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Principal's Report.



This year has flown by. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and students for such a wonderful year.

The school has welcomed some new staff members this year, Graeme Goodman taking over the Deputy Principal position and is also teaching Industrial Arts. We also welcomed Peter Joyce as our new Administration teacher who also teaches Social Science, Computing and Industrial Art, Jenny Conway head teacher for Science and Lisa Hoffman for Mathematics. Our new Staff have all indicated to me that our school community has made them feel welcome.

We have had some outstanding achievements over this past year. Our Year 10 debating team defeating Murwillumbah High School to become the North Coast Champions. Ex student Philip Hughes made the Australia Cricket team to tour South Africa. Our students have had outstanding results in swimming. The school Ag team went to the Sydney Royal Easter Show with Vanessa Chapman bringing home a 5th place. Macksville High School coming 2nd overall in the Cross Country Carnival. Kellie Langham was selected to play for NSW for the national kick off in soccer. The boys did extremely well in the rematch for the Buckley Shield. Aaron Burton has been recognised for his work with Macksville-Scott's Head surf life saving club, he was named Young Citizen of the year. Andrew King competed at the NSW CHS championships as a member of the North Coast Team as a result for his performance on the green he was selected in the NSW team for Bowls.

This year we also started after school Tutoring support at school, this is an initiative to help students who need extra support, and I expect to continue this program in 2010 if supported by students. Year 9 have received their Laptops and are enjoying using these new learning tools and we expect that late first term 2010 year 9 will receive theirs. The raising of the school leaving age means the school will be developing programs to meet the needs of a changing school population.

A very successful year 12 farewell Assembly was held in the stadium. The year 12 students rang the bell to symbolise their final day at Macksville High School and we announced the new School Captains, Jake Fuller & Rosie McKay, and Vice Captains Emma Mason & Brent Peaty. I'm looking forward to working with them in 2010.

School Administration and support Staff



Another busy year has flown by with changes to our SASS staff. Brian Welsh (see photo) retired after 17 years as General Assistant at Macksville High School and will be missed for his calm, capable can do persona. We thank Brian for all his great building projects, repair work, painting, putting chairs out, putting chairs in and the many other tasks he tackled. SASS staff will especially miss his wife, Gloria's, mushrooms that she baked for morning teas – very yummy!

Chris Welsh, who was our very able part-time Farm Assistant transferred across to the General Assistant position and will no doubt become our very able GA. We welcome also Robert Perkins as our new Farm Assistant and having a farm himself, our cattle, chickens, rabbits and veges will be in good hands. The external CDEP program which employed Raymond Ells to help our GA with mowing and gardening at the school, recently came to an end. We were very sad at losing Raymond as he has been such a great help.

Fortunately, another program has come to the rescue and Raymond will be continuing in this role casually for now. Glynis East, School Assistant in Home Science has taken 12 months leave and Zsuzanna Vernon has been relieving in her position since May.

Permanent School Administration Assistants are: Lea Hall (School Administration Manager); School Administration Officers: Debbie Dobson, Marjorie Smith, Margery Boylan (office); Deslie Howe (Print Room/Computer Co-Ordinator); Glynis East (Home Science); Lynne Foley (Library); Bill Down (Science).

School Learning Support Officers: Therese Gilbert, Sharon Cutcher, Nicole Thompson, Janette Chisholm and newcomers Natalie Bateman and Louise Garling assist teachers in the classroom under the guidance of Head Teacher, Terry Argent, and STLD teacher Wendy Graham. Jessica Reagan left during the year for other employment opportunities.

Thank you to all our casual/temporary staff who have worked over the past year in our many different areas of work (Library, print room, office, Home Science) - Alison Pope, Margaret Mitchell, Zsuzanna Vernon, Dianne Glennon, Therese Gilbert, Jenny Ainsworth, Rhonda Wilhems, Gloria Branford. It is great to have experienced, capable people to call upon when needed and they are appreciated by both staff and students.

A new Administration System has been implemented in all public schools this year called ERN (Enrolment Registration National database) which is a state-wide system. This new system allocates a registration number to every student which follows them from Kindergarten to High School and TAFE. It is a massive on-line database and it has been a steep learning curve for the users (learn while we use with on-line training). We are fortunate to have such a good team of SASS people who help each other out when needed – team work, exceptional!



SRC Report



Macksville High School's SRC has continued its active participation to promote wellbeing in the community of students and positive leadership from within the student body. There are currently 4 Year 10's, 10 Year 11's and 13 Year 12's who meet daily at RollCall, then have a general meeting every second Tuesday. Elections have just been held to replace the retiring Year 12's with 8 from Year 9 and 6 from Year 10.

We started 2009 with the traditional Valentines Day roses, selling over 300 roses with the added touch of songs. During February, Victoria faced the devastating bushfires, so the SRC organised a mufti and BBQ and managed to raise over \$2000 for the SchoolAid Appeal, which was a commendable effort from the whole school community. At the end of Term 1 everyone again dug deep into their pockets for the Tie Auction, which raised \$1500 for Ronald McDonald House for kids with cancer. Finally this Term the school community put together a huge effort to raise funds for Dylan Welch, a past student involved in a car accident, by wearing their footy gear in a mufti and raised over \$650.

Socially we have organised two school socials so far this year: *Hippies*, in March, which was a great success with over 300 students in attendance and *OMG, I can't believe you wore that!* which attracted over 350 students, but was marred by some antisocial behaviour by a very small minority. This was disappointing for the SRC as we put a lot of effort into the socials, which are looked forward to by most of the student body. However, we are busy planning another whole school social for Term 4.

Our citizenship responsibilities continue when we attended the Anzac Day March, with Hayden and Amanda giving the commemorative speech at the RSL. We also participated in the World Vision Conference at Coffs Harbour and as a result supported the mammoth 40 hour famine activity with Ms Garland. We are also helping to raise the funds to support our sponsored child in Thailand. We also try to keep the school Community informed of our activities through regular contributions to the School Newsletter.

The SRC is an enthusiastic group of dedicated students whose mission is for all students at MHS to "have a go", "have a say", "be equal" and make the most of our time at MHS!!!



YEAR 12 2009



Chanelle Ally



Caitlyn Anderson



Alexandra Andrews



Joshua Auld



James Bagnell



Ashlee Baldwin



Shannon Baldwin



Brendan Barber



Emily Branford



Sean Brien



Danny Bromley



Jade Brown



Daniel Buckley



Lindsey Buckley



Jack Burnett



Jena Cahill



Ben Callingham



Sophie Coulter



Tulsa Daley



James Davis



Matthew Foote



Amanda Forbes



Ellie Fuller



Tiarne Gavin



Martin Gleeson



Thomas Neilly



Scott Goddard



Andrea Gooch



Carla Gore



Nikki Lee Guiana



Michael Harmer



Jordan Heaton



Benjamin Hennessey



Brook Hennessey



Courtney Hoffman



Timothy Hopkins



Robert Jamieson



Chelsea Jones



Jessica Langham



Rhianna Leaudais



Karl Lepkaa



Clare Maloney



Billie McKay



Jessica
McPherson



Ellen Murray



Thomas Nelly



Anna Clay-
Newsham



Michael
O'Brien



Chloe O'Grady



Christopher
Richards-
Murray



Samantha Ryan



Andrew Scrusc



Melissa Smith



Isaac Spear



Jesse Spriggs



Alysia Starr



Breanne Tasker



Karissa Taylor



Michael Trisley



Abby Ussher



Brodie Vincent



Mitchell Ward



Hayden Williams



Liam Williams



Sarah Winslow



Renae Power



Nikki Paix



Jamielee Pawlak

Year 11 Report!

