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NEWSLETTER

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

IMPORTANT DATES

January	
Monday 30	Term 1 commences for Yrs 7, 11 & 12
Tuesday 31	Term 1 commences for Yrs 8, 9 & 10
February	
9	Swim Carnival
10	Gold Excursion - (water park)
15-17	ART excursion
22	LNC Swimming - Kempsey
22-24	Canberra Royal
23	Yr7 & Yr10 Immunisations
27Mar-Apr 1	Yr11 Dive
March	
1-2	School Photos
5-9	Priority Sch. Program Survey
5-7	Yr12 Geography Excurs. Nymboida
6	15's/ Open Rugby League
7	Boys Football
8	NCCHS - Swimming
9	NCCHS Touch trials
12	Yr12, 10 & 8 - Parent/Teacher Night
26	Yrs 11, 9 & 7 Parent Teacher Night
27- April 5	Yr12 Exams
29-30	Yr7 Orientation Excursion

Student Representative Council donates \$800 to the Red Cross Christmas Gift Tree

Macksville High School, SRC throughout the year fund raise for their school and community organisations in the Nambucca Valley. This year Jessica Howe, an SRC representative, suggested that they could buy toys for children in need. Students decided to spend \$800. Stuart Mason, Sophie Atkins and Mikaela Bartlett went shopping at Macksville Toy World & Megasave Bargains, both stores generously offering discounts or free extras.

Members of the local Red Cross Lesley Smith, Secretary, Brian and Liz Marshall, Manager of the Little Red Gift Shoppe in Nambucca Heads collected the toys last week. They were thrilled with the schools generous donation and said this was a great boost to their Gift Tree Appeal. The Red Cross staff will wrap the gifts and visit the Giiguy Gamambi Pre School, Community Heath and Miimi Mothers to hand out presents to children. This has been a regular event for the last 5 years and through community generosity, they hope to continue this for years to come.



Red Cross accepting SRC donation for children in need.

Canteen Helpers-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





2011 Final Presentation Ceremony

A wonderful night was held this week to honour our students for their academic and sporting achievements during 2011. The Macksville High School instrumental band opened the night with a rendition of "Summer Nights" and Samantha Kendrigan of Year 12, wowed the audience with her vocal performance of "I Dreamed a Dream". Mrs Judith Herivel our Music Teacher received a beautiful bouquet of flowers for her final presentation ceremony as she will be retiring next year and will be very much missed.

Over 40 special awards were presented this year including university scholarships, the prestigious Australian Defence Force Long Tan leadership awards and also a number of memorial awards as well as special awards for specific KLA areas. Year awards including first & seconds from each year and subject, highly commended and encouragement certificates were also handed out. The night concluded with Scripture and Sports awards. A big thank you goes to all our parents and the official party for taking the time to attend on the night.

It is very important to acknowledge the support of our sponsors. Please see below the list of our valued sponsors whose generous donations assist us in acknowledging our students for their wonderful achievements.



*** 2011 Sponsors ***

Major Sponsors

Macksville High School P&C Association
University of NSW
University of Newcastle
Australian Defence Force
McIlwain Family Bequest
Sarzotti Family Bequest
Australian Olympic Committee

Additional Sponsors

Anglican Parish Macksville
CK Cycles and Skate Centre
Commonwealth Bank, Macksville
Elwood Upholstery
Fishing Tackle Australia
Megasave Bargains
G R Locke, Solicitor
Handybin Waste Services

Hooykaas Lawry Valjan
Chartered Accountants

Jonathan M Ritchie

Laidback Home Entertainment

M and HJ Webb Pty Ltd

Macksville Automotive Services

Macksville Carpet Court

Macksville Ex-Services Club

Macksville Lions Club

Macksville RSL Sub-Branch

Macksville Day View Club

Mr Neville and Mrs Sandra Miles

Mr John Partridge, Star Hotel

Mrs Iris Wyner

Nambucca Macnuts Pty Ltd

Nambucca River Co-op Foodworks

Supermarket

National Australia Bank

Reuben F Scarf Foundation

Rotary Club of Macksville Inc

Steep Family

Trimble's Furniture One

New School Community Garden

We are very pleased to announce that our new school community garden has been completed to provide a welcoming entrance to our school. Macksville High participates in the NSW Premier's Student Volunteers Program and students involved did all the hard work to have the garden completed before the end of the school year. Many hours of work went into the new hedge garden that will grow into a beautiful display with the letters MHS the major feature. In total over 30 students helped dig out the old garden bed, they spread top soil, layed a dripper system and planted and mulched the new garden bed. A big thank you goes out to all the students and teachers, especially Terry Argent. We would also like to thank our local businesses, Pelican's Landing Garden Centre (Nambucca Heads), Tinks (Macksville), Marenaire Pty Ltd (Bowraville) for removing the stump, Nambucca Valley Landscape Supplies & Nursery (Valla) and the Nambucca Shire Council for their generous donation of mulch. We hope everyone in our school community enjoys this new addition.

To complement the garden, students and teachers created a magnificent mosaic of a marlin as a memorial to Tony Waters a former MHS Teacher who introduced Marine Studies to the school. Tony passed away last year and his loss was felt by staff and students alike. Tony had a great love of the ocean and the marlin mosaic is a memorial to him and his love of all things maritime. The school community as a group were involved in the creation of the mosaic with the Student Representative Council along with too many others to mention contributing to the art-work. We hope this memorial will in a small way acknowledge Tony's worth as a teacher and a friend to our school.



Invitation to all Parents & Carers

Change of date: Anti-Bullying Seminar

7 February 2012 - not 2 February as previously advised

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, 7 February 2012 at Macksville High School.

Notices:

Yr 10 Work Experience 2012

The first opportunity for yr 10 students to do some Work Experience in 2012 will be 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



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/carers.

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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Dear Parents & Carers

*We wish you a safe & happy
holiday and look forward
to seeing everyone back in the
new year.*



*Merry Christmas
from all the staff of
Macksville High School*