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NEWSLETTER

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"RELATIONSHIPS ARE BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT"

IMPORTANT DATES

November	
14-25	Swim & Survive - Macksville Pool
22	P&C Meeting - 6.30pm Sch. Lib.
22	6pm - Yr6 into Yr7 Parent Information evening - Hall
24	Sch. Social-Stadium-6.30pm-9pm
25	Dorrigo Show - Dorriggo
25	Scotts Head Indigenous Camp
28-Dec.2	Yr10 Queensland Excursion
6	Yr 6 into Yr 7 Orientation day
8-9	Qld Uni excursion
8	Yr10 Assembly - Stadium
8	Diving - SWR
9	Yr10/11 Art to Port Macquarie
13	MHS Awards Presentation at 7:00pm in Stadium
14-16	Yr11 PD/H/PE Excurs. - Nymboida
16	Last day Term 4 2011
19-20	Staff Development Days

SPORT DATES

Nov. 30	Zone Basketball 15yrs - Port Macq.
Dec. 7	Area V'ball Knockout-Murwillumbah

Canteen Roster - November

Monday	21	S Compton
Tuesday	22	J Ward
Wednesday	23	HELPERS NEEDED
Thursday	24	J Beggs
Friday	25	G Welsh
Monday	28	S Compton
Tuesday	29	HELPERS NEEDED
Wednesday	30	HELPERS NEEDED
Thursday	1	D Jackson
Friday	2	G Welsh
Monday	5	S Compton, A Pope

Welcome Welcome DVD Project - says Thank You to MHS!



Above from left: Tayla Peatey, Crystal Wright, David Sheridan and Helen Mower.

Youth Directions Program Coordinator - Helen Mower, presented Photography Teacher – Mr. David Sheridan and students, Tayla Peatey SRC, and Crystal Wright with a digital photo frame for use by the Photography class.



The presentation was made as a "thank you" to students who participated in a Photography Competition last term – student photos will be utilized in a DVD project called "Welcome Welcome". The DVD has been produced for refugee students, their families and community, to assist with a greater understanding of the Australian way of education.

Film Makers, Megan and Mark George from Designwave Productions were impressed with the standard of work provided by students for the project.

Thank you to all the students who participated in the project. A copy of the DVD will be made available to the school in the near future.

Photo & item by Helen Mower



A sneak preview of the some photos taken at the **Year 12 Formal** -Thursday November 17 at the Nambucca RSL Club.

More photos and story next issue.

Log on to the website for more photos that will be posted in the next few days....

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2012 Priority Schools Program survey

MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - PARENTS/CARERS INFORMATION SHEET

Dear Parents/Carers

We are very proud of the special programs at our school that enable our students to achieve their best results. To continue to provide these opportunities, Macksville High School will be applying to be part of the Priority Schools Program (PSP) funding program in 2012. A new list of Priority Schools is identified every four years by a voluntary survey to families. The next survey of families will occur in March 2012 for the next funding period, 2013 to 2016.

Only approximately 500 schools across the state will receive PSP funding. We believe it is critical that we do all we can to provide complete information about our community, so that our school has the best chance of being included to receive the substantial benefits that this increase in funding and staffing can provide.

Schools will be selected for the next four year period on the basis of a state wide parent survey that will be conducted during the week of **5 March to 9 March 2012**. This survey will identify which schools will receive PSP support from 2013 to 2016.

In our school, parents and carers with children in **Years 7, 8 & 9** will be asked to complete a confidential one page survey. The survey is quite easy to fill in and we need every family to complete it if we are to provide accurate information about our community.

Some points to remember are:

- the survey is absolutely confidential
- you should answer every question as accurately as possible such as, talk about your current employment and not how you have been employed in the past
- if you have questions about the survey don't be afraid to ask
- those who will benefit most from this program will be your children.

Why use a survey:

- Up-to-date information.
- Direct information from school families only
- Confidential and accurate
- Strong date – over 90% response rate
- Rigorous, high level, statistical analysis gives a highly accurate Result

More information will be provided on a regular basis, leading up to survey week.