This year's year 11 group was amazing, they tried their best in everything they did. It was a great year as it was their first year as seniors and they are all looking forward to finishing school next year.

Highlight for the year 11's:

Despite the fact that sport is no longer compulsory for year 11 at Macksville High they have still managed to scrape up some great achievements for our students throughout 2009 in a variety of sports. We had competitors in Swimming, Soccer, Cross Country, Rugby League, Baseball, Lawn Bowls and Athletics.

- Andrew King had another sensational year lawn bowling, making the North Coast Team again this year. After CHS championship Andrew was selected to compete for NSW at the national titles at Port Macquarie.
- Vanessa Chapman's squash performances were a key factor in the North Coast team winning the tournament. Vanessa went onto compete in the CHS state championships as a part of the North Coast CHS squash team.
- Laura Beverly was a member of the Open girls soccer team and Dylan Young played the in Chief's baseball team.



Year 11



Samuel Aston



Brittney Atkins



Elise Bankier



Laura Beverley



Therese Borg



Katrina Brown



Aaron Burton



Phoebe Camm



Jasmine Carroll



Vanessa Chapman-Keppie



Ryan Coleborn



Amber Cook



Rachel Dawe



Tyler Doolan



Jack Dunn-Kinnear



Tannah Edmonds



Matthew Flockton



Olivia Forbes



Temeliah Forrest



Kristy Fraser



Ashleigh Fry



Jake Fuller



Tayla Gainge



Adrian Gibbling



Harrison Goodwin



Jessica Grace



Mitchell Herden



Daniel Holmes



Ryan Hutchinson



Jake Jeffery



Robert Jones



Thomas Kasas



Andrew King



Latoya Kinnear



Kirra Krisch



Emily Lynch



Samuel Lyons



Molly Macdonald



Elle MacKay



Emma Mason



Samuel McCormack



Sarah McIvaney



Rosie McKay



Erin McKinley



Shane Meys



Maya Norville



Casey O'Brien



Zendarah Pagett



Nathan Palmer



Brent Peatey



Tia Perry



Bronson Pou



Amanda Rapley



Ashley Richards



Luke Riemersma



Jack Ringstad



Caitlin Rogers



Sarah Romruen



Aaron Schmidt



Emma Smith



Jessica Smith



Carina Soleckhan



Daniel Swan



Elly Tape



Israel Taylor



Matthew Van-Mastrigta



Drew Welch



Laura Willems



Andrew Wilson



Alison Worrall



Katrina Wright



Dylan Young



Year 10 Report!

2009 has been an exciting and fulfilling year for many students in Year 10. This seems to have been the time when many of our students have found their niche in school life. We have students involved in academic, sporting, theatrical, musical and fine art pursuits (plus lots more). Here is a sneak peek at what some of what year 10 has been up to:

Earlier this year, Year 10 were involved in the inter-school Science and Engineering challenge in Kempsey. The Sci/Eng. Challenge is an Australia wide knockout that pits the logical thinking and practical skills of our school representatives against those from other students in our region. This year, MHS only placed fifth in our region- however I was extremely proud of the way all participants conducted themselves on the day.



Many students got the opportunity to showcase their musical skills at the music and dance night early term 3. I had the pleasure of witnessing some fantastic performances on the night. Quite a few year tens performed, but for me personally the highlights included: Tiffany Harvey (vocalist solo), Ruby Coia and Cassandra Proctor (flute and piano duet) and Djaran Smith and Eddie Carbury (very funny dance routine). Tori Sullivan, Chloe Gleeson and Laura Williams also put on terrific dance performances on the night. All three girls were performing routines choreographed by HSC dance students.

Early term 3, Mrs. Collits and Mr. Joyce took a group of year 9 and year 10 students to Sydney for three days on a “cultural discovery” excursion. Students visited several communities in Sydney, and sampled cuisine such as Yum Cha in Cabramatta and a variety of Lebanese food in Lakemba. Mrs. Collits told me that she was “extremely proud” of the way her students conducted themselves, particularly in culturally sensitive situations such as inside the Lakemba Mosque.



The end of year excursion to SeaWorld in 2008 was a lot of fun for all. The weather was fairly poor, but the patchy rain did not seem to ruin the day for anyone-least of all Kacey Spear (who was given a fishy pash by her new friend).

Finally, I would like to thank all of Year 10 for their hard work this year. I certainly do appreciate the many achievements (academic and other) of our students, and look forward to a fantastic Queensland excursion at the end of this year.

Mr Baker



Year 10



Jackson Adams



Reece Adams



Monique Ally



Benjamin Auld



Helen Bagnell



Caitlin Baines



Bronwyn Bates



Timothy Beggs



Corey Bonett



Thomas Booker



Emma Booth



Georgia Borthwick



Rowena Brandford



Daniel Brown



Kyle Buckley



Charlotte Camm



Edward Carbury



Alana Cassar



Marcus Castillo-Peltonen



Christopher Cecil



Tayla Chapman



Ruby Coia



Cedda Curtis



Jimi Cutmore



Samuel De Jonge



Anthony Donnelly



Bonnie-Jean Earle



Jack Fisher



Braden Fitzgerald



Andrew Flarrety



Siobhan Foster



Kathleen Freeman



Keara Gainge



Tamara Gallop



Jay Gavin



Lauren Gibbs



Brittney Gill



Taleigha Gillen



Chloe Gleeson



David Gregory



Juanita Guaina



Herne Gundry



Kurt Halverson



Sandi Harpur



Nathan Harrison



Tiffany Harvey



Erin Hennessey



Laccie Henshaw



Daniel Hiron



Amelia Honnery



Denea Howard



Andrew Hughes



Simone Hughes



Cameron Jordan



Shelly Joynson



Samantha Kendrigan



Tyrone Kinerson



Shelly Joynson



Samantha Kendrigan



Tyrone Kinerson



Beau Lavender



Allison Lawler



Jassmine Leigh-Smith



Christine Lewis



Amber Lueniger



Jack Lynch



Alyssa-Jae Macdonald



Ryan McIlwain



Laura McMahon



Imogen Melouney



Christie Meys



Keegan Miller



Ben Mulvihill



Thomas Mulvihill



Bradley Newsham



Jamie O'Brien



Molly O'Grady



Miranda Osgood



Renee Peloe



Kelly Peterson



Tyrone Pickvance



Damaris Pou



Ella Pritchard



Cassandra Proctor



Leah Reynolds



Jessica Richards-Murray



Nickolas Robinson



Hayden Ryan



Amelia Scafidi



Jason Worthington



Radley Schofield



Carrolyn Schutz



Taylor Seaman



Djaran Smith



Reuben Smith



Simon Smith



Kacy Spear



Jack Stanton



Tori Sullivan



Brent Summerhill



Sharni Tape



Callum Thompson



Jake Vincent



Darcy Visser



Casie Ward



Laura Warden



Jessica Wass



Zarah Waterbury



Ethan Watts



Jessie Weaver



Andrew Welch



Laura Williams



Vanessa Williams



Dean Witsel

Year 10



Year 9 Report
 It's time to write again about the events of the Year 9's over the last year. At present we have 117 students, with 11 departing MHS and 12 joining us. Since the 2008 report, 55 of our group visited Movie World in 2008. We had a great day, even if it was loooooong! For 2009 we are looking forward to visiting SeaWorld. With 2009 our courses have become so much more interesting. The choices range from Agriculture, Art, Auto, Computers, Dance and many more...



