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Newsletter

"QUALITY FACILITIES AND RESOURCES ARE PROVIDED"

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IMPORTANT DATES

2010 MACKSVILLE GIFT QUEENS



Two beautiful girls from Macksville High took out first place and runner up positions at the Macksville Gift Queen 2010 competition. Kylie Ellis in Year 9 was awarded the dual honour of Gift and Charity Queen raising more than \$3,000 for charity.

Amelia Honnery in Year 11 was crowned Runner-up. Both girls truly deserve their awards for their hard work and outstanding contribution to community service.

December

- 29—Dec.3... Year 10 Excursion—Queensland
- 3 Yr11 BOS talk—Hall
- 7 Year 6 Orientation Day
- 7 Year 10 Formal—Mks RSL
- 9 Yr 10 Assembly—Stadium—1pm
- 10.....Yrs 7, 8 & 9—Wet 'n' Wild excursion— Qld
- 10 Yr11 Sports Coaching—Mks RSL Club.
- 14..... Presentation Evening—7pm in Stadium**
- 16—17 Term 4 Staff Dev. Days—(student free)

January 2011

- 28 Staff Development Day—(student free)
- 31 Term 1 commences for Yrs 7, 11 & 12
- and new students

February

- 1 All students attend school

STARTING 2011

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS CAN BE BOOKED
ONLINE AT WWW.SCHOOLINTERVIEWS.COM.AU
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

MHS CAPTAINS LAY A WREATH ON REMEMBRANCE DAY

The 2010 Macksville Remembrance Day Service, was held under a raining sky this year. This in no way dimmed the spirits or dampened the pride of the members of the Macksville RSL Sub-Branch of Australia.

The speeches were both heartfelt and poignant and reflected the significance of the day. As quoted by Salvation Army Captain John Viles, in his speech, *"a man is the sum of his memories"*. This quote reflects that those who remember are the sum total of the memories of those men & women who sacrificed their lives.

As The Last Post bugle call sounded at 11 am precisely the small crowd who gathered, bowed their heads and remembered those who had fallen. Macksville High School's new Captains for 2011, Kyle Buckley and Caitlin Baines, did their school proud laying a beautiful wreath on behalf of the school community.



From The Principal

This week we hosted our 2011 Year 7 parents at school for an orientation. The attendance was excellent with parents coming together for the first time as a group and hearing about what our school has to offer in the way of facilities, curriculum and opportunities.

The Year Adviser, Liz O'Sullivan was introduced to the group. Liz spoke about the work she has been doing visiting our partner schools and the organisation for orientation day on the 7th December. A representative from Busways attended to clear up any concerns about bus pass entitlement, applying for a pass and expectations of students while on the bus. This was followed by a tour of the school facilities. Year 8 students acted as tour guides and did an excellent job of showing the parents around and filling them in on what school life is all about at Macksville High. Thanks to the many staff who attended and helped to make the evening a success and to our P&C for providing supper.

Following the parent orientation we went straight into a P&C meeting. A small group of dedicated parents again attended and discussed a range of very important matters. Issues raised included the difficulty to find parents who are willing and have the time to volunteer. The school can-

teen is a major concern at the moment. The canteen manager reported a drop in volunteers and has requested an increase in paid staff to ensure the canteen functions effectively for the students. The result of this is a reduction in profit and likely increase in prices. The profits are managed by the P&C and used to pay for resources for the school and sponsoring of students who represent the school. I have begun investigation into how students may be able to assist and benefit from their involvement. Contact the school office if you are able to volunteer your time either on a regular basis or on a needs basis if you get a call.

Following discussion with the P&C I have purchased an online parent/teacher booking system that we hope will make the booking system easier and empower parents to be more involved. Parents will be given an access code and need to have an email address, know their child's subjects and teachers. When on line simply select subject, teacher and interview times. Your completed booking list will then be emailed to you. Parents without internet access or who need assistance will be able to phone the school for immediate assistance.

Paul Holding, Principal

REVIEW OF FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

have your say

A well funded public school in every community

The Federal Government is conducting a Review of Funding for Schooling. You can have your say and call for a new system that:-

- ensures public schools have increased funding to meet all students' individual needs; and
- recognises the additional costs of educating children from a wide range of backgrounds and circumstances — family income, special needs and geographical location.

