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Newsletter

"RELATIONSHIPS ARE BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT"

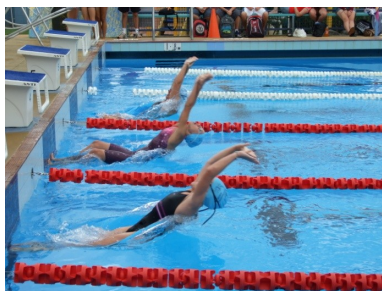
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MHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL



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It was all go at the Macksville Pool last Wednesday when Macksville High School held its annual swimming carnival.

This year's program included 100m events in breast, back & butterfly to ensure students were ready to compete at the Zone Carnival to be held at Kempsey on Wednesday, 16 February. These events were well received with plenty of participants, the overall house winner was Briner.

Great results were achieved with records broken at this year's carnival:

Sharni Tape F 17Yr, 50m Freestyle – 28.10, 100m Freestyle – 1:02.49, 200m Freestyle – 2:22.53.

Beau Tape M 16 Yr, 200m Freestyle – 2:34.35

Tannah Bradshaw M 13 Yr, 200m Freestyle – 2:37.68

Alina Tape F 14 Yr, 50m Butterfly – 32.07

House Relay – Graham – *Jessica Howe, Tamara Gallop, Aaron Argent & Andrew Flarrey* – 2:00.56

The SRC did a fantastic job making sure all the teachers and parents were well looked after with plenty of tea/coffee as they spent the day time keeping and supervising. The novelty events were a big hit - with the kids up to their necks in blow up crocodiles and dolphins trying to ride them in a relay race from one end of the pool to the other.

Macksville High would like to thank the pool staff and all the parents who volunteered their time. A special mention to former Macksville High school teacher, Mr Chris Pearson who was the Chief Time Keeper on the day.

IMPORTANT DATES

February

- 21–24 Yr11 Marine Dive—SW Rocks
- 22..... **P&C Meet. 6.30pm-Mks.Chinese**
- 23..... North Coast Rugby 7's—CH
- 23..... Zone Swimming (back-up date)
- 24..... Yr7 & Yr10 Immunisation
- 25..... Zone Touch—Bowraville

March

- 1..... Girls & Boys Zone—B'ball—PM
- 2..... Open Girls Zone Football— PM
- 4..... Vibe 3 on 3 Aboriginal Festival
- 7–8 Yr7 Activity Day—Yarrahapinni
- 7.....Yr7 & Yr12 Parent/Teacher night**
- 7..... 15yrs & O'n Rugby,Zone—B'ville
- 9..... Area Swimming (back-up date)
- 11.....Area—15yrs Girls & Boys Touch—CH
- 14–17 Yr11 Marine Dive
- 14..... Rugby Union—Zone—PM
- 15..... Area back-up date for swimming
- 17..... CSIRO Gene Technology
- 17..... Zone—Girls Football
- 18..... Zone—Boys Football
- 18..... LNC Open Boys Football—PM
- 21..... Area—B'ball—Girls & Boys—CH
- 22..... P & C Meeting—AGM—6.30pm**
- 23.....Area R'by League O'n & 15yrs– Ballina
- 24..... Bach to the Future-music perform.
- 29..... Zone—Squash—Kempsey
- 30..... Area—Rugby Union
- Weeks 9 & 10 Yr12 Exams**

April

- 1.....Area—Football—Boys & Girls—Yamba
- 4–8 Yr10 Work Experience
- 8..... Last Day Term 1
- 26..... Anzac Day Public Holiday
- 27..... Staff Development Day pupil free
- 28..... Term 2 begins—students return

From The Principal

This week we formally recognised the completion of our language teaching facility. Its construction was as a result of the Federal Government's building program. Senator Michael Forshaw represented the Federal Government at the ceremony and spoke of the value of the facility to our school and the community as a result of the building work and the expansion of our already extensive facilities. Kyle Buckley, School Captain spoke about what it meant to our students to have state of the art facilities and the increasing opportunities available to students at Macksville High School. Currently year 7 and elective Indonesian classes are using the room with funding applications submitted with the hope of adding the teaching of the Gumbayggir language in the future.

