



# MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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“RELATIONSHIPS ARE BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT”

### IMPORTANT DATES

October	
25	Sthn. Cross Uni Senior Students Day
25	<b>P&amp;C meeting - 6.30pm School Lib.</b>
25	HSC Art marking - TBA
27	Yr11 Marine Surfing - Scotts Head
27	HSC Language exam - K3
28	Yr11 Bio task - Part 1
November	
1	10.35am Formal Assembly - Stad.
3-4	Yr11 Bio task - Pat 2
4	Youthfest at MHS
7-8	School Certificate Exams - Stadium
9-11	School Certificate Computing exam
9-11	<b>Yr7 &amp; 8 exams - stadium</b>
10	Yr11 Marine Surfing - Scotts Head
10	Indigenous Choir workshops
14-18	<b>Yr9 exams - stadium</b>
14-25	Swim & Survive - Macksville Pool
17	Yr12 Formal at Nam.Hds RSL
22	<b>P&amp;C Meeting - 6.30pm School Lib.</b>
24	Yr11 Marine Surfing - Scotts Head
25	Dorrigo Show - Dorrigo
28-Dec.2	Yr10 Queensland Excursion

### Emily Cooper Year 9 wins second place in Youth Art Award Exhibition



Emily is in Year 9 at Macksville High School and during Term 3 produced a number of works as part of her art class school assignment to draw or create an artwork that resembles the beach. Students could use any medium, including coloured pencils, acrylics, photography, chalk pastels or even clay.

The completion of the works coincided with the running of the Nambucca Valley Art Exhibition 2011 competition. She entered a number of works in the Youth Art Award (ages 12-16) any medium/subject category. Her work using charcoal was a fantastic win, coming away with a highly commended second prize and winning a \$100 voucher from Bellingen Art & Framing Studio.

After speaking with Emily she described her work as an island beach at breaking dawn, the ocean is gentle & calm with the sun just beginning to rise over the horizon. She used lots of shading to reflect the light and movement in the water. Emily's art teacher Ms Hardingham is proud of the way she is developing a lot of skills and confidence in using a wide range of mediums and encourages her to continue her art studies. Everyone at Macksville High would like to congratulate Emily on her great work.

### SPORT DATES for November

1	Zone Cricket - Boys - Laurieton
14	Zone Volleyball - Wauchope
15-16	Area - Boys Cricket - Lismore
30	Zone - Basketball - 15yrs K'out PM

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR YEAR 10

Year 10 need to start bringing their laptops in so that they can get the Year 10 School Certificate Test down-loaded.

### Helpers Needed for the School Canteen

.....If you can spare some time to help at the school Canteen - please phone Ros on 6568 1453 or .....6568 1066

Canteen Roster - Oct/Nov.		
Monday	24	S Compton
Tuesday	25	J Ward
Wednesday	26	Helpers Needed
Thursday	27	J Beggs
Friday	28	G Welsh
Monday	31	S Compton
Tuesday	1	R Wood
Wednesday	2	Helpers Needed
Thursday	3	D Jackson
Friday	4	G Welsh
Monday	7	S Compton, A Pope

# Child Studies with Mrs O'Sullivan



The students in our class have been learning about the variety of childcare services available to parents today. They visited the Macksville Pre-school and took note of the activities and equipment offered to the children . They drew plans of the rooms to enhance their awareness of how a centre could be planned. Aspects such as the age of the children, as well as safety and placement of equipment were all discussed . Adult to child ratios, number of staff and their qualifications were also investigated.

To further enhance their knowledge of Child Development we went on an excursion to Coffs Harbour to view the latest park designed for children in Earl Street near Beresford Park. The girls noted the lay-out of the park and answered questions about the facilities there.

They also visited the occasional care centre, Caterpillar House, and Possums Den Pre-School. After comparing the different centres and having a play in the park they headed up to the Big Banana for a ride on the toboggans. Some had never been on a toboggan and thoroughly enjoyed their opportunity to experience such a ride.

