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NEWSLETTER

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

IMPORTANT DATES

November	
6	Yr 6 into Yr 7 Orientation day
7	Cricket - Grafton
8-9	Qld Uni excursion
8	Yr10 Assembly - Stadium
8	Diving - SWR
9	Yr10/11 Art to Port Macquarie
9	Aboriginal Languages MUURRBAY
13	PASS Excursion - Scotts Head
13	MHS Awards Presentation at 7:00pm in Stadium
14-16	Yr11 PD/H/PE Excurs. - Nymboida
16	Aboriginal Languages MUURRBAY
16	Last day Term 4 2011
19-20	Staff Development Days
January	
Monday 30	Term 1 commences for Yrs 7, 11 & 12
Tuesday 31	Term 1 commences for Yrs 8, 9 & 10

Canteen Roster - December

Monday	5	S Compton, A Pope
Tuesday	6	R Wood
Wednesday	7	Helper Needed
Thursday	8	Helper Needed
Friday	9	G Welsh
Monday	12	S Compton
Tuesday	13	M Lavery
Wednesday	14	Helper Needed
Thursday	15	D Jackson
Friday	16	G Welsh

January 2012

Monday	30	S Compton, helper needed
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Thank you to my volunteers for your support throughout the year and hope to see you all again next year. Merry Christmas to all.

.....Roslyn & El

School Social - "Halloween"

On Thursday night last week students boogied the night away in the stadium. With everything from a scary Santa, Ronald McDonald, Raggedy Ann, pumpkins, lots of devils' horns, vampires and even a Mad Hatter, everyone went a to a lot of effort to get into character.

DJ Mills was great as usual and the kids just love his music. With school in the middle of exams when Halloween traditionally is held, our late party was still heaps of fun.

The SRC did a great job running the night and we all now look forward to the next year's event.



Invitation to all Parents and Carers Anti-Bullying Seminar February 2 2012

Macksville High School is excited to announce that Mr Brett Murray, the leading anti-bullying campaigner in this country will be conducting seminars for students, teachers and parents on Thursday, 2 February 2012 at Macksville High School.

Brett will deliver three seminars, 'DARE TO DREAM' now re-named 'Cool To Encourage' anti-bullying, 'Super Staff' teacher training and professional development and 'THE POWER OF PARENTING' how to bully-proof your kids, to over 500 students, staff and parents. Brett regularly appears on SUNRISE and is interviewed regularly across all media. He is simply the Nation's #1 Anti-Bully Authority and youth speaker.



Please pencil this event into your diary, further information will be available closer to the date, we encourage all our parents to attend. We are currently completing our new anti-bullying policy and we see this is a strategic focus for our school.

Macksville High School - Year 12 Formal - 2011

Year 12 celebrated the end of school, exams and life as they have known it on Thursday, the 17th November at Nambucca Heads RSL; with the Year 12 formal dinner. After my six years with this fantastic group of young men and women, it was a proud moment for me to see how great they looked and how maturely they conducted themselves on the night. A good time was had by all, myself and my wife included. Thanks to Wendy Mills at Nambucca Heads RSL for her help in the planning and staging of the Year 12 formal, and the kitchen staff who put on such a tremendous feast. Having taught at least one class from this year group every year since 2006, it is with some sadness that I wish them all "Bon Voyage" and good luck for the future. Best Wishes Year 12! Mr Baker



On Tuesday November 1 2011 Year 12 lined up to ring the bell, traditionally rung every year when Year 12 leave.

Pictured is Imogen ringing the bell

Farewell Year 12!



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.

Features of the survey

Community

The school community must be involved in the school decision to take part in the survey. The survey forms are completed by parents/caregivers.

Confidential

The survey forms are returned in a sealed envelope. No-one at the school can read the response of any family. No-one who opens the envelope at the scanning company knows which family it came from.

Concise

The survey form is short. It only takes up one side of a single piece of paper. Only essential questions are asked. It is easy to complete.

