



# Macksville High School

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## Newsletter

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### SCHOOL-BASED TRAINEESHIP PROGRAM

Nambucca Shire Council is providing a window into the world of work for two local high school students by participating in the School-Based Traineeship Program. Taylor Andrews and Anthony Donnelly are working at Council on average 1 day per week whilst completing their high schooling.

Anthony, who is in Year 10 at Macksville High, will complete the practical component of his School Based Apprenticeship in Construction with the Operations section of Engineering Services.



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Anthony Donnelly is pictured here with Bridge crew members Andrew Boorer, Robert Winchester and Ian Wright.

### BOY'S KNOCKOUT TENNIS

On Wednesday of last week the boys tennis team played Westport High from Port Macquarie.

Our team was outgunned by Westport as they had 2 state players.

Tim Hopkins at number 1 had a very tough singles match, finally going down 6-4. Tim and Brendan won their doubles match—the final score was 1-7 against us.

Thanks to all the team for their effort. Tim Hopkins, Brendan Barber, Robert Jones and Rad Schofield

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### August

- 10..... Yr10, 11, 12 Parent/Teacher  
..... Afternoon – 4-6pm in stadium
- 10..... Music & dance concert 7.30pm
- 11..... Vaccinations—Common room
- 11..... Yarrawarra Debating—Corindi Beach
- 12..... Yarrawarra Debating—Corindi Beach
- 12..... Yr8►Yr9 Elective Info evening for  
..... parents and students—6.30pm
- 12– 14 ..... Yr9 Cultural Discoveries—Sydney
- 18– 20 ..... AgQuip Excursion—Gunnedah
- 20..... Yr7, 8 & 9 Parent / Teacher  
..... afternoon—4-6pm in stadium
- 22 ..... P&C meeting 6.30pm in Library
- 24 ..... CSIRO Gene Tech. visit
- 28 ..... NHIGC Golf Challenge—NH
- 31 ..... “Allison” - School Musical—Hall
- 24– 28..... Yr9 Canberra Excursion
- 24—Sep.3 Trial HSC exams in stadium

#### September

- 1—11 ..... “Allison” - School Musical—Hall
- 2—3 ..... Yr7 Science excurs. “Zoonsnooz “
- 22 ..... P&C meeting 6.30pm in Library
- 28—Oct 2..Yr11 Yearly exams
- 2..... Last day Term 3

#### October

- 19..... Term 4 commences Wk 1 Day 1
- 29..... Yr7 & Yr8 exams commence

#### November

- 9..... Yr9 exams

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## From The Principal



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I am very pleased to be back in the school after my Term as Relieving School Education Director. The experience has been invaluable. Thank you to all of the students, parents and staff who have said nice things to me on return.

I have been talking to the students about appropriate values and having a positive attitude and how this can have an affect on each person's day at school. The way we speak to each other, encourage others, follow rules and enjoy ourselves provides the bedrock from which our school community functions and our personal achievements flourish. We have a responsibility for each other. I have challenged many students to make a personal stand by thinking about the type of person they would like to be and making a conscious effort to make it happen. Individuals working together can make a big difference.

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Congratulation to the under 18 Cross Country Team. They are the state champions. This is an exceptional result for Ellie Fuller, Jessica Langham, Tulsa Daley and Renae Power. Alina Tape won a Bronze Medal in the Under 12 girls.

The under 14 rugby league team travelled to Tamworth last Friday to play Farrer Memorial Agricultural College in the last 16 round of the CHS knockout.

Many people have reported to me the outstanding manner in which the team participated and played the game. Unfortunately they were defeated 24 to 22. We have lodged an appeal against their appointment of a student as the centre referee. The CHS appeal's committee has upheld the appeal and the game will be replayed at a neutral venue by August 18.

It is expected that our boys will play in a positive and competitive manner and will make our school and community proud of their efforts. If Macksville wins this encounter, their next game will be against Lambton High School and this will be our home game.

**Paul Holding**  
PRINCIPAL

## SRC WHOLE SCHOOL SOCIAL—Thursday July 2 2009

The SRC ran a great school social on the theme *Oh My God....I can't believe you wore that!* Everyone got into the theme and some great costumes were created. The SRC selected the Best Dress Awards, with some equally creative prizes. The following were the recipients in the various categories.

- Year 7 Keely Salter and George Botfield
- Year 8 Megan Hughes and Tyrone Rofe
- Year 9 Dana Kraschnefski and Jeremy Shrubbs
- Year 10 Alyssa-Jae MacDonald and Ryan McIlwain
- Seniors Lindsey Buckley
- Teacher Mrs Dunn

Special Award for the selection of the theme went to Ebony Hollis, Year 9

The social was another well attended school function, with 273 tickets sold. Most participants had a great night of music, dancing and fun. However, a very small number of students displayed anti-social behaviour, which is threatening the continuation of the SRC organising these socials. As well, the wireless micro-phone, valued at over \$250, which we borrowed from PE, was stolen from the stage. This was very disappointing, as the funds which were to be directed to cancer research, now need to be spent on a replacement micro-phone.

