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JEANS for GENES DAY



Left: SRC students serving the BBQ

The SRC ran another successful fundraiser for research into childhood diseases on Friday 4 August.

The most successful Roll Group was Mr Coia's T2 which collected \$30 from the mufti. Mr Smith's group was a close second with \$27.

The SRC cooked 300 sausages and sold everything to a very generous and hungry school community. Over \$610 was raised from this activity, so thanks to all for your generosity.



Above: Year 12's helpers cooking sausages



Above: BBQ in action



Above: Staff purchasing sausages



Above: Huge line up of students purchasing sausages



Above: Jimmi on his 15th sausage...all for the sake of charity!!!

IMPORTANT DATES

September

- 10-11 7.30pm—"Alison" the school musical
- 16 9am Major Assembly to present Awards to Yr7-Y10 Sem. 1 courses
- 16 Bowra Inter'l Sport visit Yr7—1pm
- 21-25 **Trial School Certificate**
- 22 **P & C meeting—Library 6.30pm**
- 22 Health Careers CH
- 23 9am Senior First Aid Exam—Yr11
- 25 Yr7 Gala Day—Kempsey
- 28-Oct 2 **Yr11 yearly Exams**
- 2 Last day Term 3

October

- 19 Term 4 commences

29 –30..... Year 7/8 Exams

November

- 2—3 Yr7 and Yr8 exams

- 9—13 Yr9 Yearly exams

- 30 Yr 10 Qld Excursion starts

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From The Principal



Paul Holding
PRINCIPAL

This is an exciting time with the School musical in full swing. The students and staff led by Mr Baines and Mrs. Herivel have been working with the students to entertain our community. The first performance on Wednesday to local primary School students was an outstanding success. The staff is looking forward to a function and the Musical on the 18th September.

Andrew King recently competed in the NSW CHS Championships as a member of the North Coast Team. As a result of his performance on the green he was selected in the NSW team. The team manager contacted me to congratulate Andrew not only on the standard of Bowls he played but also the manner in which he conducted himself and the leadership he provided for the younger members of our team. Well done to Andrew.

We had some damage in the form of broken windows and excrement left around the school over the weekend. We do not attract very much vandalism but it is very disappointing when it happens. The result has been a cost to the school, classrooms off line and staff having to undertake some very unsavoury work that is beyond what is expected of them. I can only congratulate the cleaners and general assistant for their support. If you saw anyone on the school grounds over the weekend or you have information that may

assist in catching the culprits I would appreciate you making a report to the Police.

Bullying has been highlighted this week in the media with the most unfortunate death of a student at Mullumbimby High School last week following a violent incident. Our thoughts are with the Student's family, friends and the school community. It is something we all hope never happens but indicates again how fragile life can be. We at Macksville High School take bullying very seriously and work to make our school a safe and happy environment in which our kids can prosper. If you have any concerns in this regard you should immediately contact your child's teacher, Year Adviser, Deputy Principal or myself.

DEPUTY CONCERNS

Year 11 students getting their driving licences causes concern each year with the use (or misuse) of cars. The Department of Education and Training (DET) clearly states that they will not support students using their cars during school hours. Below is a belief outline the main points of our school's policy on students using their cars:

- 1 Students must hold a valid driver's licence. Vehicles being driven by students must have current registration and current comprehensive and third party insurance. Vehicles must be driven safely.
- 2 Any student who wishes to drive to and from school or to school activities must complete a Private Transport permission note available from Mr Gough.
- 3 No student is to drive during the time they are at school. This includes driving to and from sport, at recess and at lunch.

Students are not permitted to transport other students unless they have permission from the other students' parents. A permission note can be obtained from Mr Gough.

DYLAN IS ON HIS WAY HOME

We have all heard of the terrible accident that has left Dylan Welch a quadriplegic. He has spent many months in hospital and rehab and will soon be coming back to the Nambucca. He is expected home in October

Dylan along with his brother Drew and sisters, Bianca, and Shayna have all been at Macksville High School for their senior years. They, as well as his parents, grandparents and wider family will find it difficult to adjust to living with the impact of Dylan's injuries. We are all concerned to help this family in the challenges that lay ahead.

The weekend of September 11 to 13 will see a number of opportunities to welcome Dylan back into our community.

On Friday September 11, Macksville High School will hold a mufti day to raise funds. By making a donation for wearing casual clothing, students and staff can contribute to the Dylan Welch Family fund (registered charity CFN 21160)

On Saturday there will be a number of activities based at Stuarts Point Bowling and Recreation Club. There will be activities and competitions all day, finishing with a dance in the evening.