Work is about to commence on the upgrade of our Industrial Arts facilities to improve the Building and Construction teaching space. Fencing and work sheds have been installed with contractors preparing the site. This work will create challenges to our teachers and students of industrial arts with rooms off line and reduced access to workshops. We will do all we can to provide as normal a routine as possible but will need the understanding and cooperation from all affected. When completed the Industrial Arts facilities will be better able to cater for Vocational Education courses we offer.

The front of the school on Boundary Street is a very busy place at the beginning and end of each day. We have systems in place to ensure students arrive and depart safely. It is made more difficult when parents use the bus bays as drop-off zones or stop opposite the school requiring their children to cross the road. To improve safety I would like you to use Park Street as the drop-off zone. This is a much quieter location and reduces the number of students entering through the front gate at busy times.

I would also like to remind you about our school web site as a valuable resource to find information about our school, our student's achievements, Department of Education information, timetables etc. There are a number of important school policies available. One worth looking at this week if you are in a flood affected area is our flood policy. That is what action we take here at school when we receive notice that a flood may be imminent and what families need to do to be prepared when they have children at our school.

Paul Holding, Principal

Vaccination programme 2011

In 2011 North Coast Area Health Service will again be offering a vaccination service at our school. The schedule for this year is as follows:

Years 7—Hepatitis B—2 doses; Chickenpox vaccine—1 dose; Boostrix—Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough vaccination—1 dose

Year 7—girls only—HPV vaccine (to prevent cervical cancer) - 3 doses

Year 10—all students

Boostrix—Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough vaccination—1 dose

Parents of Year 7 and Year 10 students have already received the *Parent Information Kit* provided for each vaccine offered. This kit contains information about the vaccine and the disease that it protects against as well as a consent form.

A record of vaccination will be kept by the area health service and a copy will be provided to the vaccinated Student for their records.

Please understand that if you do not have your child immunised in the year (eg. Yr7) that it is offered, then you can access this vaccine at a later stage at your GP. The cost of the vaccine however will not be covered by this program.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal.

Parents with any questions or concerns can ring Bernadette at the Public Health Unit on 66 207503.

URGENT REMINDER

Parents please complete the consent forms in pen and have your child return it to the Maths staffroom before Wednesday February 23. Thanks.... Moyra

VALENTINE'S DAY AT HIGH SCHOOL



Sophie Crowley, Abbie Rofe & Mikaela Bartlett from Year 8 were some of the lucky girls to receive gifts on Valentine's day.

Lots and lots of excited girls and plenty of boys were inundated with flowers and balloons this Valentine's day at Macksville High. Even though the weather was a bit gloomy the love felt around school on this one special day of the year could not be missed.

The SRC did a fantastic job leading up to the day, taking orders and putting arrangements together so everything would be ready for delivery first thing on Monday morning. There were plenty of smiles, not only the girls' faces but boys also receiving roses from someone special. 240 roses and 120 balloons were sold raising just over \$400 which will be donated to charity.

TAX FILE NUMBERS FOR STUDENTS

Macksville High School will be processing applications for a TAX FILE number during May 2011. Your child will need one to start a job, apply for Youth Allowance or have a bank account from 16 yrs of age. A permission note will be mailed to all Year 9 students in the next few weeks.

Students from other year groups should get an orange form from the pocket outside the Careers Office.

If you would like your child to apply for a TFN I am able to confirm the Identification check required by the Australian Tax Office. I am not available to do them again until Term 4.

The ATO is very particular about the forms being correct, so please help by filling out all the details in very clear hand writing. It is essential that Birth Certificate registration details are supplied. Please check with your student. You may need to apply for a new one and this can take some weeks.

I provide the ID verification by checking against the school records. If you have moved, or changed any other details, please make sure that our office is notified ASAP.

Please also note that **Tax File Numbers are NEVER sent to the school.**

If you have any questions, please call me on 6568 1066.