For more information and to have your say, go to www.forourfuture.nswtf.org.au

STAFF MEMBER PROFILE—Ms Kelly Hardingham (B Art Ed)



Kelly is a local girl who went to Macksville High School and was School Vice Captain. She went onto study at the University of NSW (College of Fine Arts) completing a Bachelor of Art Education. Her first position was at South Sydney High School. She moved back to Macksville to be with family and started at Macksville High, three years ago teaching Visual Arts.

Kelly feels supported and is always amazed at the talent of the students that she teaches. She recently hosted an art exhibition of student's works including Year 12 major work. This was held at the school and was a great success including a special visit to the School from the Regional Director & School Education Director.

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**Parties - Will You Allow Alcohol at
Your Adolescent's Party?**

Many parents and carers will be helping young people in their family celebrate birthdays, special occasions, finishing their school year or leaving school.

It is time for careful planning so that everyone enjoys themselves. Some parents may not be aware of their responsibilities in relation to supplying alcohol to under 18s.

Regardless of where the function will be held, it is against the law to obtain for, or supply alcohol to anyone under 18 years of age - even at private parties. This activity is often called secondary supply of alcohol - an offence that carries a maximum penalty of \$5,500 per offence or \$11,000 and 12 months prison in very serious circumstances. On the spot fines of \$550 can also be issued by police.

This information comes to you from the NSW Department of Liquor, Gaming and Racing. Check their website for further information:

www.qlgr.nsw.gov.au/liquor_info_young_people_2nd_party.asp

Points to consider:

- ♦ What do you do if an underage guest arrives with alcohol?
- ♦ What do you do if students arrive intoxicated?
- ♦ What do you do if your alcohol has been consumed during the course of the party?
- ♦ How can you plan a successful party that addresses these issues?

It is much easier to plan and control what happens at your next party if you follow some simple guidelines. Here are some suggestions that can make a difference:

- ♦ Ideally RSVP invitations should be issued, giving as many details as possible about times of starting and finishing, the nature of the party, a dress code, how it will be supervised and how guests will return home. Indicate guests will be required to bring their invitation for party entry.
- ♦ On the invitation, suggest guest parents contact host parents to fine tune details and discuss any concerns. This will ensure parents are not pressured against their better judgement and gives everyone permission to talk about supervision, safety, alcohol and drug issues etc.
- ♦ Have only one entrance or exit to make it easier to control who attends your party.
- ♦ Guest lists should be kept to a manageable size. If guest numbers are large, ask other parents to assist with supervision or consider hiring security personnel.
- ♦ Host parents need to be aware of appropriate return transport for guests and/or provide overnight, supervised accommodation.
- ♦ Make it clear in advance it is an alcohol free party. (Parents are reminded of the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing penalties cited earlier).

- ♦ Alcohol at parties is not easily supervised. Alcohol can easily be consumed in advance or mixed with soft drinks prior to the party. Alcohol may be left outside in cars or hidden in bushes. Although these problems can occur, they are less likely if the party is well supervised.
- ♦ Confiscate BVO alcohol from under 18s. Return it to their parents or carers.
- ♦ If guests are a mixture of under and over 18s, there is less control over the consumption of alcohol. A nominated adult should serve alcohol.
- ♦ Actively serve non-salty food throughout the party. This will slow down alcohol consumption for those who are drinking.
- ♦ Attractive non-alcoholic drinks should always be provided. For example, "Mocktails", non-alcoholic punches, soft drinks, fruit juices, coffee, tea and of course, water.
- ♦ If under 18s consume alcohol or other drugs during the party, their parents should be contacted and asked to collect them. Parents should be advised of unacceptable behaviour.
- ♦ Be firm about excluding gatecrashers. If admittance is by invitation only, gatecrashers are less likely. Prior to the party, encourage students not to broadcast party details in the school community, via the internet or mobile phone. If gatecrashers arrive, ask them to leave immediately or tell them the police will be called.
- ♦ Parents should be present and provide active supervision throughout the party.
- ♦ If you are planning a large party, it may be a good idea to employ security guards.

Register your party with NSW Police

NSW Police have developed a range of strategies and an online Party Sign Up form which must be completed at least 72 hours before your party. Register your party at www.myntle.com.au. This way local Police will know that you are having a party and can offer support. Have emergency numbers handy and call police before the situation gets out of control. Advise neighbours of your party as common courtesy.

