



# MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

"QUALITY FACILITIES AND RESOURCES ARE PROVIDED"

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- Aug. 28.....** Tournament of the Minds at MHS  
30..... Musical Dress Rehearsal  
31..... 11am—Musical Matinee  
31..... Women's Business K1—MHS
- Sept 1.....** HSC Drama Marking  
2..... 11am—Musical Matinee  
2..... U/16 Basketball—Port Macquarie  
3..... Musical Night Performance—6.00pm  
6..... 11am—Musical Matinee  
7..... Formal Assembly in Stadium  
7..... GP Visit—Textiles  
7..... Senior First Aid Cert.—Common Room  
8..... 11am—Musical Matinee  
9..... Yr7 Immunisation—Hall  
9-10..... CHS Athletics—Sydney  
10-11..... Musical Night Performance—6.00pm  
10..... HSC Design & Technology Marking  
**13—14 .... Yr10 Trial School Cert. in Stadium**  
13..... Zone AGM—Kempsey  
15..... HSC Music Marking  
**16—23 .... Yr11 Yearly Exams**  
17..... Yr 7 Sport Day  
**23..... Yr12 Formal Assembly**  
..... 23...Yr12 Formal Dinner—6.30pm—  
Mks RSL  
24..... Last day Term 3
- Oct. 11..... Term 4 begins—all students  
attend school**

### From The Principal

Last week I had the good fortune to visit Toronga Zoo with 40 year 7 students. We travelled by train, had an evening tour of the Zoo, slept in the education classrooms and were up early for a behind the scenes tour. The students were outstanding, the zoo staff complementary and staff who attended the excursion very proud of our students. The only disappointing aspect of this Science excursion was the limited number of students who are able to attend. The Zoo excursion is so popular that a school is only able one overnight visit per year and student participation numbers are limited. Thanks to Jenny Conway our Science Head Teacher for her organisation.

At this week's P&C meeting we discussed a proposal to use web based booking system for parent teacher evenings. Parent survey response was discussed and those present were very supportive of the proposal. I will now take the proposal to staff for their feedback and consider implementation in 2011.

Congratulations to the Boys Rugby League and the Girls Rugby Union teams for their recent wins. They both now play in finals that are likely to be in Sydney. To help parents with the cost we will be looking at fund raising activities over the next couple of weeks. Your support will be appreciated.

Students involved with Rugby Union include—Yr 8: Monique Burnes, Maison Gainge, Petrea Guiana, Carlie Halverson, Jacinta Harmer, Jessica Kinsella, Maddison Price, Shayna Welch; Yr9: Courtney Beaumont, Mareesa Brunsdon, Latunya Donovan, Briana Earle, Tatijana Harnos-Jamieson, Megan Hughes, Kiya Laird, Jane Stanton, Nyomi Widders, Lydia Witte; Yr10: Courtney Parkins, Melina Cooper, Gypsy Hollis, Samantha Innes, Kelsey Langley-Ryan, Karleisha Roberts, Bronte Sutton. Assistant coaches Jasmine Leigh-Smith and Danica Burrridge

See story re Rugby Union Buckley Shield and picture Page 3

*Paul Holding, Principal*

Left to right: Dean Witsel, Mitchell Rolleston, Jake Dormer-Hughes, Thomas Rowe, Jarrod Pike, Dean Ellis, absent: Jessica Howe



### 2010 Australian Geography Competition Winner

Macksville High School students participated in the 2010 Australian Geography Competition and were the recipients of High Distinctions and Distinctions. They are to be commended for their efforts and congratulated for finishing within (at least) the top 15% of the entire State. More than 100,000 students competed. Well done to all involved.

My personal thanks to Mr Dawe for organising the competition.

Mr Josh Webb  
HSIE Department



## SAUSAGE SIZZLE -SRC- JEANS FOR GENES DAY

*At left: Tom Mulvihill & John Rowe working hard on the BBQ.*

Macksville High School Student Representative Council members coordinated a sausage sizzle for all the students to join in and help raise funds for Jeans for Genes Day.

Staff and students were encouraged to wear jeans on the day and bring a donation to help out, the SRC raised \$411.85.

Jeans for Genes is a major fundraiser of the Children's Medical Research Institute.

Chances are you probably know someone who has a genetic disease, because one in twenty children are

born with some form of genetic fault. There are children with leukaemia, muscular dystrophy, genetic defects and many other disorders.

The scientists at the Children's Medical Research Institute are working to try to prevent these diseases before they occur in our children, or where that is not possible to develop better treatments.



## YEAR 6 TRANSITION PROGRAM



*At left: In random order students from Macksville Primary School & Scotts Heads Primary School Koope Sullivan, Alec Gage, Patrick Fuller, Kaden McAlphine, Sophie Crowley, Shenae Conway, Zali McIntyre Eryn Lawler along with MHS Teacher Lee Gilliland & SHPS Principal Angie Evans.*

Macksville High School has been working closely with Medlow, Scotts Head and Stuarts Point Public Schools to help prepare students to start high school next year. As part of a transition program from Year 6 into Year 7 students from Macksville Primary School (MPS) and Scotts Head Primary School (SHPS) have participated as part of a linkage program to visit each other's schools so that they can meet and establish friendships which will greatly assist them to adjust to high school life.

