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Newsletter

"THERE IS A CLEAR AND EFFECTIVE WELFARE AND DISCIPLINE SYSTEM"

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COOKING –PISANG (banana) GORENG (fried)



Lee Gilliland our Language Teacher at MHS has always believed in the importance of teaching life skills. Even when it comes to being part of an Indonesian language class. One never to miss an opportunity Ibu Lee with help from Ibu Han from Scotts Head Primary School assisted students to cook fried bananas (Pisang Goreng) in class. A very simple recipe that students can cook at home for their families.



At left and above: Ibu Han with Tayla Fuller & Alison Beggs enjoying Pisang Goreng on the new Language Centre verandah.



IMPORTANT DATES

December

13..... Literacy Excurs. Mks River

14.....**Presentation Evening—7pm
in Stadium**

16—17.....Term 4 Staff Development Days
(student free)

January 2011

28.....Staff Development Day—
.....(student free)

31.....Term 1 commences for Yrs 7, 11
.....& 12 and new enrolments

February

1.....All students attend school (incl.
.....Yrs 8, 9 & 10)

9.....Swimming Carnival

24.....Yr7 & 10 Immunisation

STARTING 2011

Parent/teacher afternoon meeting interviews
can be booked online at

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

"MATHLETICS" AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE



Every student studying Mathematics now has a sign in and password and can access the program online 24 hours a day.

Following the success of our school in the World Mathletics Day, Macksville High decided to purchase the program for each student in the school. Every student studying Mathematics now has a sign in and password and can access the program online 24 hours a day.

In this program your class coursework is available and you can also compete live with other students using basic number skills.

If you don't have your username and password, see your maths teacher or Mrs Briggs in the maths staffroom. This is a great opportunity to brush up on your maths over the holidays to be prepared for your next year at high school.

Mrs Briggs

From The Principal

This week we held the Year 10 Formal and Presentation Assembly. Both of these functions were very exciting and celebrated the success of our students and their achievements at this stage of their schooling. The School Certificate results were pleasing with 18 band six and 89 band five results. Congratulations to the Year 10 DUX, Jessica Howe, and equal second in Year Dana Kraschnefski and Kate Lynch. I took the opportunity at the assembly to speak about the opportunity Year 10 students have to review their results, consider their performance and to set goals for the senior years, in particular—attendance. Students who have excessive days off or participate in extra curricular activities which takes them out of their classroom can be disadvantaged when endeavouring to cover course content and achieve at a high level.

This week we also welcomed our new Year 7 students on orientation day. They were put in groups to help them meet new friends and worked through a timetable of events during the day. We have received a lot of information about our new students from their Primary Schools and have developed 5 classes. One is an extension class, the four others are based on mixed ability, learning support and social needs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support I have received during the year, congratulate the many students who have excelled and wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

Paul Holding, Principal



CHILD STUDIES 1—WITH MRS O’SULLIVAN’S CLASS



During the past term students have been looking at the development of babies into toddlers. We recently took a trip to Nambucca to see the movie, “Life as We Know It”. The movie told the story of a young couple who are “just friends”, but soon find themselves raising the daughter of their mutual friends, who die in a car accident. As neither had any intention of pursuing a relationship or producing children, it was hilarious to watch as they slowly realise their responsibilities.



The girls were beautifully behaved and had a thoroughly enjoyable day. We had lunch at “Macdonalds” and then walked to nearby Bellwood Park. Some cooled down with an ice-cream from the local shop whilst others took time out for a swing.

Thank you to Mr Ally who was our bus driver and made sure we arrived safely back at school after everyone had relaxed by the river for a short while.



Dates with Destiny for MHS Students: Over 50 early Uni entry offers



Left: Rhiannon McAuliffe has been accepted into Southern Cross University to study for a Bachelor of Visual Arts.

Over the past two weeks plenty of smiles have been seen on the faces of Macksville High School HSC students as they receive letters from three universities notifying them that they have qualified for various “Early Entry” schemes. Some students received letters from two or three universities. Southern Cross University, Charles Sturt University and the University of New England are the main focus of these programs which make a firm offer to students irrespective of their HSC ATAR score.



On Thursday, 9 December the University Admissions Centre will release the firm offers on these schemes, guaranteeing those students a place at University for 2011. Celestine Porter-Burns, Careers Adviser, commented “for some this is the course that they most wanted and for others it is a safety net and they will await the 19 January main round offers before making a final decision. It is really worthwhile for students to apply to these schemes. We have a great record of success.”

On Wednesday, 15 December students will get their HSC exam results and the ATARs are available on Thursday, 16 December. Students have until 6 January to change their preferences and Main Round University offers will be available on Wednesday, 19 January. Good luck to everyone looking to secure a place.

Year 10 Students put back into their community



The Swim & Survive Program held every year for primary school students would struggle to continue without the dedication of fabulous instructors and the generous time given by Year 10 students of Macksville High School (MHS). 26 Year 10 students, 2 Year 11 and one Year 12 Sports Coaching students were involved this year

The students were required to undergo training sessions prior to the start of the program which included swimming techniques, water safety/confidence and endurance. Susan Adams a MHS teacher suggested Year 10 students could assist to keep the program going when they couldn't get enough parent involvement. That was 10 years ago and the program has continued ever since. Without people like Susan and her dedication, this type of program would not be available to teach kids water safety techniques that may one day save their lives.



Approximately, 180 Macksville Primary School students from Years 2 to 4 have the opportunity to attend a two week swim & survive program held at the Macksville Pool. The program is more than just swimming lessons, it provides a broad, balanced program of swimming, water safety & survival skills.