The SRC aims to give the student body the opportunity to have great memories of times at MHS...let's make ALL those SRC functions positive ones!!!



Abby, Lindsey, Ellen, Sophie and Shannon  
from Year 12



Tori, Laura and Jess from Year 10



Mrs Jackson AKA Mrs Shrub



Jess Langham, Renae Power and Tulsa Daley from Year 12



George Botfield, Year 7

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Dana as a swine flu victim



Kaylla Gibbling and Nat Meys



Tavis Hall, Max Vernon and other Year 7 boys

## CANTEEN ROSTER

August

Mon 10 S Compton, J Welsh  
 Tues. 11 M Lavery  
 Wed. 12 L Harvey  
 Thurs. 13 J Martin  
 Fri. 14 G Welsh, B Zivkovich  
 Mon. 17 S Compton, L Kerr  
 Tues. 18 M Cummings  
 Wed. 19 H Jaeger, C Osgood  
 Thurs. 26 D Jackson, J Martin  
 Fri. 21 C Hopkins, A Booker

Mon. 24 S Compton, M Mason, J Welsh

Please phone Ros on 6568 1453 if you can spare a few hours a week or month to help at the Canteen.

## NORTH COAST YOUTH CAREER



**CONNECTIONS** will be issuing Career Information Packs this term to all students in Year 9.

The packs are provided to assist parents and caregivers with general Career Information for their students. Brochures and booklets such as "School Subjects you like and jobs they can lead to ..." are enclosed in the packs.

If you require further information, please call Helen Mower on 02 6568 1066.

## QIBT (Queensland Institute of Business & Technology) - SCHOLARSHIPS

Every semester, QIBT offers two 50% scholarships to exceptional students—that's SIX 50% scholarships per year! Family bursaries, FEE HELP and payment plans also available.

QIBT offers a broad range of diploma programs which articulate directly into the second year of Griffith Bachelor degrees. With small class sizes (max. 25 students per tutorial) and low teacher to student ratios, QIBT students are well equipped for success at university (92% of all QIBT students articulate into Griffith University). Find out more at [www.qibt.qld.edu.au](http://www.qibt.qld.edu.au)

# Notices

## PARENTS & STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE THE SCHOOL'S POLICY FOR STUDENTS NEEDING TO CONTACT HOME

Macksville High School has developed a policy for children needing to phone home since there is no pay phone at the school. The school has a policy of no mobile telephones allowed at school.

When a student needs to contact home the student will approach a member of the teaching staff and indicate the reason they need to contact their home. After assessing that there is a genuine and pressing need, the staff member will then take the student to the office to enable contact to be made. The office staff will facilitate this contact immediately.

## BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY

Want to expand your knowledge of other countries, cultures, languages or cuisines? Then consider opening your door to an international exchange student.

World Education Program (WEP) is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in February 2010.

Apply now & start corresponding with your student upon approval.

Phone for an information pack to be sent—

Nikki Medwell

Inbound Exchange Administrator

World Education Program

Toll Free: 1300 884 733

Email: [wep@wep.org.au](mailto:wep@wep.org.au)

## ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT 2008

The report will be available to parents at the next Parent teacher evening. The foyer or office at school and at the next P & C meeting on August 25.

## MS READATHON

There's still time for students to join in the celebrations of the 30th year of the MS Readathon. Due to popular demand the reading period for the 30th MS Readathon has been extended! Students can now read for any 30 day period during the month of August.. Here's how to get involved:

- ◇ Click online for free registration and receive a FREE MS Readathon wristband
- ◇ Flick through books during the months of August (you can count books from other reading programs too)
- ◇ Collect sponsorship donations from family and friends and collect some terrific rewards
- ◇ Visit [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au) or call 1300 677 323 for more details

**Stuarts Point PS** has for tender an Oki c7350 Printer 2001 model with a spare magenta cartridge. All enquiries by email or ring the school on 6569 0627

## REMINDER TO PARENTS

Please advise the school if you DO NOT want pictures of your students appearing in any publication.

## Yoututor IS BACK FOR Term 3!

All local students have FREE access to an online academic extension service—from any internet connection at home or at your local library—Nambucca Heads and Macksville.

Personal homework, assignment, study, and exam prep support with a qualified tutor, for years 4-12.

**Monday—Friday 4pm—8pm** All you need is your library card number

**Maths:** General/Intermediate/Extension  
**Science:** General/Biology/Chemistry/Physics  
**English:** General (spelling, punctuation, grammar)/Essay writing  
**Study Skills:** Time management/Revision techniques/Assignment Research

1. Go to: [yoututor.com.au](http://yoututor.com.au)
  2. Select 'I am a student logging in'
  3. Select Clarence Regional Library, year level, subject, and have your question ready.
- For technical support, contact: [support@yoututor.com.au](mailto:support@yoututor.com.au)