Students had the chance to ask questions about high school, mix with each other and create lasting bonds. They made and cooked pizzas and enjoyed yummy deep friend bananas with golden syrup for lunch. As part of the experience they spent time preparing questions to ask each other whilst on live radio which is a special facility available at SHPS, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.

On the 20th September all the Year 6 students from the smaller schools in the Valley will be spending a day at MPS to join in normal class room lessons, take a Gumbaynggirr language class and participate in traditional Indigenous games. This has been a very successful program for all involved with students and teachers looking forward to a smooth transition into high school next year.

## GREAT WIN FOR BUCKLEY SHIELD



Macksville High's U14 Buckley Shield team have charged into the State semi-finals after an epic battle with Morisset High on Friday. A game that went from end to end with brilliant defence from both teams saw the score locked up at 6 all at full time. Ben Suckling in one of his many dominating runs was the first half try scorer. Morisset were a big team, with a number of talented players. Defensively, we were pushed to the limit, yet as a team we stood together and were able to hold them out until the last few minutes of real time. Our little guys, Jai, Darren, TJ and Dylan defended brilliantly against kids twice their size.

In extra time, Morisset went ahead almost immediately scoring a try and converting it to take the lead in the game 12-6. This was the motivation our boys needed, and within minutes Ben Suckling threw a flick pass out to Jake Capell, who scored out wide near the sideline. Billy Hennessey composed himself to convert the try, against a background of 900 Morisset fans who were jeering at him as he came into kick. Score line 12 all.

Our boys knew it was time to step up and take control of the game again. The forwards, led by Captain Daneil Donovan were brilliant. They continued to run the ball up hard and fast, and were lined up each set to take the ball forward. Billy Hennessey, Ryan Gallop, Adrian Crumpton, Stuart Mason and Jake Capell were relentless in their ball running. The pressure paid off, and shortly before the end of the first half of extra time, Ben Suckling broke through the defensive line to score our third try, converted by Billy to take the lead to 18-12.

In the second half of extra time, the message was very clear. Defence was everything, and we had to play mistake free football. Again, the leadership shown by Daneil Donovan in this last ten minutes was inspirational. He was involved in just about every tackle, and took the first hit up, just about every time. The boys scrambled frantically in defence, and Morisset were unable to find any answers to their prayers.

Every member of our squad played a huge role in Friday's win. Keith Donovan squeezed every ounce of energy he had out of his body. He was down and wounded many times in the game, but just got up and went again. Our players took lots of motivation from watching Keith's contribution to his team's victory. Damian Carriage looked dangerous every time he got the ball, and was unlucky not to score. TJ Welsh at fullback, was incredible. For a little bloke, he showed amazing courage as he was continually put under high balls by Morisset High, then gang tackled by three players every time he brought the ball back up. Our play makers, Jai Doolan, Darren Liebe, Dylan Stewart and Kade Spear set a great platform for our forwards to work off. They also threw themselves into tackles without any thought of self preservation. Both our wingers, Nigel Robinson and Max Blanch, were put under mighty pressure, and both unfortunately succumbed to injury during the match.

Our bench were heavily relied on to plug the holes, as a number of players were brought off with injury. Kade Spear, with limited game time under his belt over the last few weeks, stepped in and took a lot of pressure off our forwards once on the field. Stuart Mason, Tai Kelly and Aaron Shrubbs all spent a lot of time on the field and slotted into their positions without the team losing any momentum. All three of these boys were involved in high pressure try saving tackles and bombs that helped cement our win.

The team would again like to thank Danny Doolan for his invaluable preparation and guidance that has seen us play some outstanding footy to date. We also would like to acknowledge all the parents and family who travelled with us to Morisset. Without their support, our preparation may not have been as good. We also would like to thank the staff at Morisset Outdoor Experience where we stayed on the Thursday. They were absolutely fantastic in welcoming us and providing for us in the lead up to the game.

The state semi final will be played on a date and venue to be announced. We don't believe we are finished yet, and our focus is now on making it to that State Final. We are hoping the Nambucca Valley will be there to watch us get to the final game in this competition.

## LETTERS of THANKS TO MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

To the Principal of Macksville High School, *August 20 2010*  
This morning my staff and I waved a fond farewell to your school's football team, after their short stay here with us last night. I am writing to commend the behaviour of your wonderful students and to thank the parents for their assistance and involvement during their time here.

Your students were booked to stay with us for accommodation only, though we enjoyed their company so much that we were able to conduct several of our on site activities with them including our rock climbing wall and our archery range. Here once again, their conduct was to be admired.