The highlight for many of the Year 9's was the Sydney- Canberra trip in August when Mr Argue, Mrs Forbes and myself enjoyed tyhe company of 49 students for 5 days. After a 5am start at the Caltex in Macksville we travelled to Sydney to visit the Powerhouse Museum, followed by a cruise around Chinatown to taste oriental food, then the IMAX theatre. It was then onto Canberra for a plethora of amazing museums, art galleries, embassies, shops and great food at the accommodation resort. On the last night we viewed Canberra from the top of the Telstra Tower, then from the opposite end...the lights we well worth exposire to the bitter cold of the night!



Thanks for a great year to all of Year 9 and the best of luck in Year 10!
 Mrs Spear, Year 9 Year Advisor.



Year 9!



Jayke Avery



Jimi Allan



Timothy Baber



Charlotte Bartlett



James Ballangarry



Jason Bagnall



Ettienne Beresford-Maning



Kaitlin Blakemore



Matthew Bishop



Joel Brunsdon



Joe Borg



Hayden Buchannan



Isabella Cahil



Taylor Bush



Krichelle Cassidy



Krystal Costello



Melina Cooper



Tahlia Collits



Kyle Crumpton



Saxony Craggs



Alyssa Cotterell



Bradley Dawson



Blake Davis-Lynch



Kashana Donovan



Hugh Edwards



Jake Dormer-Hughes



Rebekah Edwards



Lee Fishburn



Dean Ellis



Emily Elliot



Katie Fraser



Jessica Frank



Alyssa Fletcher



Thomas Grant McDonnell



Laura Gatley



Ashley Gregory



Rhiannon Heaton



Raylee Harvey



Maxwell Hennessey



Ebony Hollis



Thomas Higgins



Shannon Herden



Christopher Humpheries



Jessica Howe



Gypsy Hollis



Zachery Jarrett



Samantha Innes



Hayden Jeffery



Braydan Johnson



Luke Jerome



Lisa Jones



Kane Kedzlie



Eleanor Kearney



Leilani Kasas



Kellie Langham



Dana Kraschnefski



Kurt Kendrigan



Ella Lewis



Kelsey Langley-Ryan



Mitchell Liebe



Katelin Mallett



Kate Lynch



Grace McCosker



Natalie Meys



Joe McKay



Brayden McIntyre



Nathan Moe



John Mills



Ayasha Miller



Naryan Neubauer



Cameron Murray



Alison Northover



Lyell Patton



Courtney Parkins



Tayla Peatey



Jarrod Pike



Jessica Peterkin



Crystal Wright



Allan Rogers



Karleisha Roberts



Kahlee Roberts



Thomas Rowe



Mitchell Rolleston



Isabella Russell



Beau Saville



Zoe Ryan



Jeremy Shrubb



Jackson Sommerfield



Ryan Soleckhan



Bronwyn Smith



Hayden Starr



Wade Stack



Bradley Southan



Bronte Sutton



Angela Stone



Tianne Sweeny



Brendon Tupper



Emma Thorp



Jackson Wells



Abby Wilesmith



Vera Widders



Taleah Whalen



Thomas Wilson-Gill



Melissa Willett



Olivia Willems



Bradley Wood



Desley Witte



Timothy Worthing

Year 8!

This was a very good start to this year 8 group. They were not the youngest year group and had settled well into High School routines.

The group were involved in many sporting endeavours such as Rugby Union, Rugby League (Buckley Shield), swimming and athletics, achieving excellent results for the school.

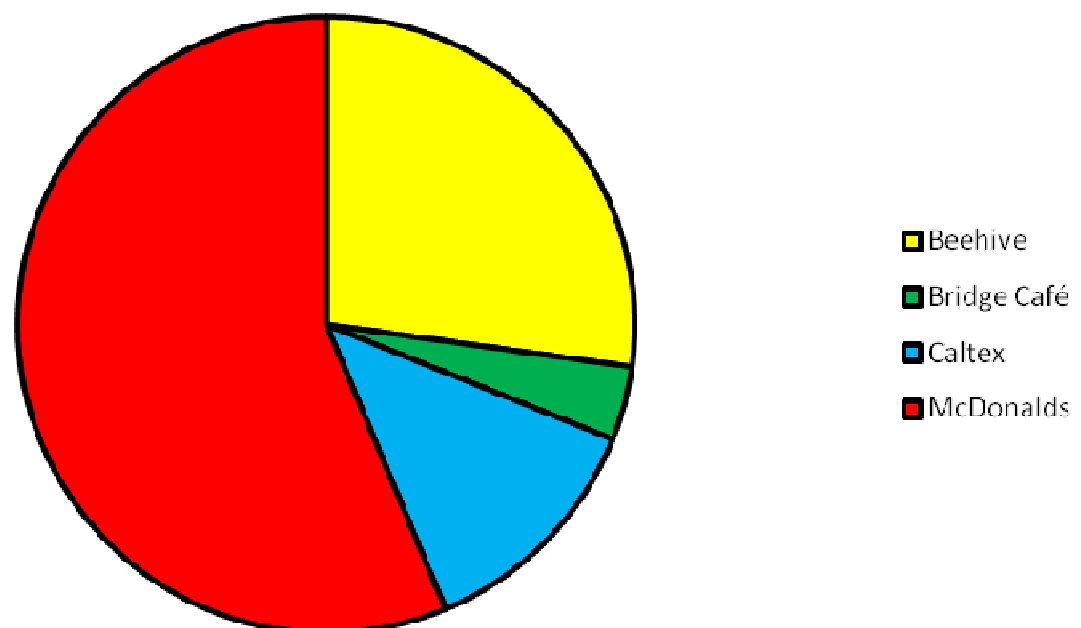
Students also performed well in the academic level and many were awarded certificates for their high level of achievement.

We would like to thank the parents and students in year 8 for their involvement and support throughout the year.

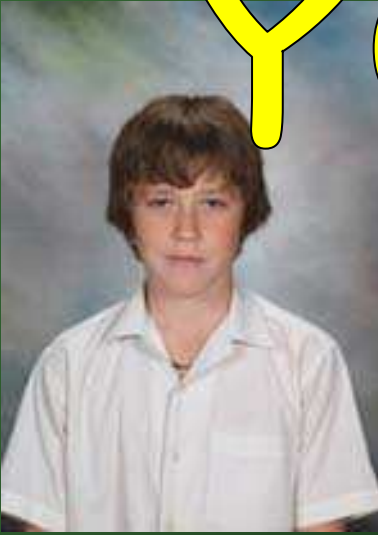
Thanks.

Mr Ally.

Most Visited place by year 8's



Year 8!



