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NEWSLETTER

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"EVERYONE FEELS SAFE AND SECURE"

IMPORTANT DATES

November	
6-7	School Certificate Examinations
8	Child Studies - Mks Hospital
7-8	School Certificate Exams - Stadium
9-11	School Certificate Computing exam
9-11	Yr7 & 8 exams - stadium
10	Yr11 Marine Surfing - Scotts Head
10	Indigenous Choir workshops
14-18	Yr9 exams - stadium
14-25	Swim & Survive - Macksville Pool
17	Yr12 Formal at Nam.Hds RSL
22	P&C Meeting - 6.30pm Sch. Lib.
22	6pm - Yr6 into Yr7 Parent Information evening - Hall
24	Yr11 Marine Surfing - Scotts Head
25	Dorrigo Show - Dorriggo
28-Dec.2	Yr10 Queensland Excursion
6	Yr 6 into Yr 7 Orientation - MHS
8-9	Qld Uni excursion
8	Yr10 Assembly - Stadium
8	Marine Surfing - Scotts Head
13	7:00pm MHS Awards Presentation in Stadium
19-20	Staff Development Days
16	Last day Term 4 2011

Canteen Roster - November

Monday	7th	S Compton & A Pope
Tuesday	8th	M Laverty
Wednesday	9th	HELPERS NEEDED
Thursday	10th	C Templeton
Friday	11th	G Welsh
Monday	14th	S Compton
Tuesday	15th	H Jaeger
Wednesday	16th	HELPERS NEEDED
Thursday	17th	D Jackson
Friday	18th	G Welsh
Monday	21st	S Compton

Former student, Jessica Dunn Wins Academic Medal



Jessica Dunn attended Macksville High School from 1997-2002 after completing primary school at Scotts Head, where she was accelerated from year 4 to 6. While at Macksville Jessica became dux of year 10 and then achieved 2nd in NSW for Textiles and Design in the HSC. She left with a UAI of 95.9.

Jessica began a double degree in industrial design and international studies at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) in 2003. As part of her Indonesian studies Jess spent 2007 studying in Yogyakarta, Java. During this time she was part of a group interviewed by Mike Carlton for a documentary shown on SBS. Jess acquired a love of Indonesia from her studies at Macksville High.

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Two years later Jess deferred university for a year and became an Australian Youth Ambassador for Development (AYAD) and spent another year in Java, this time in Jakarta. During this time she cemented her link with Indonesia and married Antok in Central Java in a traditional Javanese wedding.

Jessica is constantly entering design competitions and over the years has accumulated dozens of prizes and awards including a trip to Hong Kong for a child resistant medicine case in 2008, \$3000 2nd prize for a foam sofa in the Young Designer Furniture Award 2008 and finalist in 2011 Australian Design Award – James Dyson Award for her Proteus Folding Motorcycle Helmet.

Jessica graduated from UTS this year and was awarded a Bachelor of Design in Industrial Design with First Class Honours and University Medal, Bachelor of Arts in International Studies 2011. Proud family and friends joined her on this special occasion.

Jess now lives in Sydney with her husband and works as a Design Engineer with ResMed Limited, a company that makes sleep apnoea machines. Has she stopped studying and designing? No! At work she is part of a busy design team and always has other non-work projects on the go. A true achiever!

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From our Principal

The new school captains for 2012 were inducted and had their badges presented to them at a special assembly held on Tuesday.

Captains Jake Dormer-Hughes and Melina Cooper along with Vice Captains Tom Rowe and Kahlee Roberts signed contracts to serve the school and will be excellent ambassadors for the school in the coming year.

At this assembly we also recognised the outstanding efforts of many students in working their way to the Diamond Level of the merit scheme. Well done on a fine effort.

Last Friday staff celebrated World Teachers Day at morning tea to recognise the contribution we make to society by moulding and developing our youth.

On Friday 4th the school will be holding a YouthFest day which will have as a core component the opening of our "Aboriginal Yarning Circle". This is an important cultural event for both the school and the community.