High response

Last time the survey was conducted, over 90% of families who were sent a survey form returned it. In many schools, 100% of families completed the form.

More information will be provided on a regular basis, leading up to Survey Week.

Further information

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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.



Year 6 - Orientation Day - Tuesday December 6

Yr 6 students should come wearing their primary school uniform and enclosed sport shoes. They need to be at school by 8.50am, some may travel on school buses. (bus companies have been notified). Students will meet in the Stadium. They need to bring a pen, pencil, ruler, drink and recess. Lunch will be provided (a sausage sandwich and drink) but students may bring extra money to purchase food at the canteen.

Students can catch the bus home, but parents who wish to pick their students up, should do so in the side street (Park St) not at the front of the school. They will be dismissed at 3.10pm.

Yr 12 Major Project goes to Sydney

Tom Mulvihill's Year 12, HSC Major Project has been nominated for inclusion in the *InTech 2012, annual exhibition of outstanding Major Design Projects* developed by 2011 HSC Industrial Technology students. Tom produced a magnificent TV cabinet and it will be showcased at the Power House Museum in Sydney from 15-17 June 2012.

Congratulations Tom!

Year 10 Work Experience 2012

The first opportunity for Yr 10 students to do some Work Experience in 2012 will be from April 2 to April 5 (4 days leading up to Easter). Students will receive paperwork and preparation early in the term and they will need to organize themselves quickly to get it back by the due date of Friday March 9. Please make sure you read all the material... but please encourage your student to make their own contact.

Over the years local employers have been very generous and supportive of our junior students. However, the resources of many employers have been stretched by the many requests for placements from senior school students and a wide range of community groups like TAFE, Universities, employment support agencies and other training providers. Some employers have chosen to focus on one sector and others have requested that applications come through the Careers advisers rather than direct contact.

There will be separate meetings for students wishing to go to local Veterinary practices, and the hospitals. There is additional paperwork and protocols involved. Students should not return to their old primary school.

There are also some occupations and activities that are not allowed because of risk or policy. These include working with

weapons, some machinery, the Police, aged care, psychics or places that may intrude on the privacy of other students.

Work experience should have a vocational aim. That is it's about tasting a job, or having something relevant on a resume.

For example, good reasons include

- I want a part time job in this place.
- I want to do this job in the future and I want to see if I like it

The following are all direct quotes ... if you are wondering why they are not good motives ... give me a call on 65681066

I want a week off school I'll be able to buurrrrrn up those motors

I want spend some time with my aunty/ friend

I want to get a free haircut/makeup/sample

There are celebrities there I looove that magazine

Airports are such exciting places ...

Celestine Porter-Burns
Careers Adviser

School Holiday Activities - January 2012

All school holiday activities are for 12-18 year olds only. These activities are drug and alcohol free. Council's Community and Cultural Services department have organised the following school holiday activities for the final 2 weeks of January 2012 holidays.

1. **Sea Kayaking the Solitary Islands Marine Park - Friday January 20 2012.**
Come along and see marine life in their natural habitat and enjoy some surf rafting! All gear supplied including safety gear
2. **Bush Walking in Bongil Bongil National Park - Tuesday January 24 2012** Enjoy a bush tucker walk through the Bongil Bongil National Park. Transport, lunch & refreshments provided. Bottles of water will also be provided.
3. **The Nambucca Valley Amazing Race - Various locations in the Nambucca Shire - Wednesday January 25.** Are you good at solving mysteries, puzzles etc? Then come along and find bits of information from local shops to gain points for prizes at the end of the day! You will be given clues throughout the day, so come along, join a team or bring your own

For Nambucca Shire Activities, Permission Notes must be filled in and signed prior to activity. You must ring Patricia 6568 0249, Jaj 6568 0255 or Vicki 6568 0254 to book a place for the activity and transport, if required. All activities are funded by Community Services Enquiries to Tricia 6568 0249; Naj 6568 0255 or Vicki 6568 0254