Darcy Auld



Ethan Adams



Tomas Anderson



Daniel Avery



Mitchell Baldwin



Nala Ballangarry



Laura Bartlett



Courtney Beaumont



Coco Beeby



Marley Bonett



Rebecca Beeby



Brendan Bennett



Mareesa Brunson



Ryan Bonser



Lauren Brown



Samuel Buckley



Matthew Burton



Christopher Buckley



Bridgette Camm



Ryan Carey



Crystal Carroll-Paton



Matthew Chapman-Keppie



Brianna Cassar



Teyana Cassel



Siobhan Coleborn



Madison Childs



Josh Cockbain



Bryce Compton-Bell



Rhianne Conway



Nolan Witte



Mathew Cormac



Samuel Cooper



Emily Craven



Joshua Day



Shannon Crowley



Cory Delevante



Hayden Duffy



Latunya Donovan



Daneil Donovan



Briana Earle



Lauren Wood



Bell Edwards



Bradley Evans



Kylie Ellis



Benjamin Fitzgerald-Hall



Rachel Fowler



Hayden Forrest



Hayley Fuller



Kaylla Gibbling



Rhys Gavin



Alana Gavin



Nathan Grace



Daniel Gregory



Brooke Green



Tatijana Harnos-Jamieson



Haydn Harmer



Koby Heaton



Grady Henshaw



Renee Hendriks



Lachlan Hook



Nicholas Jones



Ashleigh-Kate Johnson



Hannah Irvine-Bohringer



James Kearney



Lily Kinnear



Tyler Kedzlie



Reece Lane



Kiya Laird



Cody Langley-Ryan



Aimee Laverty



Tegan Lavender



Geoffrey Leaudais



Jesse MacKay



Tahlia Macdonald



Jake Lewis



Joseph Martini



Meika McAlister



Tayla Mason



Nicholas McCann



Benjamin McAuliffe



Jed McCarthy



Curtis Millen



Kevin McMaugh



Breanna Minisini



Bronte Murphy



Lucy O'Grady



Kale Newbury



Aaron Patterson



Naomi Pitt-Pickvance



Rachel Perkinson



Jack Rae



Charlie Porter



Douglas Robertson



Isaac Ryffel



Tyrone Rofe



Rhys Scafidi



Jesse Scrusse



Jordan Sheather



Joshua Seagrott



Alexander Smith



Terence Smith



Matthew Smith



Kade Spear



Reannon Sorbie



Mason Spear



Tanieka Stewart



Jane Stanton



Hogan Sutton-Ballard



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Anthony Thompson



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Nicolas Welsh



Kelsey Watts



Christopher Williams



Nyomi Widders



Lydia Witte

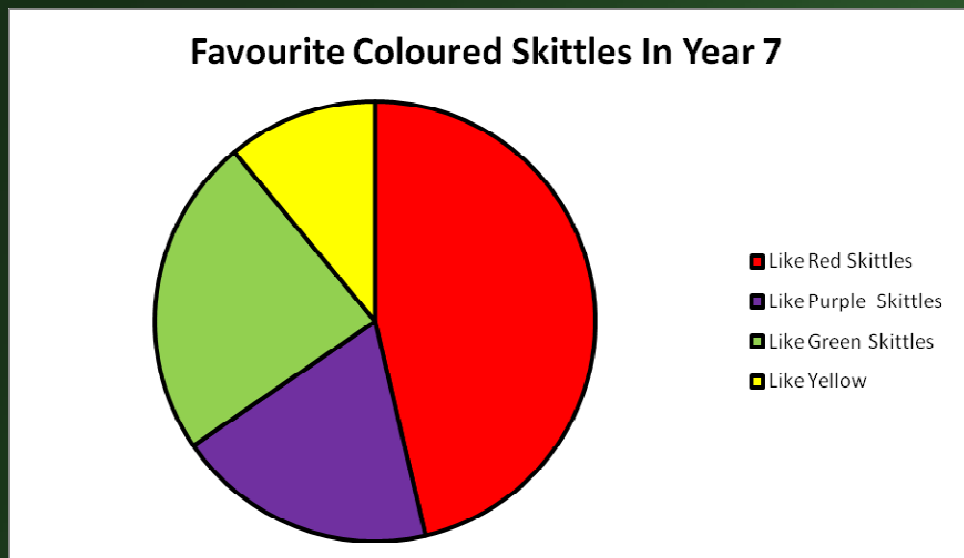
Year 7 Report

The class of 2009 has settled in well. We started the year with 118 students, a figure we still carry at the time of writing. Four graded classes have been formed and students rapidly learned the language of 7 Red English, 7 Blue Lote and TAS.

The group have completed the NAPLAN tests in March. Participation is big in Year seven, with student representation in the Mathematics, English and Science Competitions. In sport we have represented the school in rugby league, rugby union and touch. We eagerly await our Interschool Sports day against Bowraville Central School and the Annual Kempsey Sports day. Our local feeder schools have sent us some extremely talented athletes with record numbers of year sevens travelling to Sydney to represent the region in the State Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals.

Fifty one students were fortunate to attend the Zoo Snooze excursion organised by the Science Department. To date 27 students have qualified for the Gold award, 27 for the Silver and 23 for the Bronze award. Congratulations to those who have qualified for their second Bronze or Silver awards. Students are looking forward to spending a day at the Wet and Wild theme park in December. Year seven is a friendly and capable group who I am pleased to represent.

Moyra Mendham



Year 7



Shaun Adams



Zimba Ahmed



Jesse Allan



Kyle Bankier



George Botfield



Natalie Brandolini



Luke Brimacombe



Nickolas Bromley



Katerina Brown



Brady Buchanan



Deanna Buckley



Loren Buckley



Monique Burns



Elizabeth Burroughs



Jake Capell



Brooke Taylor-Caruana



Alana Collits



Claudia Cooper



Emily Cooper



Skye Costello



Adrian Crumpton



Demi Davies



Chloe Davis



Shepeta Donovan



Haylee Edwards



Richard Ellis



Luke Ellison



Tyler Fortescue



Kierly Fitzsimmons



Tarryn Forrest



Michael Fowler



Chloe Frank



Maison Gainge



Ryan Gallop



Shernae Gavin



Ryan Gleeson



Kye Martin-Godfrey



Sandie Mcdonell-Grant



Petrea Guiana



Sian Hall



Travis Hall



Carlie Halverson



Claire Harmer



Jacinta Harmer



Dejion Harnos



Mitchell Hawkes



William Hennessey



Taylah Hicks



Georgia Hoffman



Dylan Honnery



Josh Howard



Talara Innes



Max Jamieson



Jeffery Shannon



Dareese Johnson



Kiara Johnston



Cody Jones



Mango Jones



Madison Kelsey



Kenny Benjamin



Alana Kinerson



Andrew Knox



Peter Kohlhase



Yvana Kovendy



Glynn Leviston



Leah Leviston



Stuart Mason



Tess Lewis



Darron Liebe



Taylor McAlpine



Frankie McKay



Kiah Miles-Gavin



Jackson Miller



Anna Mills



Emma Mulvihill



James Murphy



Dylan Newbury



Hollie Parkins



Brooke Pedrola



Kirstie Pedrola



Brittany Pike



Megan Porter



Ruby Porter



Maddison Price



Jade Proctor



Samuel Robertson



Nigel Robinson



Taj Robinson



Grace Ryan



Aaron Ryffel



Keely Salter



Riana Schmidt



Kohia Schofield



Jacob Simpson



Julyan Schuh-kast



Connor Seaman



Elizabeth Smith



Evie Smith



Reece Stack



Dylan Stewart



Alana Stokes



Ruben Stokes



Ben Suckling



Alina Tape



Brooke Taylor



Kelly Taylor



Patrick Tighe



Max Vernon



Lance Williams



Shayna Welsh



Kyle Wyeth



**IN A COUPLE OF YEARS THESE YEAR 7'S CAN
LOOK FORWARD TO TECHNOLOGY
BASIC LEARNING WITH THEIR LAPTOPS.**

English



Once again it has been a busy year for the English staff. We have continued to deliver stimulating and challenging programs to students, faced a number of challenges and been involved in a great variety of extra-curricular activities.