Peter Vernon, Relieving Principal



Left to right: Vice Captain, Kahlee Roberts - Captain, Melina Cooper, Principal (Rel) Peter Vernon, Captain Jake Dormer-Hughes & Vice Captain Tom Rowe

2011 Teacher's Day - October 28

World Teachers' Day is an international celebration to draw attention to the important role of teachers. It acknowledges the best efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex society and the contribution they make to students, families and communities.

MHS teachers recently got together to celebrate with a gorgeous cake and great company. A big thank you goes out to all the wonderful teachers at MHS, especially for all your hard work and dedication.



Science Enrichment Program

The Macksville High Schools Science Enrichment Program students took the opportunity of Youthfest Day to plant a tree at the newly opened Yarning Circle.

As a way to give back to their school community, the students decided to plant a tree as a way to improve the environment we live in.

Left to right: Georgia Hoffman, Ben Kenny & Tavis Hall giving back to their school by planting a tree during Youthfest.



Students Attend Deadly Days

Students attended Deadly Days activities this year, the 2011 Deadly Days was held at Coffs Harbour CHEC. A bus load of MHS students attended workshops and a jam packed program of music, games and other festivities.

Students learnt weaving, language, dance and culture, but most importantly had a great day of community networking and listening to inspirational and motivational speakers who described how they made their way into a successful career.

All the students and staff had a great time meeting some of the well known personalities of the North Coast Region, including Emma Donovan and Nathan Foley. Until then we will look forward to next year's event.



Left: Lorraine Donovan & Keith Donovan.

Right: Gary Williams, David Prosser & Harry Mumbulla.

Below: Janaya Anderson, Sky Williams, Yierah Dunn, Kittana Donovan, Nathan Foley (Formally - High 5), Kylie Ellis.



Second Hand Clothing Appeal - Parents Help Needed

Parents help is needed with one week (ending 11 Nov) to go in our clothing appeal, your help to donate clothes will help us to reach our target and would be very much appreciated. If you can please donate clothes and drop them off to the MHS office.

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.

From Little Things, Big Things Grow



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Youthfest

MHS held a Youthfest celebration day this week, providing the opportunity to officially open and bless the newly completed Yarning Circle that has been built on the school grounds. After careful consideration and consultation with Aboriginal Elders in the community the location was chosen and students constructed beautiful timber & steel bench seating to form a yarning circle. A traditional smoking ceremony was conducted and with the Aboriginal Elders Choir & Emma Donovan providing the entertainment it was a very special occasion.

This was only one part of a very exciting day for the students with workshops, including, drama, hairdressing, cooking, sport, painting & ceramics. Students from the MHS SRC kept the BBQ going providing a sausage sizzle. Emma Donovan went onto perform an afternoon concert with the wonderful support of the Nambucca Heads High School Entertainment Department. Bowraville Central School and Macksville Primary School also joined in to enjoy a great day. It was very successful and we look forward to organising another event



Attendance at School:

There have been a number of parental notes coming in for students to leave school during school hours. Some of these requests have been refused as they do not meet the Department of Education and Communities guidelines for being away from school. I have copied the DEC guidelines below for parent awareness.

Responsibilities of parents:

The Education Act 1990 requires that parents (including carers) ensure that children of compulsory school age are enrolled at and regularly attend school or are registered with the Office of the Board of Studies NSW for home schooling. The New South Wales Department of Education and Training may take legal action against parents and carers who do not send their children to school without a valid reason.

What is a justified reason for being absent from school?

Justified reasons for absences may include:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably, these should be made after school or during holidays)
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious disease.

Grant Gough
Attendance Coordinator

Notices:

Christmas School Holidays - popular Annual Super Surf Camp

Where: Currumbin Junior SLSC
When: Thurs.15 & Fri. 16 December
Time: 8.30am - 3.00pm
Who: All clubs & abilities U8-U17 yrs (male & female)
With: Professional Coaches and Special guest Speakers
Register on-line now www.supersurfcamps.com
More info: 0402 817 152

Year 7 for 2012

Parents have you enrolled your child in

Year 7 for 2012?

If not, please finalise their enrolment asap.



“SECOND HAND UNIFORMS PLEASE”

Donations are **URGENTLY NEEDED** of unwanted uniforms for the schools clothing pool. If you have any second hand uniforms please send them in with students or they can be dropped off at the front office. Any items would be greatly appreciated.