



# Macksville High School

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## Newsletter

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### YEAR 7.4 — FOOD TECHNOLOGY



Photos from Mrs O'Sullivan's Year 7.4 Food Tech. class

Students have been busy collating photos for their 2010 Food Calendar.



So far they have photos of fruit salad, muffins, nachos and pizzas which they have all produced in class themselves. Here are some examples of their high quality food products.

Liz O'Sullivan



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### November

- 16..... 'All my own Work' compulsory  
..... BOS course for Yr 10
- 17..... Yr10 NCYCC—work skills
- 18..... 6pm Digital Education Revolution  
..... (DER) Parent info night—Hall
- ..... 18 7pm SRC School Social—  
Stadium
- 20..... NVCPS SHOWTIME—stadium
- 24..... Yr8 ESSA exam—Stadium
- 24..... Yr7 2010 Parent Meet.—6pm Hall
- 24..... 7.00pm P & C Meeting—Library
- 24..... Yr10 NCYCC—work skills
- 25..... Yr6 Transition Day— Yr7 2010 come  
for a full day to experience high school
- 26–27 ..... IT Wood Milling days—Ag Plot
- 26– 27 ..... Qld. Universities Tour—excursion
- 27..... LifeSavers *mufti* day(wear red & yellow)
- 30–5..... Yr10 Queensland Excursion
- 30–2..... Marine Stud.—Dive Course—SWR

#### December

- 10..... Yr10 Final Assembly—Stadium
- 11..... Gold Excursion to Gold Coast
- 15..... 10am Presentation Assembly—Stad.
- 16..... Final day for all students
- 17–18..... Staff Development Days—pupil free

#### January 2010

- Thursday 28 .. Term 1 starts for Yr7, Yr11 & Yr12
- Friday 29 ..... Term 1 starts for Yr8, Yr9 & Yr10

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# From The Principal



I would like to take this opportunity to express on behalf of the school community our condolences to the Kinnear family for the tragic loss of their son Jared in a car accident. Jared attended Macksville High School completing year 12 in 2007. He represented the school on numerous occasions bringing credit to himself and his school. Macksville High School had the honour of hosting his funeral in the stadium. The outstanding number of people in attendance was a wonderful tribute to Jared and a celebration of his life.

It's a very busy time with junior exams underway, School Certificate exams completed this week and HSC quickly coming to an end. Last Friday we had an interesting day with the big wet, yet again. Buses went home early and

Showtime had to be postponed at the last minute. We have decided to try again on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November and give all the kids involved a chance to strut their stuff on the stage. We need your support on the night to ensure the evening is a success.

An important event coming up that I encourage Year 9 parents to attend is the meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November to introduce the Digital Education Revolution and the roll out of student laptops.

It is coming up to that time of year when we offer a range of merit activities to those students who have acted in a responsible manner during the year and have earned the privilege. Where students leave the state there is no ambulance cover. I urge you to read carefully the information provided with permission notes in regard to this, prior to signing. Where water activities are involved students have to have passed a water competency test. We are in the process of providing the opportunity for students to comply with this requirement.

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November (moved due to Showtime) there is a school social. We need your support by ensuring students are supervised prior to the social, dropped at the door and picked up at the finishing time. There have

been a very small number of students in the past who have consumed alcohol prior to the social resulting in problems for them, their family and organisers and are putting future socials in jeopardy.

On Wednesday the school held a Remembrance Ceremony with a minute's silence. The manner in which students participated highlighted their respect for those who have made sacrifices for our country and brought credit to themselves. The school Captains accompanied by Mrs. Spear, attended the Macksville memorial as representatives of the school community.

Congratulations to Clair Maloney who for the last time represented Macksville High School at State Athletics. She won 3 Gold and 2 bronze medals and broke a long standing record in triple Jump. Clare has been an excellent ambassador for our school and I wish her well in the future.

*Paul Holding*  
PRINCIPAL

## FREE SCHOOL TRAVEL—IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE?

If your child is a NSW resident aged 4 years and 6 months or older, they are eligible for a free school travel pass if they are enrolled under one of the following conditions:

- ◇ An infant student (Years K-2)
- ◇ A primary student (Years 3-6) who lives outside a 1.6km radius from the school or subject to Ministry of Transport (MoT) approval, 2.3km or more by the most direct walking path to the school.
- ◇ A high school student who lives outside a 2km radius from the school or subject to MoT approval, 2.9km or more by the most direct walking path to the school.
- ◇ A student who is approved for free school travel on health or safety grounds by the MoT.
- ◇ The Busways School Travel Department (9497 1861) can advise you on your child's eligibility status.
- ◇ DID YOU KNOW? Students who are progressing to Year 3 or Year 7 need to reapply for their free school bus passes.
- ◇ Application forms are available from your school office. It needs to be filled out by the applying student's parent/ guardian and handed in to the school

# REMINDER - INFORMATION SESSION for PARENTS, CARERS and STUDENTS of YR 9



Parents, carers and students of Year 9 are invited to an information session about the new school laptops.

Custom-made for school use, the laptops are robust, compact and lightweight, and fit easily in a school bag.

They come fully loaded with a

range of leading software and learning applications.