It also gives the high school students the chance to work in a team situation, teach younger children and put their time and skills back into the community. A number of past students have gone on to be Auswim teachers. MHS would like to thank everyone involved and encourage students next year to get involved.

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SCOTTS HEAD ATHLETICS CAMP



Ritchie Donovan and his team recently held the 5th Indigenous Athletics Camp at Scotts Head. This camp attracts some amazing top line coaches from the Newcastle area to train the kids at the camp. This year was also the 5th year in attendance for current Commonwealth Champion Benn Harradine who is patron of the camp. Benn recently became the first indigenous athlete to win a Commonwealth Gold medal in a field event. Also in attendance were Liam Gander and Laura Breen, both sprinters who have targeted making the Australian team for the London.

This year was the biggest attendance by a group of Macksville High students, and they are pictured below with Benn Harradine, Lima Gander and Laura Breen. Also pictured in the photo is Ben Fitzgerald- Hall who now goes to Hunter Sports High. Ben is an ex-student from MHS and has just recently thrown a qualifying throw in the discus for World Juniors for next year.



*At left: 11PDHPE PROTECT THEIR BITS!
The Yr 11 PE class recently learned the benefits of wearing protective equipment whilst playing sport.*

GETTING A TAX FILE NUMBER

Macksville High School will be processing applications for a TAX FILE number during Term 2 in 2011. Notes and brochures will be sent to all Year 9 students early in Term 1. Other students will be able to get a note from the box outside the Careers office.

The ATO is very specific about the forms being correct. **It is essential that birth certificate details are supplied.** Please check that you have one for your student. You may need to apply for a new one and this can take some weeks.

I provide the ID verification by checking against the school records. If you have moved, or changed any details, please make sure that our office is notified ASAP. Please also note that Tax File Numbers are NEVER sent to the school. If you have any questions, please call me on 6568 1066—Celestine Porter-Burns
Thank you, Celestine Porter-Burns Careers Adviser

MHS Language Teacher Lee Gilliland to receive the 2011 Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowship

Macksville High School would like to offer its congratulations to Mrs Lee Gilliland for winning a place in the 2011 Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowship. This prestigious award is only given to a select group of teachers each year. It is a professional learning program which aims to support quality teaching by providing language teachers with the opportunity to improve their language and cultural skills through intensive short-term study programs. The program takes place over a three-week period in January each year. Programs may be held in Asia, Europe, Latin America or the Middle East.

Mrs Gilliland will be studying in Bali staying with a local family, studying at the IALF Denpasar with 25 other Indonesian teachers from all over Australia. Each day they will take part in intensive language lessons and create teacher models to use back in their schools. Field trips to many parts of the island and visits to local schools to participate in lessons is also part of the program. We wish Ibu Gilliland all the best for a wonderful trip in the New Year.

CANTEEN ROSTER

December

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

Please contact Ros on 6568 1066 if you can help at the canteen in 2011.

NOTICES

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.

NAMBUCCA SHIRE COUNCIL—SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES JANUARY 2011

Mon. January 17: Bush Walking Tour—Dorrigo Nat. Park

Wed. January 19: Surf School

Fri. January 21: Glass Casting Workshop

Mon. January 24: Kayaking the Nambucca River

Sat. January 29: Fishing Stories

Permission slips and bookings are required to attend ALL activities. Please contact 6568 2555 to book a place for activities and transport. Permission slips available at B'ville CTC, B'ville Health Post, NH Library, Nambucca Youth Serv. Centre, Mks Library and Nam. Shire Council.

Billabong Surf Camp & Super Surf Camp (Gold Coast)

Scheduled events:

Currumbin Junior SLSC: December 20 & 21

Gold Coast (board riding): January 13 & 14

More information visit www.supersurfcamps.com or email Dana Dowker office@supersurfcamps.com

NSW Sport & Recreation School Holiday Activities—North Coast Region

- Cricket coaching clinics at Grafton, Yamba, Port Macquarie, South West Rocks and Lismore
- Extreme fun—abseiling (8-14yrs) at Byron Bay
- Surf Clinic (8-15yrs) at Lennox Head
- Mountain Biking at Lennox Head
- Lake Ainsworth activity days (7-13yrs)

How to enrol: Phone (02) 6618 0400 Fax: (02) 6687 4175 or mail: NSW Sport and Recreation, PO Box 121, Lennox Head 2478. Need payment and

More information for cost and enrolment forms for activities visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au or for school sporting events www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au

Will your idea transform your community? The \$25,000 Question can help make it happen The Royal Agricultural Society Foundation is offering young people the opportunity to secure up to \$25,000 to deliver a new and innovative rural community project.

We will consider inspired projects as diverse as playground equipment for your local kindergarten or a tree-planting day to combat salinity. To enter simply tell us how you would use \$25,000 to realise a project Applications close 14 January 2011 – apply online at www.rasf.org.au For further information please contact the Royal Agricultural Society Foundation

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MyFuture Video Competition to February 28, 2011- Enter the myfuture Video Competition for the chance to win \$7500 and show off your creativity. All you need to do is create a video profiling an occupation that interests you. The myfuture Video Competition is open for entries from young people aged 12-25.

The winner will receive a cash prize of \$7500 and also have a chance to win another \$5000 in the myfuture Viewers' Choice Award. The aim of the competition is to assist young people to explore career ideas by producing a 2-3 minute video on an occupation that interests them.

Visit the myfuture website www.myfuture.edu.au <<http://www.myfuture.edu.au>> for further information and to sign up to receive regular competition updates that will provide helpful tips for producing a video entry.

End of Year Pool Party—

Where: Macksville Memorial Aquatic Pool

When: Friday December 17

Time: 6pm till 8pm

For: Music / party games / Kiosk for dinner

Please note: This event is not run by Macksville High School



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