On Sunday Sept 13 the football club are holding a fundrais-

ing day at Gillet oval.

We encourage all members of the school community to get to these events to help a local family. Not only will they raise money to help with the practical costs but Dylan and his family will feel supported by their friends, neighbours and community.

WIN A BRAND NEW SURF BOARD

As part of M.H.S. fund raiser for Dylan Welch you can win a *Square Onions Surf board* to the value of \$725.00.

Tickets are \$2 each, and can only be purchased at Macksville High in the name of a student or staff member.

100% of the money raised will go to Dylan's cause.

"Be quick", as the surf board will be drawn at our Major Assembly (Week 8 15 September)

More info contact Graham Laverty or Pam Spear at MHS.

MACKSVILLE HIGH SUCCESS AT NORTH COAST ATHLETICS

For the second time this year, Macksville have finished runner up at a North Coast carnival behind Kingscliff High. This is a fantastic result when the population of each school is considered.

As a result, 21 students have qualified to compete in Sydney at Homebush in the first week of September. Highlights from the Lismore carnival include:-

Clare Maloney (17G age champion) establishing a new record in the triple jump of 11.09m, and also winning all 6 of her events.

Taleigha Gillin (16G Age Champion) qualified to compete in 100m, hurdles, triple and long jump.

John Rowe is competing in the hurdles, triple and high jump at his first ever state appearance.

Four relay teams have qualified - the 12 Boys (Ryan Gleeson, Peter Kohlase, Stuart Mason and Mitchell Hawkes), 12 Girls (Ruby Porter, Kelly Taylor, Skye Costello and Megan Porter), 17 Boys (Matt Flockton, Jack Mitchell, John Rowe, and Djaran Smith) and the 17 Girls (Jessica Langham, Taleigha Gillin, Brittany Atkins and Clare Ma-

loney). The Porter twins are unable to compete in Sydney so their spots will be taken by Petrea Guiana and Shepeta Donovan.

Other individual competitors heading to Sydney are – Mitchell Hawkes – 12 Hurdles, Jack Mitchell – 16 200m and 400m, Alina Tape – 12 800m, 1500m walk, Kellie Langham – 15 400m, Ashley Gregory – 15 Hurdles, Sharni Tape – 15 Discus, Ellie Fuller – 17 800m, 1500m and 2km steeple-chase, and Jessica Langham – 17 Long jump. Tim Worthing has also qualified for hurdles, however will be playing Rugby on Friday, so he has had to forgo this opportunity this time.

Unlucky not to be going to Sydney are a number of athletes who finished third in their respective events at Lismore - Aaron Patterson and Shepeta Donovan all went close to qualifying for the state carnival.

Good luck to all our competitors off to Sydney. We are looking forward to sharing your successes in the weeks to come.

LYNDA SHRUBB

VALLEY COMPOSER'S WORK PUBLISHED



.....Louise's photo will be added to the Hall of Fame Outstanding Achievement wall at Macksville High School.....

It is hard enough making a career as a performer, but even more difficult getting your musical compositions published.

Louise Welsh, daughter of Jan and Kevin Welsh of Scotts Head Road, has recently had two of her compositions published by Orpheus Music in Sydney—*Park Suite* for recorders and percussion and *Mirage* for solo violin and chamber group, on the recommendation of Genevieve Lacey, Australia's internationally renowned virtuoso recorder player.

Louise completed her HSC at Macksville High and continued her music studies at the Conservatorium in Newcastle and then at The Royal Academy of Music and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London.

Returning to Australia in 1999, Louise worked as a rehearsal pianist for Opera Australia, and now teaches piano and theory at Trinity Grammar at Summer Hill, as well as working as a piano accompanist for concerts and exams. In 2007 she studied composition with noted Australian composer, Matthew Hindson, and she hopes to have performances of some of her compositions in the near future.

During her visit to her parents in the recent school holidays, Louise called in to show her compositions to her old high school music teacher, who was proud to take this photo of the composer.

Louise's photo will be added to the Hall of Fame Outstanding Achievement wall at Macksville High School.

Judith Herivel

ETC RESUME WORKSHOP—YEAR 11 BUSINESS SERVICES CLASS



L>R Nicky Johnson (ETC) with Therese Borg – Business Services Student

North Coast Youth Career Connections organised a Resume Skills Workshop for students undertaking Certificate II - Business Services in Year 11.

Kate Neubauer and Nicky Johnson from Nambucca Heads - Enterprise & Training Co. (ETC) advised the students on the latest trends in resume preparation and set up for the final product.