Following the excursion the students were required to submit an assessment task which included two interviews with people who had sent their children to a childcare facility as well as answers to questions related to all their childcare visits. Since these excursions the girls have learned to make playdough and to appreciate the importance of such a tactile experience for young children. They have also cooked a variety of food items suitable for young children.



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# ZOOSNOOZ - Taronga Zoo Excursion Yr 7



A long standing tradition at Macksville High is the annual Zoosnooz excursion. In the last week of Term 3, I had the good fortune to visit Taronga Zoo with 40 year 7 students. We travelled

by bus, with plenty of movies and Mr Coughlin's music to keep us going, we made our way down the highway. Tom our bus driver was great fun and with the added bonus of being delivered right to the doorstep of the zoo, the trip couldn't have been easier. On arrival we were met by our hosts who would look after us for the night and provide a unique look behind the scenes of one of the most famous zoo's in the world.

After blowing up mattresses and getting settled, we were allowed a short time in the zoo and for some students this was their first glance at Sydney harbour. We returned for a BBQ dinner and after getting over the initial excitement of arriving we were taken on our special guided night tour. This was the highlight for me, to see the animals at night was very special from the Himalayan Tahr's (wild goats) sleeping precariously balanced on the side of goat mountain to smelly pygmy hippo's, sleeping lions, Bongo's (antelope) from Africa and my favourite the captivating stealth snow leopards, who can run without making a sound due to the thick coat of fur on the soles of their paws, to see them move and to look into their eyes was simply breathtaking.

We reluctantly, returned to the Education Centre to have supper and get an early night. We had to be up early for the behind the scenes tour of the zoo before it opened. Sleeping on the floor of the classrooms was fun as they had a variety of reptiles in aquariums to keep us company. As soon as we were up we packed up, had breaky and headed out to see the animals waking up for the day, the lions

and tigers were out waiting to be fed, everyone got a chance to get up close and personal to the Giraffe's, feeding them a carrot or two. It is such a great way for our students to learn about animals and the environment. Before spending the day in the zoo we were given the opportunity to get close to some amazing mammals and reptiles with a Keeper's talk, letting us touch a python, lizard and even a koala. The weather was magnificent and from the talk, we went onto enjoy a full day in the zoo. We had fun at the seal show with Tamara getting a good soaking from the resident seal. The bird show where the condor with its 3m wide wings wouldn't leave its perch to fly down on stage, eventually flying off into the zoo to be found later. The boys loved the Backyard to Bush display with spiders and Tasmanian devils and the girls wanted endless rides on the Sky Safari and I'm sure that almost all of them came home with a stuffed toy of one of the big cats. Before you knew it the day was over and it was back on the bus and on the road. We all loved the excursion, not only was it heaps of fun, new friends were made and everyone had a story to tell.

The students were outstanding, the zoo staff complementary and the staff who attended the excursion very proud of our students. The only disappointing thing is that the Zoo excursion is so popular that a school is only able one overnight visit per year and student participation numbers are limited. I would like to thank my colleagues Kelli Dykes, Jon Coughlin & Rob Jamieson for braving the trip and letting me come along and Jenny Conway for organisation this fabulous excursion. Don't forget, go to our school website for more fabulous photos - [www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Lynette Howle, Community Engagement Officer



## Macksville High Helping Local Community

Macksville High is always looking for ways to give back to its local community. Starting last Monday 17 October for 4 weeks we want you to bring in your unwanted clothes and put them in the specially designed wheelie bins that will be located in the canteen area. Each week the clothes will be weighed with our ultimate goal to reach 200kg.

This project is being run by members of the **Premier's Student Volunteers Program** who will collect, deliver and sort the clothes for the local Macksville Vinnies Shop. All items of clothes need to be in good condition with an emphasis on teenagers clothes. If you want to volunteer or help to promote this project please see Mrs Howle. This will be a great fun project, get involved you never know what you might gain by giving to someone else.

Please notify staff in the school office (6568 1066) of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

# Youthfest



On the 4th of November Macksville High School will host a Youthfest event with funding secured through MiiMi Aboriginal Corporation. The event will be attended by students from Macksville High School, Bowra Central School and also Nambucca Heads High School. There will be a number of workshops on offer including:

- drama,
- music,
- traditional dance and
- cooking to name a few.