The laptops are wireless enabled so students can connect to the school network and the internet in and around school grounds.

If you have the internet at home, your child can also connect to school and the internet from home.

Prior to any student receiving a laptop, parents, carers and students **must** sign a user charter and this will be available on the night along with a Digital Education Revolution support package.

We'd love to see you at the information session. We'll give you more information about the laptops, screen a very short video and answer any of your questions.

The details:

**Date: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

**Time: 6-pm to 7-pm**

**Location: Hall—Macksville High School**

## SHOWTIME— FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20



***Showtime will be held on Friday November 20. All students/staff will need to be at Macksville Stadium by 5.30pm in their outfits ready to perform.***

***Tickets previously sold will be valid for the evening.***

Showtime is an extravaganza that brings together over 500 performers from all the public schools in the Nambucca Valley for an evening of entertainment.



This is the second biennial event of its kind organised by the Nambucca Valley Community of Public Schools and it will showcase a variety of performances reflecting the diverse talent of the younger members of the community.

Primary school students from Macksville, Scotts Head, Stuarts

Point, Eungai, Medlow, Nambucca and Frank Partridge VC public schools will join others from Bowraville Central School as well as Macksville and Nambucca Heads high schools, each school providing 10 minutes of entertainment including singing, dancing, instrumental and dramatic performances before coming together in a 500 piece choir for the finale.



The show will run from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Tickets for Showtime are \$5 each or \$15 for a family of four and are available through each of the participating schools and will also be available at the door on the night.



## CANTEEN ROSTER

### November

Mon. 16 S Compton, L Kerr  
Tues. 17 M Cummings  
Wed. 18 H Jaeger, C Osgood  
Thurs. 19 D Jackson, J Martin  
Fri. 20 Nov. C Hopkins, J Martin  
Mon. 23 S Compton, M Mason, J Welsh  
Tues. 24 J Ward, A Booker  
Wed. 25 R Flarrey, C Templeton  
Thurs. 26 J Beggs, J Martin  
Fri. 27 G Welsh, B Zivkovich  
Mon. 30 S Compton, L Kerr

### Canteen Christmas Party

Friday December 4—Star Hotel  
7pm \$10.00 per head  
Phone Ros 6568 1453

## MACKSVILLE AMATEUR SWIMMING NIGHTS

commenced on November 4, starting time  
6pm. All students are welcome.

Enquiries please phone Gail or Mark on  
6568 1445

## LONG TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE

Rotary International—District 9650

### ARE YOU READY

- \* To form international friendships
- \* Learn a new language
- \* Experience a new culture
- \* Gain a fresh understanding of your-  
self and others
- \* Act as an ambassador for your coun-  
try

### ACT NOW

- \* Applications close  
March 30 2010 for  
2010 for departure  
Jan 2011
- \* [www.rotary9650.org.au](http://www.rotary9650.org.au) (links YEP,  
YEPPER)
- \* Contact Chairman Keith Glover 02  
6822 1088, Secretary John Sawyer  
02 6842 1081 or your local Rotary  
club



## NEWSLETTERS

- \* **Reminder**—newsletters are given  
to students in roll call usually every  
second Friday. If you would like the  
newsletter emailed to you, please  
give your email address to the front  
office.

# Notices

## STUDENTS DONATE MONEY FROM WALKATHON

Two students from Macksville High School have donated over \$400.00 after participating in a charity event. Kylie and Richard Ellis participated in the Warrell Creek Hall "Walkathon" recently, raising money for their school.

Kylie raised the grand total of \$202.10 which is to be used specifically for sports equipment and Richard raised \$200.00 to be used for the school cattle team. What a grand effort—congratulations Kylie and Richard.



Showcasing Dance and Musical performances from Public  
Schools in the Nambucca Valley

Date: **November 20 2009**  
Time: **6.30pm**  
Venue: **Macksville Stadium**  
Cost: **Adults \$5**  
**Family (2 adults, 2 kids) \$15**  
**See info previous page**

## NEWS from the BOWRAVILLE THEATRE..... 'MOVE OVER MRS MARKHAM'

This is your typical English farce—and this one is a little bit naughty and a little bit saucy? "*Move Over Mrs Markham*" by Ray Cooney and John Chapman, is set in the early 1970s when big ties and mini skirts were in.

Valley Performers will present the above play at the Bowraville Theatre on the following dates:

- \* Friday November 20 at 8pm
- \* Saturday November 21 at 8pm and
- \* Friday November 27 at 8pm

Matinee performances start at 2pm and will be held on:

- \* Sunday November 22,
- \* Saturday November 28 and
- \* Sunday November 29.
- \* Tickets are available from Bowraville Theatre, Finishing Touches Macksville, Harvey World Travel Nambucca Heads and Scotts Head Liquor shop. Adults \$15, Concession \$12.

## SPINE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

The National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis (NSDP) - 2009 has a new online Scoliosis discussion forum.

This website [www.scoliosis-australia.org](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org) was launched last month. Here girls and their parents can obtain general advice from certified specialists who manage patients with spinal curvature. Within the forum healthcare professionals and other interested parties can discuss the NSDP.