuses on learning to reduce the physical responses so you can relax, as well as changing thoughts and behaviours.

This is a great app to have sitting on your phone “just in case”.

Sam Hutchence



REMINDER

Students are required to be dressed in full school uniform during school hours. Uniforms can be purchased from the front office:

Polo Shirt	\$20.00	Shorts	\$14.00
Track Pants	\$21.00	Hoodies	\$28.00

LOST PROPERTY

Our basket of school uniform is overflowing. We have near new school jackets without names. If you are looking for hoodies or jackets, please call to the office.