



# Macksville High School

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## Newsletter

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### REMEMBRANCE DAY, 11 NOVEMBER

Four members of the SRC represented the school at the community Remembrance Day celebration at the Macksville RSL. The 11 November is the anniversary of the ending of World War II, sixty-five years ago.



The community gathers to remember those who gave their lives so Australia can enjoy the freedom of democracy. A wreath was laid from the Macksville High School community, as a mark of respect.

### NAMBUCCA VALLEY YOUTH and COMMUNITY SEMINAR



**As police and emergency services we are seeking assistance from the Local community in reducing road trauma**

Our aim

- reducing the incidents of road crashes, especially those involving our young community members
- discuss drug & alcohol related incidents and methods of reducing these
- raise awareness of actions and consequences in the decision making process of a young person

If you are 14 years or older, a parent, aunt, uncle, grandparent, or carer – you cannot afford to miss this event. The night includes a drug and alcohol presentation. NSW police crash investigation unit, NSW ambulance service and Mid North coast district licensing police

**Nambucca heads entertainment centre, Tuesday, 1 December, 2009**  
**Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start Free admission**

PLEASE COME AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT  
OUR KIDS OUR COMMUNITY

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### November

30—5..... Yr10 Queensland Excursion

#### December

1— 4 ..... Marine Stud. Dive Course—SWR

1..... Yr 7 Antarctica Pres. 11.40 am

1..... NV Youth & Community Seminar

..... Nam. Hds Enter'ment Centre

8..... Yr10 Formal—Mks RSL 6.30pm

10..... Yr10 Final Assembly 1.30pm—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 thank our outgoing P&C President, John Glennon.

John has worked over the past two years to bring parents together to have input into the school. He has been a strong supporter of the school canteen and an advocate for the volunteers who put so much time in at the canteen. Many projects have had his backing that have made a real difference to our students and their achievements. In particular his work as parent representative on merit selection panels for employing staff has been most valuable.

David Hall has agreed to fill this position until the next annual general meeting.

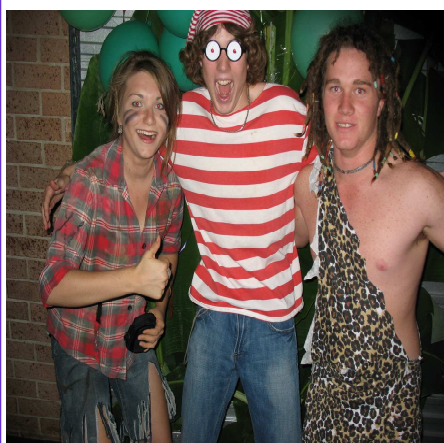
It is a difficult time of year with assessment schedules completed and reports being written.

In particular Year 10, who have completed their School Certificate exams. Teachers are working to provide engaging work in class. I ask you to encourage your child to attend classes regularly, be in uniform and to participate in a positive manner.

Year 9 are receiving their laptops this week. It is a difficult process to get them out. There are over 100 students and each laptop takes a considerable time to install the necessary software and security for the individual student. The situation will occur where some students get theirs earlier than others. I can only ask you to be patient as the staff involved are doing their best.

*Paul Holding*  
PRINCIPAL

## SRC's JUNGLE SOCIAL



*At left:* Maya Norville, Brent Peatey and Tarzan

After a late change to Wednesday 18, the SRC's *Jungle Social* went smoothly. Over 230 students attended, and the behaviour was excellent. With the stadium decorated as a green balloon and streamer jungle, the atmosphere was set for a great night. There were plenty of creative jungle costumes, which gave steep competition for the Best Dressed prizes. The winners were as follows:-

Year 7	Max Vernon and Jacinta Harmer
Year 8	Shannon Crowley and Grady Henshaw
Year 9	Tim Worthing and Bronte Sutton
Year 10	Darcy Viser and Tori Sullivan
Seniors	Elise Bankier and Sam McCormack
Staff	Mrs Collits



*Above:* Jungle critters from various years

Thanks to the music provided by friends of Allison Worrall; the new light system by Simon Craven; the supervision by a dedicated group of teachers; and all the well behaved *jungle creatures* who danced and enjoyed themselves!!! .....more pics page 3....

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### November

Mon. 30 L Kerr, S Compton

### December

Tues. 1 J Lavender, M Brunsdon

Wed. 2 C Mulvihill, R Mulvihill

Thurs. 3 D Jackson, J Martin

Fri. 4 A Booker

Mon. 7 S Compton, J Welsh

Tues. 8 M Lavery

Wed. 9 C Templeton

Thurs. 10 J Martin

Fri. 11 G Welsh, B Zivkovich

Mon. 14 S Compton

Tues. 15 -

Wed. 16 CLOSED

## OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES

Accounts for outstanding school fees were posted home to parents/guardians in August. We would like the subject fees to be paid by the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 as this is our end of school financial year.

The Voluntary Fee is a personal decision as to whether or not it is paid. The Voluntary Fee is used to enhance the schools' educational and sporting programs and are greatly appreciated.

If you have difficulty in paying subject fees please contact the school office for a student assistance form.

## WELCOME TO THE 5TH EDITION OF...SCHOOL PARENTS

*Helping Mums and Dads with school life*

Click here to find:

- ✱ how to talk to your child about sex
- ✱ recipes for allergy-free lunches
- ✱ new opportunities at high school
- ✱ parents supporting their teenagers through the HSC
- ✱ the emotional help you need when you need it
- ✱ how to get your children in free to museums and galleries

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# Notices



Above: Mrs Collits with Kacy & Tori Yr10

Below: students dancing



## SOCIAL PICS



Above: Sarah and Kirsty from Yr 11/12

Below: Anna and Claire from Yr 7



## TAX FILE NUMBERS & WORK EXPERIENCE

### Tax File Numbers

For a number of years schools have been able to process and provide identification for a student's application for a Tax File Number. Recent changes in legislation have meant that, as well as details of name address etc. students are required to record the number that appears on their Birth Certificate.

I will only be able to process Tax File Number Applications during the first three weeks of Term 2 2010.

**I will not be able to process tax file number applications outside that period.**

To make this process as efficient as possible, as a parent, you should

- ⇒ Find the student's Birth Certificate or apply for a new one (your student will only be asked for the number)
- ⇒ Make sure that your student's address, date of birth and phone contact details are up to date with our office.
- ⇒ Watch out for the permission form that will come home in **March** and make sure that your student returns it.

### Please Note:

Tax File Numbers are NEVER supplied to the school. If your student loses their number they can ring 132861 to verify their number. Details of applying for a Birth Certificate can be found on :

<http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/births/htm>

In terms of supplying ID documents it is easiest if the parent applies for the child's Birth Certificate.

For further enquiries contact: Celestine Port-Burns—Careers Adviser at school.