Macksville High has been selected as one of the pilot schools to deliver a new senior English course in 2010 and 2011. We are very excited about this course and have begun to develop a program to engage students and improve their English skills for success both at school and in the world of work. The course is aimed at students who do not wish to continue on to university and is a very welcome addition to senior English courses.

Our other big challenge this year has been mastering our new interactive whiteboard and preparing to implement laptops in our Year 9 and 10 classrooms. These resources open up a whole new and stimulating world in education and the English staff are working hard to learn the skills and programs needed to utilize this technology and provide students with a broad range of new experiences in the classroom

Once again the dedicated and multi-talented English staff have put in hours of their own time to provide a variety of opportunities for our students. Mrs Hill, Mr Argue and Mr Coia have devoted many hours to debating and public speaking and our debating teams have achieved significant successes this year. Mr Argue coordinated the Australian English, Writing and Spelling Competitions and once again participation was good and our students received some excellent results.

Mr Baines was instrumental in producing a fantastic musical which was enjoyed by a great many parents, staff, students from both the high school and neighboring primary schools and community members. He also coached very successful rugby union teams. Mr Coia coached basketball, Mrs Sheather continued to share her archery skills with students and Ms Garland supported student participation in the 40 Hour Famine.

The English staff wishes you all the best over the holiday period and looks forward to the opportunity of working with our students and their carers in what is sure to be another stimulating and action packed year in 2010.

Linette Baker



Maths

I would like to introduce the 2009 Mathematics faculty team (MHSMT): Mrs Briggs, Ms Hoffman, Mrs Mendham, Mr Paix, Mrs Smith and the trainer and head water boy Mr Martin. The season started very well for the MHSMT, with all players fit and well from the summer break. Mrs Briggs return from injury has really strengthened the team and her return complements the main strike players of Mrs Mendham, Mr Paix and Mrs Smith.

Just after the kick off, Mr Paix took four highly skilled Year 8 students (potential future Mathematics teachers and Math-a-Roos, they do dream big in year 8!) to the University of New England for the Year 8 Mathematics Teams Challenge. The UNE squad of Rachel Perkins, Curtis Millen, Lauren Wood and Emily Craven, travelled to Armidale to find the competition tough, experienced and who took no prisoners. The UNE team faced dangerous problems, crawled through thick jungle but they survived and came back all smiles especially after the quick stop at the UNE library to check out the latest Mathematics books and journals. Well done team on a fine effort.

Trainer and Head water boy Mr Martin, took a team of 8 students, Ebony Hollis, Jessica Howe, Melina Cooper, Kahlee Roberts, Jayke Armes, Jarrod Pike, Taylor Bush and Hayden Buchanan to Port Macquarie for a year 9 gifted and talented day. TOM TOM the Nav man, Jessica Howe, got us there in no time, however the Nav man wasn't working that well on the way home. For example "turn left here" as we were driving past the intersection doesn't help. I can not read girls minds despite all the training I get from home. Also, I learnt that girls could speak, text, listen to ipods and give directions at the same time, no wonder Nav man didn't work on the way home. All students had a terrific day, especially after winning the whale sand modelling competition, so Ebony celebrated the victory by eating 40 McDonald's hamburgers!

On a serious note, I would like to thank all the parents that have helped us transport students to and from different venues and functions, without your support and willingness to participate in these events, we couldn't go.

The Mathematics Faculty would like to wish all the HSC Students the very best for now and in the future. Please remember this brilliant yet simple saying from one of the best all time block buster movies, Kung Fu Panda;

Kind Regards and best wishes,

Anthony Martin

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Trainer and head water boy



Science

The year 2009 was filled with many exciting excursions and events in the Science faculty.

Many students had the opportunity to extend their learning in the classroom with visits to museums, zoos, research facilities and challenge days. The Science faculty implemented new programs and assessment tasks with all junior years completing practical tests, assignments and examinations to gain their results. Staff changes include Ms Tegan Goolmere working in Term 1 and 4, Mr Ronald Marquardt in Term 2, 3 and 4 and Mrs Jennifer Conway starting as the new Head Teacher.

Our First big Science trip occurred at the beginning of Term 2, before school started back Mr Baker, Mr Cook, Mr Smith and Ms Spear headed to Sydney with Year 12 students from Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Senior Science. This trip allowed our students to experience learning experiences which improved their understanding of key concepts in their courses. Highlights included the 'Shipwrecks and Salvage' workshop at the Maritime museum for Chemistry, a visit to the Lucas Heights Nuclear facility to gain understanding of the uses of radioactivity, being grossed out and amazed at the Museum of Disease at the University of NSW, experience the forces on the body while on amusement rides at Lunar Park. Students gained valuable life lessons in using public transport in Sydney, staying in youth hostels and coping in the big smoke.

In Term 2, a bus load of students from the top Year 9 and 10 Science classes headed to Kempsey to compete in the Science and Engineering Challenge. Students gained valuable skills in working in teams, problem solving and finding practical solutions to problems. Students found the day challenging and rewarding and although we did not win the day we left with valuable skills and a new appreciation of the value of working together to achieve great results.

Year 11 Biology planned three trips to Way Way creek in Term 1 however each trip was cancelled as the rain started and continued to fall and the area was flooded. We eventually managed a trip in Term 2 to the Coffs Harbour botanical gardens to view our unique Australian plants, animals and fossils with presentations from the Australian museum and Taronga Zoo.

Year 7 had a great start to the learning of Science at high school. Students impressed us with their developing skills in planning and conducting investigations and their commitment to home study with amazing poster assignments decorating all our laboratories. At the end of Term 2 we issued invitations to our first Year 7 Zoosnooze to Taronga Zoo who had impressed their teachers with a great attitude to learning and good behaviour in all classes. This coincided with the birth of the first Baby Asian Elephant so the excitement of the trip increased.

In early September, Mr Baker, Mrs Conway, Ms Spear, Mr Hall and Ms Bankier boarded the train to Sydney with 50 excited Year 7 students. The train trip was long but students used it as an opportunity to socialize with friends, challenge Mr Baker at chess and eat lots. We then had to navigate from Central to Circular Quay by train and then board a ferry to the zoo. Students learnt to be responsible for their own stuff and the hustle and bustle of city life. Our night at the zoo was fantastic with hands on talks about various animals and viewing the zoo at night including the big cats, tiger, lions and snow leopards. Our sleeping quarters were also inhabited by various creatures including sugar gliders, lizards, snakes, crocodiles and frogs. Our day at the zoo was fantastic, all students were given the opportunity to hand feed a giraffe a carrot, we saw the baby elephant and lots of other animals. The zoo visit concluded with a ride on the sky safari and a ferry ride back to the city. We filled up on McDonalds and Krispy Kreme donuts before catching the train back to Macksville. Overall the kids were well behaved and had an amazing experience.

The CSIRO visited in August running shows and workshops for various groups. Year 8 students watched a cool chemistry show with amazing reactions and audience participation. Year 10 students then had a chance to solve a crime using DNA finger printing. Senior Biology students then tried their hand at gene biotechnology.

Mr Cook took his Year 12 Physics students to view various medical diagnostic equipment on a Saturday in Coffs Harbour in late August. Students will use this experience in their HSC elective on Medical Physics.

So overall 2009 was a great year and we are hoping that we will be able to continue with these amazing experiences with school and parental support.