In addition to this there will also be a concert held after lunch featuring former student and well known musician Emma Donovan.

# YR11 Food Technology goes into Mass Production



The Year 11 Food Technology with commercial production class recently experienced what it would be like to run a biscuit manufacturing company. They worked through the requirements to mass produce white chocolate and macadamia biscuits. Students worked with quality assurance to perfect the best biscuit at their Chocuits Company (a play on words using chocolate and biscuit). Working in groups on a production line each student played a part to produce a

wonderful product. From the mixing, baking and following the cooling process from the combitherm oven, biscuits were weighed, packaged, heat sealed and placed into secondary packaging for storage, transportation and consumption. A great team effort as students coped with an equipment malfunction but came through to make quality biscuits, and as always is best part is in the eating.

# Gifted and Talented 2011

2012 will be the National Year of Reading. The English Department will be running a variety of activities throughout the year. We will be starting with a program called Room to Read. This program is founded on the idea of creating original stories and resources to send to developing countries. This program will allow a select group of students to forge relationships with students in other countries.

We are looking for students to participate with special interests and talents in reading, writing, drawing, graphics and design. This program will run for 10 weeks during sport time. We will be selecting a group of suitable students who are reliable and enthusiastic. If your child is interested please ask them to see Ms Dykes in the English staffroom.

# Egats



On the last day of term three, the 3 students who had been selected to participate in the exclusive Egats program presented their major works at Macksville Public School. It was a great day with a wonderful collection of topics and displays.

Our students presented their theories on 3 complex issues; "Why have we stopped evolving", a theory on the "relationship between owners and their pets" and an in-depth look at how the "lives of teenagers have changed over the last decade". All students presented their theories in interactive, visible ways that demonstrated their strong understanding of these issues. This presentation was accumulation of 10 weeks worth of work that requires extensive research, interviews, filming and writing. The three students Jayme Thompson, Tamara Wood and Sarah Welsh, were a credit to Macksville High School and deserve extensive congratulations on their efforts.

# Notices:

**MACKSVILLE/SCOTTS HEAD NIPPERS**  
NIPPERS begins on Sunday October 23 at 9.15am

**VEGEMITE SURFGroms**  
Vegemite SurfGroms is now only weeks away for it's official launch day here at the Trent Munro Academy! It is an exciting new national junior surf development program that encourages kids to participate in surfing around Australia. SurfGroms consists of a series of lessons, encompassing 12 hours of professional coaching. It will incorporate two age groups: - Mini-Groms (5-8yrs) and SuperGroms (9-12 yrs)

The first program will begin on Saturday November 12 at Scotts Head. This program will be run over a six-week period every Saturday morning for two hours. On Thursday October 27 there will be a free demo afternoon at Scotts Head (point) and also at Nambucca Heads (main beach) on Friday October 28 at 4pm. For more info contact Trent on 6569 7127. Registration of programs - [www.surfgroms.com](http://www.surfgroms.com)

## NAMBUCCA HEADS TOUCH

To all school students male and female come and form a team to stay fit and tone their passing in the off season. At EJ Biffin Playing Fields at 5pm every Monday night, cost is \$25 for the season per player under 17. Parents, \$45 for whole season seniors play at 6pm. More details phone Trevor Keast 0411 502 552

**BOWRAVILLE JUNIOR GOLF** resumes on Sunday October 23 at the Bowraville Recreation Club commencing 10am and is scheduled to be held on a fortnightly basis. All juniors from 5yrs to 18yrs are welcome. Cost is \$3 (5 holders) and \$6 (9 holders)

**MACKSVILLE MARLINS AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB**  
Registrations are still being taken for the 2011/2012 season. Come along on Wednesday nights at 5.15pm and have a trial swim. For further details email [macksvillemarlins@gmail.com](mailto:macksvillemarlins@gmail.com). Or contact Lyndel Sutton 0409 681 207 A/H