Further information

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Or go to:

www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Notices:

Giving Back To Our Community

Macksville High School has proudly been sponsored by two local businesses in the Guardian News - **Giving back To Our Community 2011 Nambucca Valley Shop Locally promotion. CK Cycles & Skate and St Vincent de Paul** of Macksville have chosen to sponsor our school. This mean when you shop at these businesses, please ask for a ticket for Macksville High to go into the draw to win \$1,000. You will receive a **red bonus sponsorship voucher**; vouchers can be presented at the Guardian News Office in Nambucca Heads or at Macksville Newsagency. You will also receive a personal entry into the Christmas Shopper competition prizes. This promotion commences on the 24th November.



Stormwater Turtle - for a cleaner Nambucca River

Project Launch & Field Day - Saturday November 26 - 10am - 2pm at Bellwood Park, Nambucca Heads
fun day for all the family; market & food stalls; face painting; help clean up the park; stormwater drain stencilling; learn about stormwater; help plant trees. For more info call 6568 0240. Our Living Coast is a joint project of Coffs Harbour City Council, Bellingen and Nambucca Shire Councils and is funded by the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust. Log on to www.ourlivingcoast.com.au

Second Hand Clothing Appeal

A big thank you to everyone who donated and helped us achieve our amazing total of 275kg of clothes for charity.



Macksville High is always looking for ways to give back to its local community. From, Monday, 17 October for 4 weeks students asked family & friends to donate unwanted clothes. The ultimate goal to reach was 200kg. The project was run by members of the Premier's Student Volunteers Program who collected, delivered and sorted clothes for the local Macksville Vinnies Shop, spending 2 hours each week in the store. The wonderful students who helped at the store were Liam Noble, Sandie Grant-McDonell, Brooke Green, Shari Hodges, Kylie Ellis & Petrea Guiana, without their help we would not have achieved such a great goal. We look forward to running the again next April.

From Little Things, Big Things Grow!

Grandparents as Parents Again

Living carefully project and GAPA (grandparents as Parents Again) would like to invite any grandparents caring for their grand children to an information session with GAPA in Macksville. 23 Wallace St on Wednesday 16 of November at 12.30pm.

The aim is to present you with the diverse support GAPA can offer you and your grandchildren (advocacy, camp, respite ...) and work towards creating a local support group.

Newsletters

Macksville High School has successfully gone electronic in regard to the Newsletters. This has reduced the huge cost in printing the Newsletters. If you are experiencing difficulty in accessing the newsletter via the Macksville HS website, please let us know on 6568 1066.

As many families are aware, the school's website has a wealth of information for parents and students, including past and present Newsletters. Log on to www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au For those families who do not have an email address, printed copies are still be available from the school office.

Fresh Produce from Bowraville Growers Market

Every Sunday morning farmers are bringing their fresh produce to Bowraville Racecourse to take part in the Nambucca Valley Farmers Market. This new initiative for the Nambucca Valley is an opportunity for people to buy fresh, quality, local produce & provides a platform for local producers to promote and sell their products. Produce includes free-range beef, pork and goat meat - raised on fresh Nambucca Valley pastures, organic eggs, honey, wine, fruit and vegetables along with some artisan bakery lines and delicious homemade preserves.

The market is a not for profit group run for the people, by the people of the Nambucca Valley. It's a win win, farmers have the opportunity to sell their produce locally for a fair price and

the community has the opportunity to purchase fantastic local produce.

So come on out to the Bowraville Racecourse every Sunday morning to the undercover Farmers Market. Listen to some fabulous local music while enjoying a generous farmers breakfast of local produce or a freshly brewed coffee. Then load up your baskets with a diverse array of local produce and take the opportunity to stop and talk to the people who grow your food. For further details check out the Nambucca Valley Farmers Market on facebook or email nvfarmersmarket@yahoo.com.au.

Reminder to Year 10

If you are not intending to return to MHS or another public high school, please return your laptop as soon as possible