Mrs Jenny Conway

Head Teacher Science



H.S.I.E

HSIE was the faculty to shine throughout 2009. There was never a dull moment in the cultural Mecca in Macksville High with much fun, frivolity and academic excellence determines the activities of the faculty.

Excursions seemed to dominate the middle of the year with year 9 history visiting Canberra, year 9 and 10 culture doing the Lakemba based Sydney thing, year 11 Marine exploring the underwater world (twice) and year 10 and 12 Geography venturing into the untamed wild wilderness of the north coast.

Subject wise we continue to offer a large variety of courses with cultural discoveries (year 9/10) and society & culture (year 11/12) being welcomed into the fold this year thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of Mrs Collits and a very exciting teaching program.

Marine studies also continues to be popular with two year 11 and two year 12 classes in 2010. On the front we are very excited with Mrs Forbes' year 12 geography being the best academic group we've ever had for the HSC so good results are expected.

This should be reinforced by Mr Lockyer's year 11 class which is also proving itself to be full of high achievers.

On history front the junior classes have produced some excellent practice especially Mr Dawe's Viking assignments and Mr Argue (modern history) and Mrs Garland (Ancient history) have spent a lot of time preparing their charges for the challengers of the HSC exams. There are high expectations on both these classes as good results usually occur in these subjects.

2009 has been a dynamic year for the HSIE team and 2010 promise to be full of its own challenges. On behalf of the faculty I say "BRING IT ON!"



Home Economics



9-10 Textiles Technology

In 'Design' the elements and principles of design were studied and now students are experimenting with dyeing fabrics using 'Liquid Radiance' colours that use minimal water, are non-toxic and Australian made and owned. Students have enjoyed looking at costumes in movies such as "Grease" and "Breakfast at Tiffany's" that are wonderful fashion samples of the 50s and 60s. Projects completed by students this year include bean bags, quilts, pillowcases and cushion covers. The purchase of an Embellishing machine has furthered the creative juices of some students and will increase in use over the year. This machine felts fabrics and yarns together using barbed needles and is very quick and easy to use with spectacular results.

C.Dunn

Child Studies

Once again we hired "virtual babies" from Coffs Harbour. These 'babies' are more advanced than the school models and need to have nappies changed, be 'fed', cuddled, rocked and have the head supported at all times, amongst other challenges. The results are recorded by the "baby" and read by the teacher and student upon return. "Mothers" come back tired, much wiser and some vow to wait a long time before having children, if ever. The program is a success! I even have requests from students who do not take Child Studies pleading to have the babies. I usually let them.

C.Dunn

Community and Family Studies (CAFS)

This year we were involved in four Webinars that are computer linked talks for those schools that find it difficult to attend seminars due to time, travel and cost. With the installation of 'Smart boards' I can see the use of Webinars becoming common place and the year 12 CAFS classes benefited from the experience. Overall, CAFS is an intense but extremely relevant subject that is usually enjoyed by all who take it.



Technology



The students in Year 7 have worked most enthusiastically in all areas of Technology. They learned to lay up material and patterns and then to cut out a very practical apron. They chose their own colours, most opting to use a contrasting colour on their pocket. Apart from learning how to use the sewing machines they also designed their own logo using computer software in Microsoft Publisher. These were then printed onto special material which was then ironed and sewn onto their apron. The students also mastered ironing skills which will definitely be useful in the future !



Practical food preparation has been one of the most “satisfying” Technology subjects for many of the students. They have learned to interpret recipes and to follow them accurately to produce sumptuous food items. Measuring and collecting ingredients, cleaning work areas and working as a team member in the kitchen are additional skills the students have achieved. They are aware of what constitutes a healthy diet and are able to suggest healthy foods.



Many students already had computing skills when they began Year 7 this year, however, with greater emphasis on developing their skills the students have been able to photograph food items made in class and then format these into a calendar for 2010. The results have been a practical and useful product.



Art Report

This year the Art Department at MHS has again successfully helped another year of year 12 students complete their Major Works. Even though this years class was small by comparison, we had a very wide variety of media used, from ceramics, to painting, even elements of photography and sculpture. Thanks to Miss Hardingham for all of her hard work. Next years year 11 Art class looks like being a very large class which is good. Last years HSC student, Tulsi Cutajar whose major work was included in the Art Express Exhibition, is doing very well in Sydney, where she is winning prizes and having exhibitions with her art work.

Digital Media is going very well, with lots of students in year 9 and 10 choosing to either start or continue the course. With the rollout of laptops over the next few years, that will slowly be able to move from the computer lab back down to the art block which will free up the computer labs for other classes.

The elective and senior art classes this year went for a day to Scotts Head Beach to do a number of studies of the area. We drew, sculpted, and generally had a great day. Thanks again to Miss Hardingham for her work with that. With the retirement of long serving and much loved Art Teacher Mrs Delaney, Miss Hardingham has done a wonderful job replacing her, and Macksville appreciates her hard work.



Music Report!



Alison the Musical - the band

It's been very rewarding to be able to work on another Macksville High musical this year, and for those in the band it has been an opportunity to get a feel for what it must be like for professional musicians who do the same show night after night, sometimes for months or even years. Congratulations also to the cast, who eventually managed to produce a great singing sound (after being yelled at many times).

The musical band was Samantha Kendrigan on flute, Tom Booker on alto sax, Tiffany Harvey on electric guitar, Jake Dormer-Hughes on bass guitar, Simon Smith on keyboard and Callum Thompson on drums – Booker T and the Be-Bop Bandits – and half of the band have only been playing their instruments this year, so have done really well in doing the 7 performances of “Alison”. Concentrating for two hours, and playing 18 songs plus scene change music was quite demanding, but the band rose to the challenge admirably.

Other music news:

The musicians in the school band have continued to practise through the year and performed “The House of the Rising Sun”, “Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds” and “Spicks and Specks” at the Music/Dance night. They are keen to have anyone who plays a melody instrument – e.g.. sax, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone - join the group, which rehearses during one period each week.

Keen musicians can be found practising every day of the week in the music rooms at lunchtimes – the booking sheet is outside the music/art staffroom each day and all are welcome to book in and use the school's equipment – that's what we have it for!

Current and ex- Macksville High students can be heard from time to time around the clubs and venues in the area. It's good to know that there's a music life beyond school, but for many, school is where it often starts.

Thanks to all those who have performed the anthem at assemblies and all who have participated in the music of Macksville High in 2009. Take advantage of the opportunities that are out there, and be in it!

Musical Report!

Terms 1, 2 and 3 saw an intrepid band of students, ably lead by Mrs Herivel, Mr Baines and Mrs Robertson, embark on the journey of a lifetime... their quest, to stage *Alison The Musical*. Written by Darryl Chute and published in 2007, Macksville High was the first school in NSW to perform it. A rigorous audition period whittled a vast number of students down to a manageable size. Lead roles were awarded to Erin McKinley as Alison and Israel Taylor as Jeff. Alison's hairdresser side-kicks were Jess Grace as Wendy and Emma Mason as Rachel, Ashleigh Fry became Nadine the fortune teller while the role of Phil the conman went to Ben Mulvihill and Tia Perry was a memorable Secret Agent Jane. As the musical developed it was obvious that the leads had really grown into their roles.

In a masterstroke of directorial flick passing the remaining cast were organised into subgroups, the Alleycat girls, the racetrack people, the gym boys, the Tropicana and Nightclub sets cleverly allowing Mr Baines the right to delegate responsibility for choreography to the cast. Special mention to Allison Worrall for choreographing and teaching the boys a dance, this was no mean feat and required iron will and great patience. Thanks also to Sarah Romruen for her help with choreography as well. The ability of all the cast to share ideas in blocking and choreographing scenes gave them more ownership of the production and resulted in a truly memorable show.