I would personally like to thank you for visiting with us, congratulate you on your student representatives and hope to see more of your school at our facility in the future.

King regards, Sharon Housler,  
*Bookings Manager, Outdoor Education Experience*

August 16 2010

This is just a quick email to the wonderful staff who give their time up on Tuesday afternoons for tutoring.

My Year 7 daughter attended this last Tuesday for the first time and came home full of high reviews for the 2 teachers who helped her. Previously we had been paying for private tutoring and although this was good, she much preferred the school tutoring (and of course my wallet was happy as well). What a wonderful thing our school is doing for the whole school community. There can never be enough praise for groups like this.

Once again thank you and keep up the good work.

Happy parents  
*Trevor & Tracie Welsh*



## CANTEEN ROSTER

### AUGUST

Mon.	30	S Compton, R Aitken
Tues.	31	Helpers Needed
Wed. Sep.	1	Helper Needed
Thurs.	2	D Jackson, J Martin
Fri.	3	G Welsh, A Booker
Mon.	6	S Compton, R Aitken
Tues.	7	R Wood, Helper Needed
Wed.	8	Helper Needed
Thurs.	9	C Templeton, Helper Needed
Fri.	10	G Welsh, Helper Needed
Mon.	13	S Compton, R Aitken, J Welsh

**The next Macksville HS  
P&C meeting will be  
held on  
Tuesday October 26  
at 6.30pm in the  
School Library  
All welcome**



## Notices

### REMINDER TO PARENTS:

- Payments for yearly elective subject charges and/or excursion etc. can be made by cash, cheque or eftpos. We are unable to accept money orders. Students may pay for excursions/fees at the School Office BEFORE ROLLCALL, at RECESS or LUNCHTIME. Parents may pay during office hours 8.30am—3.30pm.
- A uniform pool and lost property area is available at the front office. Parents are reminded to please label their students' clothing as then they can be returned if lost. Please bring in any unwanted uniform items to add to the pool.
- A reminder that office staff cannot supply panadol to students.
- Students in Year 7 are completing their turn of Office Duty. This role is very important and helps enormously with getting messages around the school to students and teachers, eg parents ringing in with messages for their child or coming in to collect them for family reasons, teachers having to get a message to particular students and delivering notes that are to go home. On some days there would be 15 – 20 messages delivered to students. The students learn where all the rooms are and who the teachers are and it is part of the community of school that we aim for students to feel a part of. Your assistance with this vital communication tool is very much appreciated.

### GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY SCHOOL MUSICAL MATINEE

#### SPOOF—ICAL

3RD, 9TH & 10TH SEPTEMBER

7.30PM in the SCHOOL HALL

ADULTS \$10.00; PENSIONERS &

STUDENTS \$7.00; FAMILY \$25.00

*Any parents/grandparents are welcome to attend the 11am  
Matinee Performances on August 31st, September 2, 6 and 8th can  
purchase a ticket from the front office for \$2.00.*

### VALLA COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL “BACK TO THE 80’S” TRIVIA NIGHT

**When:** August 28

**Where:** Main Beach Surf Lifesaving Club NH

**Cost:** \$10 per head/tables of ten

Doors open 6.30pm to 7.00pm start. Bring gold coins for fun filled games, raffles and great prizes for best dressed table, lucky door and more. BYO food and drinks, courtesy bus available Bookings call Jo on 0414506450

### VILLAGE FAIR COMBOYNE

Sunday September 19 from 9am to 4pm

- Live entertainment
  - Kids amusements
  - Helicopter rides
  - Car club capers
  - Floral art exhibition
  - Remedial massage
  - Huge choice of food and drink venues
  - Hastings farmers Markets and more
- Free parking and free shuttle bus. \$10 entry and entertainment at our unique village on the plateau! [www.comboynevillagefair.com](http://www.comboynevillagefair.com)

### Stuarts Point and District Little Athletics

will be holding registration days on Wednesday the 8th of September at 4pm at Buzz Brazel Oval, Scotts Head and on Friday the 10th of September at Stuarts Point at 4pm. Competition will commence at Stuarts Point on Friday the 17th September. Everyone welcome.

### STUDENTS DISCOVER THE WORLD ON A WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE! ([www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au))

World Education Program Australia is now accepting applications from students to participate in 2011/12 exchange programs. Students and parents can choose from 27 countries, including France, Belgium, Italy, Germany, the UK and Canada. To learn more please phone 1300 884 733 or email [judithortmann@wep.org.au](mailto:judithortmann@wep.org.au)

**MACLEAY VALLEY SOFTBALL**—Competition starts: Seniors September 10 at 6pm and Juniors September 11 at 8.30am for T Ball and 10am for softball. Training begins Thursday August 26 4-5.30pm and then from Wednesdays from September 15. More info email [macleaysoftball@gmail.com](mailto:macleaysoftball@gmail.com) or call 0427627122 Michelle.