Other useful websites to help you plan a successful party and avoid problems:

www.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/language-support-for-ethnic-families_english.pdf
Alcohol: celebrations and supply information for parents
http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/hot_topics/safe_party
http://www.youthsafe.org/safe_celebrate.html

This website has current safe partying information, games, and competitions on how to party safely for young people and information for parents

Look for information about the RISK Program and risk taking at our website
www.risk.com.au

CANTEEN ROSTER

November & December

Monday	29	S Compton, R Aitken
Tuesday	30	Helpers Needed
Wednesday	1	Helpers Needed
Thursday	2	D Jackson, J Martin
Friday	3	G Welsh

Monday	6	S Compton, A Pope, R Aitken
Tuesday	7	R Wood
Wednesday	8	Helpers Needed
Thursday	9	C Templeton
Friday	10	G Welsh

Monday	13	S Compton, J Welsh, R Aitken
Tuesday	14	H Jaeger, C Osgood
Wednesday	15, 16 & 17	Closed

Volunteers Christmas Dinner Friday December 3 at 6:30pm at Macksville R.S.L.

More information phone Ros on 65 681066

THEATRE AND DRAMA CLASSES

Classes in drama and theatre skills will be commencing on Monday November 22.

Monday – Nambucca Heads
Entertainment Centre – 3.30-4.30pm
Friday – Bowraville Theatre,
Bowraville – 4.00-5.00pm

- Cost is:- \$10 per child \$15 for two children \$20 for three children
- The classes will be run by Frances Warren, Director of Youth Theatre productions at Bowraville Theatre such as "Peter Pan", "Alice in Wonderland" and "The Jungle Book".
- Theatre and drama classes encourage literacy and assist in the development of confidence and life skills and are a wonderful way of encouraging creativity in young people.
- For more information please contact Frances Warren on 65648388

TRENT MUNRO SURF ACADEMY

The annual RIP CURL GIRLS GO SURFING DAY will take place on November 27-28 Enquiries to Trent 6569 7127

LEARN MORE ABOUT FLYING

Are you a young person aged 8-18 years? Think about joining the Australian Air League. The Australian Air League is looking to open a squadron in the Nambucca area and invites you to come along to a free information session on Saturday December 4 at Senior Citizen's Centre, Princess Street, Macksville at 10:00am.

For further enquiries please contact Ean Rosenberg on 6568 2315 or Vicki Fernance, Youth Development Officer, Nambucca Shire Council on 6568 0254.

NOTICES

MISSABOTTI COMMUNITY MARKETS & CULTURAL DAY

Sunday December 5

With Jumbaal Dreamin', Black Ice & Enchantica Belly Dancers, club cars, pony rides—food from the Café & BBQ plus home made cakes, fresh local produce, plants, books, clothes and more

Come along and pick up a bargain!!

SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

- **University Options Information Day** (for career paths)—Thursday December 16 from 10am-4pm at the Coffs Harbour campus. For more info call Meegan McHugh on 6659 3920
- **Rising Stars Scholarships criteria for 2011** can be viewed at www.scu.edu.au/scholarships. More info phone 6620 3006 or 6620 3313.
- **School of Health & Human Sciences** will host an Undergraduate Course Information Event on December 6 10:30am-12:30pm at the Coffs Harbour campus for prospective students interested in the Bachelor of Psychological Science or Bachelor of Nursing. More info phone 6659 3628
- **School of Education Course Information** is hosting an Undergraduate Course Information Event for prospective students on December 8, 10:30am to 1:00pm. More info phone 6659 3654. Please refer to www.scu.edu.au for more details

The 2009 MHS School Magazine and past and present Newsletters are available for viewing or down loading from the school website: www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

**The first MHS P&C meeting will be held on
Tuesday February 22 2011.**

**This meeting will be held at
6.30pm at the Macksville Chinese
Restaurant to celebrate the New Year and
hopefully some new faces.
Dinner and drinks to be at own cost. All new
parents are welcome to attend.**

8G USB FLASH DRIVES

There are a few USB flash drives still available if anyone would like one. Cost is \$18:00 for an 8gig. Please see Deslie (TSO) at MHS or call 6568 1066.

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND LTD

In January 2011 Student Exchange will be receiving exchange students from Japan, Europe, the USA and South America. They are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student and attend a local school for 3-10 months.

Please call 1300 135 331 or view www.studentexchange.org.au for more details.

LONG TERM ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

- Applications close 30th March 2011 for departure January 2012
- www.rotary9650.org.au (links YEP, YEPPER)
- Contact Chairman Keith Glover 0268221088, Secretary
- John Sawyer 0268421081, 0448130630
- yepd9650@bigpond.com.au or your local Rotary Club

* Or Mrs Howle, Community Liaison Officer, MHS for more info.