As well as Tuesday after school rehearsals Mrs Herivel was tireless in doing lunch time song practices with the principals and cast groups but also putting together the heart and soul of the production – Booker T and the Be Bop Bandits. Ably lead by Tom Booker, the Bandits roster was Tiffany Harvey, Jake Dormer Hughes, Callum Thompson, Simon Smith and Samantha Kendrigan. They really did rock da house not to mention some haunting renditions of *Stairway to Heaven* and other classics during rehearsals.

The full cast list highlights some extraordinarily talented performers who gelled really well into a polished, professional and supportive ensemble. Their names in no particular order : Sam McCormack, Drew Welch, Robert Jones, Brent Peatey, Dean Witsel, Kirra Krisch, Ryan McIlwain, Allison Worrall, Djaran Smith, Eddie Carbury, Tim Worthing, Joe McKay, Jimi Allan, Maya Norville, Elly Tape, Emma Smith, Vanessa Chapman, Olivia Forbes, Kristy Fraser, Maeghan Boag, Chloe Gleeson, Laura Williams, Tori Sullivan, Caitlin Baines, Ruby Coia, Kacy Spear, Molly O'Grady, Olivia Willems, Keara Gainge, Lisa Jones, Saxony Craggs, Emily Elliot, Katie Fraser and Tayla Peatey. Any good show is the sum of its parts and it is obvious the Directors had some great material to work with.

As well as the performers the backstage and design crews were brilliant. Mrs Delaney gave up much of her valuable retirement time to direct the design aspects but chose two exceptionally talented lieutenants in Jasmine Carroll and Elise Bankier. Between them they came up with some of the most stunning artworks ever to grace a stage. I lost count of the number of people who wanted to buy them. Thanks also to the people behind the scenes such as Superchippy – Paul Reilly. This man can do everything – make backdrops, create tables and hairdryers, even fix curtains. This musical would not have gone ahead without him. Thanks also to Mrs Dunn for the hours of sewing to enable us to make the backdrops. Thanks to Mrs Orman for the teachers' function organisation and the berets and Mrs Grace for the hairdressers' outfits. The backstage crew were also wonderful and tireless. Lead by Aaron Burton and Sam Aston they included Phoebe Camm, Andrew Welsh, Tom Mulvihill, Beau Lavender, Brent Summerhill, Amanda Rapley, Renee Peloe, Jamie O'Brien and Jess Richards Murray. Makeup and hair were also very well done thanks to Jasmine Carroll, Elise Bankier, Amber Cook, Bree Kohlhase and Tayla Chapman.

No doubt I have forgotten to mention people here but take it as read we appreciated every ounce of help and support from everybody involved especially our families who put up with us. I'm sure everyone that saw the show appreciated it. In fact, it was so much fun we might just have us a musical next year as well.

Drama

2009 has been another busy year for the Drama faculty despite there being no HSC class. The year 11 class have worked on advanced improvisation, play building and acting activities throughout the year as well as text based work. Their adaptations of classical music were truly memorable, as was the interpretation of Sleeping Beauty that headlined the annual Infants school performances. They have also studied Ancient Greek theatre with a focus on The Wasps and completed their own research task on a theatrical tradition where they also workshopped the rest of the group. Highlights were Emma Mason teaching the group to perform a Bollywood dance routine and Israel Taylor and Meaghan Boag's very confronting expressionist theatre workshop. The individual performances of self devised triptych monologues were outstanding, innovative and thought provoking. Katrina Brown displayed her wicked wit and sense of humour, Amber Cook had the audience in tears and Daniel Holmes turned away from comedy to present a serious and enthralling piece. The group devised performances were also high quality pieces of drama. We were very fortunate to witness Commedia Dell Arte expert Dennis Murphy in action and to join in an enjoyable and educational workshop. Thanks to the P & C we are also the proud parents of TWO new iMacs for the purpose of film making so the Year 11s are looking forward to film making.

The Year 10 class has also been busy with improvisation, play building and a particular focus on physical theatre. The year commenced with a strong emphasis on mime and expressing emotion with movement and body language. Students exhibited great control and focus and came up with some compelling performances. The class also did a research task on clowning which they later used to develop high energy clown routines for the Infants performance. Particular attention was paid to Theatre in Education principles and ways of engaging the audience. Each performer and group had to design their own makeup and costume design and develop an original piece. Tori, Laura, Chloe, Laura and Kacy had the little ones rolling with laughter while Caitlin, Molly, Ruby and Lauren performed a very original piece using mask and movement. As usual there has been a strong focus on developing performance and acting skills using improvisation as stimulus. Students devised and performed their own monologues with some outstanding results. Ryan had the whole class in tears with a highly emotive piece about a soldier about to go into battle leaving a message for his wife and young family. Overall the performances showed a great deal of thought and some gritty realism displaying a wide range of acting skills. At the time of writing the students are preparing group devised performances which promise to be entertaining and thought provoking. The final term will see a focus on comedy to prepare pieces for Drama Night and also a foray into the world of film making.

...If I can get a word in edge ways, Mr Baines, I would like to also commend my year nine X Elective Drama class. I am always genuinely amazed at the different interpretations that each class comes up with for the performance tasks. We started the year with mime performance which was a gentle introduction to the use of a performance space and having an audience. Next, students moved into voice work and went to great lengths to practise and then perform their tongue twisters. The puppet research assignment was supplemented by the creation of wonderful sock puppets who became personalities in their own right and went on to perform monologues!

The group puppet plays were enjoyed by the infant's school audience. It was great to see the students take on the role of commentators, and lighting technicians for the day.

The move into individual character roles was a smooth transition for the students. Again I was amazed at the convincing and emotive monologues students delivered to the group. This class work really well together and get such enjoyment from their work. They are developing their short skits for Drama Night in term four and I am confident that they will deliver inspiring performances, particularly in the area of emotional expression. So...I'll let Mr Baines conclude this report because he is the shining light of the Drama faculty and the reason the subject is so successful stems from his tireless commitment to the support of the staff (myself and Mrs Hill), as well as the students who love "The Baines" as they affectionately call him.

Technology Rolls into Macksville High

2009 has been a monumental year for technology in all schools and especially so at Macksville High School. The Federal and State Governments have rolled vast numbers of “netbooks” to students and staff, MHS has invested tens of thousands of dollars installing interactive whiteboards. MHS now has significant wireless network coverage and the march of new technology really has only just begun!

Although the issuing of netbooks for all year 9 students has been delayed students should be in possession of them well before the end of the year. Next year the indication is that netbooks will be issued to the new year 9 in February or March.

The fantastic opportunities presented to students through these new learning tools can't be underestimated, and the work behind the scenes from MHS staff to get ready and up-skill for the new learning environment has been phenomenal and it will be ongoing!

2009 has seen the launch of a new MHS website, again heaps of work has gone on behind the scenes to make the school's web presence significant and what's more, actually useful to students, parents and staff. Its worth having a look at the new website, we would love to hear any feed back:

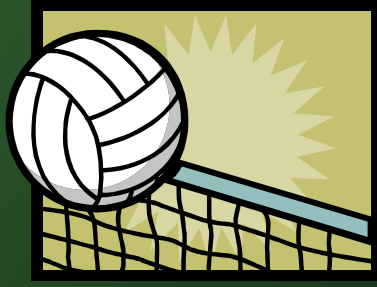
<http://www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

The work at MHS is far from over! The School is looking to the future with classes from year 9 onwards having a 1:1 laptop ratio. This will make learning at MHS quite different to how it has been!