Resumes need to be updated on a regular basis to reflect new experiences, skills and school course outcomes. As well, Nicky emphasised to students the need for resumes to be "customised" to address different selection criteria associated with particular job situations.

NCYCC Program Coordinator, Helen Mower said that "all of the students received a Resume/Job Application Information Kit from ETC and were able to complete new Resume templates during the workshop – it was a successful session".

Thank you to Nicky and Kate for attending the workshop session for our Business Services students.

CANTEEN ROSTER

September

Mon.. 7 S Compton, Helper needed
Tues. 8 M Laverty, Helper needed
Wed. 9 C Templeton, Helper needed
Thurs. 10 J Martin, Helper needed
Fri. 11 G Welsh, Helper needed

Mon. 14 S Compton, J Welsh
Tues. 15 M Cummings
Wed. 16 H Jaegar, C Osgood
Thurs. 17 D Jackson, J Martin
Fri. 18 C Hopkins, A Booker

Mon. 21 S Compton, L Kerr

If you can spare a few hours a week or month to help at the canteen, please phone Ros on 6568 1453.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES

Accounts for outstanding school fees were posted home to parents/guardians on 31/8/09. We would like the subject fees to be paid by the 30th 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.

NAMBUCCA HEADS JSLSC—NIPPERS

sign on and registration

Sign on days and pool proficiency swims are being held at Nambucca Indoor Aquatic Centre on Saturday 12th and 19th September at 3pm.

You will need your swimmers, towel and birth certificate (for new members) and pay entry to pool at the door. Membership is \$40.00 per nipper or \$120.00 per family, one parent is required to join.

Please note that swim proficiency is only required for U8—U14.

Enquiries to Jim McCullagh 6568 7244

Notices

NETBALL NEWS

Expressions of Interest — Coaches

At its meeting held on 4 August 2009, the Nambucca Valley Netball Association resolved to seek expressions of interest from reliable persons wishing to coach one of the following Nambucca Valley State Representative Teams for the 2010 netball season:-

Under 12's; Under 13's; Under 14's; Under 15's; Under 17's and/or Under 21's; and Opens/Premier League Team.

All coaches must have a Foundation or Level 1 Certificate. Interested persons are to apply *in writing*, stating their coaching qualifications, no later than 25 September 2009. Successful applicants will be subject to Child Protection Legislation background checks. Letters to be addressed to:-

Secretary, NVNA, PO Box 292, Macksville, NSW, 2447

Expressions of interest close Friday 25 September 2009 and will be assessed at the NVNA General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 6 October 2009.

2010 Rep Selection

Girls do you want to try out for the 2010 Rep Teams, then come on down to the new courts and have a go. This year NVNA has decided to have a Development Squad for all teams and Squad selection will take place on 25 October 2009 followed by four weekly squad training sessions to be held in November. Teams will be selected after the four weekly training sessions. All players will be advised what will be expected of them at these training sessions.

Put this date in your diary, the time will be advised closer to the day. Don't miss out girls. Reps is a lot of fun and very rewarding. Come along and try out. We look forward to seeing you on the 25 October 2009.

TAX HELP

Do you earn under \$40,000 a year and have simple tax affairs? If so you may be eligible for the Tax Office's free Tax Help service. Tax Help is a free and confidential service provided to low income earners by a network of Tax Office-trained community volunteers.

Tax Help is available by appointment at convenient community-based locations in most areas until the end of October.

If you are not sure where your nearest Tax Help centre is or you want to know if you're eligible, call the Tax Office on **13 28 61**.

Community Education & Assistance - Newcastle - ATO
P (02) 49231034 M 0410575903 F (02) 49231588

WANT TO PLAY CRICKET?

Join Macksville Ex—Services Cricket Club

Girls & boys welcome. U/14's play Saturday morning; U/16's-20 Friday afternoon 4.30pm-7pm (leaves weekends free for other activities).

Registration days are September 19 & 26 at Donnelly Welsh oval Macksville from 9am.

All welcome no matter what your standard from beginner to representative standard.

Contact Terry Baldwin 6564 8046 or see Mr Lockyer.

NAMBUCC YOUTH SING OUT

Sing Out Youth Choir is offering voice and singing workshops every Saturday between 10 am and 1 pm at Nambucca Valley Youth Services Ridge St Nambucca Heads, beginning 5 September 2009.

They will be run weekly and culminate in a public performance at the end of October. The workshops will be run by Lea Gillard, a renown local singer and songwriter. The Sing Out Youth Choir is an opportunity for young people who are interested in music to develop their skills while singing their favourite songs.

Come along or ring Lyn at the centre on 02 65687777. Cost is free.