While all this talk of netbooks for years 9 onwards is great, the other years have not been left behind! With the help of the P&C new Macintosh computers have been introduced in Drama and Music, this is the start of a program to increase access to specialist technology tailored to these areas of study. The School will continue to roll out interactive whiteboards, these are beneficial for all students not just those with netbooks and the existing computer rooms and school network will be targeted in the future for new hardware.

Its an exciting time for technology in education and MHS is at the forefront of these changes, our aim will be to maximize the opportunities for students to access technology and to use technology to give students the best learning opportunities. In many ways there is no better time to be a student or a teacher!





Sporting Achievements



Sport Report!

2009 has been an absolutely stellar year for sport at MHS. We have had many students excel at National, State and North Coast level, and have seen a number of our teams reach state and regional semi finals.

Djaran Smith has stamped his mark at this point in the year as the top sporting achiever at MHS. Djaran represented MHS at the National Swimming Championships in Perth and won silver in the 17yrs 200m IM, 100m fly (also going under the national record mark), and bronze in the 17yrs 50m & 100m breaststroke, 50 fly, as well as a silver in two relay events, and bronze in a third relay event. Sharni Tape was also a NSW representative at this carnival and picked up a silver medal in the 15yrs 100 free, bronze in the 50 free, and 3 silvers and a bronze medal in relay events.

Our State champions are plentiful, and are represented across all three sports of swimming, cross country and athletics. In the pool, the 15 girls relay team are CHS champions and now also hold the record time. This team consisted of Tamara Gallop, Jessica Howe, Alina Tape and Sharni Tape. Across at the cross country course, our 18 Girls team are also CHS champions. This team consisted of Ellie Fuller, Jessica Langham, Tulsa Daley and Renae Power. Ellie also qualified for the NSW team at these championships and went on to win a silver team medal at the national titles at Nowra. Finally, at the recent State athletics carnival, Clare Maloney (17 triple jump), John Rowe (16 Triple jump) and Alina Tape (12 800m), all came home as CHS champions in their events.



Many other students participated at these three carnivals and the other medals won were:-

Swimming – Djaran Smith – 2 medals, Sharni tape – 2 medals, Jessica Howe – medal, Alina tape – medal, 17 Boys relay (Joel Brunsdon, Ben Mulvihill, Marcus Castillo-Peltonen, Djaran Smith – bronze . Our swimmers reached 17 finals at this carnival.

Cross Country – Alina Tape picked up a bronze All Schools medal, narrowly missing gold.

Athletics – Clare Maloney – silver in high jump. Our athletes also made 8 finals, and our two 17 relays also made the finals.

Other sportsmen and women that have made NSW teams for 2009 include Andy King (lawn bowls), and Jimmi Cutmore has been selected to tour New Zealand in September with the Lloyd McDermott Indigenous Rugby Union team.

We have had an amazing 56 students be selected as North Coast representatives for the year. They include:-

Brittany Atkins (swimming, athletics), Coco Beeby (swimming), Joel Brunson (swimming), Marcus Castillo-Peltonen (swimming), Michael Fowler (swimming), Tamara Gallop (swimming), Jessica Howe (swimming), Alison Lawler (swimming), Ben Mulvihill (swimming), Emma Mulvihill (swimming), Djaran Smith (swimming, athletics), Kade Spear (swimming), Alina Tape (swimming, cross country, athletics), Beau Tape (swimming, cross country), Sharni Tape (swimming, athletics), James Ballangary (touch, rugby league), Braydan Johnson (rugby league), Scott Goddard (football), Jessica Langham (football, cross country, athletics), Vanessa Chapman (squash), Brendan Barber (squash), Kirstie Pedrola (cross country), David Gregory (cross country), Beau Lavender (cross country), Anthony Donnelly (cross country), Dylan Young (cross country), Ellie Fuller (cross country, athletics), Tulsa Daley (cross country), Renae Power (cross country), Skye Costello (athletics), Shepeta Donovan (athletics), Matt Flockton (athletics), Taleigha Gillin (athletics), Ryan Gleeson (athletics), Ashley Gregory (athletics), Mitchell Hawkes (athletics), Kelly Taylor (athletics), Peter Kohlase (athletics), Kellie Langham (athletics), Clare Maloney (athletics), Stuart Mason



It has also been an amazing year for our sporting teams. We have cheered on and enthusiastically supported our boys Buckley Shield team, Yr 9/10 Rugby team and Girls Under 15 rugby teams. All were North Coast champions and have had amazing and at times tumultuous runs. The boys' teams made it to the last 16 in the state respectively and girls contested a State semi final. All of these teams are young, and the future looks good for the next few years in Open events in these sports. Our Boys football team were also Zone champions this year, and the Girls U15 Football team also made it to the 3rd round, losing in unfortunate circumstances in a penalty shootout to Bellingen.

As you can see the depth of talent at this school is immense, and spreads across a broad spectrum of sport. We continue to dominate at a zone level – winning swimming and athletics without any real threat from neighbouring schools. The clean sweep was almost achieved with a second place at Zone cross country.

Well done to all our sporting participants. It is all about having a go. This is certainly evident with the number of students trying out for each of our sporting teams. Finally a big thank you to community members who help prepare our sports men and women – Tanya Freeman and her squad of coaches, Ritchie Donovan and his athletics squad, and Neville Donovan and the Bowraville Junior Rugby league Club who have embraced our school teams this year. A big thank you from all of us.

Achievements



The 2009 Stage 5 Debating Report



The Year 10 Debating Team is the 2009 North Coast Champions after a stunning display of verbosity at the North Coast Finals.

Caitlin Baines, Tayla Chapman, Ruby Coia, Molly O'Grady and Jessica Wass talked their way through three straight victories at the zone level before conquering all challengers at Red Rock.

Next, the team must go against the winner of the New England regional finals, that debate occurring via a video conference format with the two schools at their respective locations and the adjudicators watching, listening and deciding on the winner from Sydney!

But wait, there's more! Molly O'Grady was chosen as one of five students from different schools, to travel to Sydney in December as part of the North Coast Representative team: a well-deserved reward for the Second Speaker shared by other MHS students in the past.

Coach Coia commends the girls on their commitment and conscientiousness to the debating season and will stop all trips to Maccas if they lose.



Year 8 Debating

Lauren Wood, Douglas Robertson, Emily Craven and Tanieka Stewart have had a successful year representing Macksville High School in the Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 7 and 8.

Winning two of their four debates, the Year 8 team were provided with range of topics to test their knowledge of current issues. These topics included 'That single sex schools provide a better education', 'That there is too much violence in entertainment', 'That we should extend the vote to 16 year olds' and 'That we should ban junk food advertising on television'.

The team showed a dedicated approach to the development of their debating skills, giving up their own time during lunch to practise preparing cases for a range of topics. They also worked on structuring their points and forming effective rebuttal. This hard work paid off, with all team members significantly improving their skills during the competition. It's wonderful to see that the proud tradition of producing strong debaters continues at Macksville High and we look forward to more debates in 2010.

Mrs Amanda Hill (Team coach)



2009 Year 8 Debating Team: Tanieka Stewart, Emily Craven, Lauren Wood, Douglas Robertson