Thank you

Celestine Porter-Burns, Careers Adviser

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE FRONT OFFICE NO LATER THAN APRIL 29

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND STUDENT ASSISTANCE

Student Assistance

Student Assistance is available again this year to assist parents and students with uniform and equipment costs, course contributions and excursion costs. We do receive only limited funds and we endeavour to assist as many families as possible. If you require assistance, please contact the School's office. Parents/guardians will be informed of the assistance provided.

Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary contributions enhance the schools educational and sporting programs and are greatly appreciated.

Note: These contributions are voluntary and payment is a matter for decision by parents/guardians

Course Contributions

Course Contributions are applied to assist faculties recover the cost of consumables that students use during the course of their study. Parents/guardians and students have been advised to consider this cost prior to selecting elective subjects. If financial help is required, do not hesitate to make an application for student assistance. For students whose parents/guardians do not intend to pay the course contribution, the Head Teacher may determine it appropriate to modify a student's program to reduce the cost but must ensure the course outcomes are possible to achieve.

Subject fees were printed in the first Newsletter for this year and are available to view on the Macksville HS website: macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

The next **Parent Teacher Interview night** will be held
on
7 March, 4.00pm – 6.00pm – Years 7-12 – MHS Stadium

Book School Interviews Online

Parents...

Booking interviews is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3:

Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au or follow the link through our schools website - www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au.

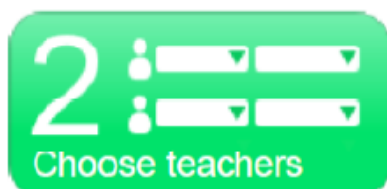
ENTER TO SCHOOL EVENT CODE: **P6Q3K**

A green rectangular box containing a large green arrow pointing downwards. Inside the arrow, the text "School event code" is written in white. Below the arrow is a white rectangular input field. To the right of the input field is a green button with the word "Go" in white.

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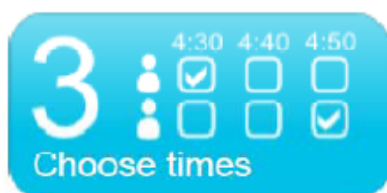


First enter your name, your student's name(s), and your email address.



On the next page, pick the teachers you want to meet.

First select the subject or year, then choose from the list of teachers.



Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. And if something comes up, you can return to the site and change your interviews whenever you want.

If you require assistance or are unable to book online, please do not hesitate to contact the office to make your bookings – 65681066.

HEAD LICE NOTIFICATION



We have been notified that we have a case of head lice in the School. Head lice can be an ongoing concern for some families and the school community. To minimise the problem for yourself and others, we suggest the following:

- Check your child's head for lice.
- Check strands of hair for eggs (concentrate on the crown area).
- Any eggs found should be presumed to be fertile.
- Treat hair as per directions of head lice treatment

What you can expect from your school

Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice. Observing students scratching their heads is not a reliable or efficient means of assessing head lice prevalence in the school.

Where one student has head lice this serves as a warning light that there is likely to be an infestation in either specific classes or across the whole school population, including staff. When infestations of head lice occur we request that parents examine their child's hair and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified.

We also encourage students to avoid head to head contact in group activities as far as possible. In rare cases where students are experiencing a chronic head lice infestation the school, parents and the local community may need to work together to treat the infestation.

We thank you for your cooperation in the matter.



"Help local wildlife... join WIRES today! If you have an interest in helping save our native wildlife, or if you want to give back to the community, consider joining WIRES.

In order to keep this vital service going we desperately need new volunteers - and that means YOU! Rescue, transport, care and rehabilitate our local wildlife - or if that's a little too hands on, help out by manning our phones (in the comfort of your own home).

Last year, the Nambucca branch alone rescued some 1563 animals and this year, in order to keep this vital service going, we are pleading for your help!

The next WIRES Rescue & Immediate Care course will be held on the 26th & 27th March.

Visit www.mnc.wires.org.au or call our wonderful volunteers now on 6564 8661 to book your place. Get involved and do your bit to give back."



STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

World Education Program Australia (WEP), is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the education departments, is now accepting applications for students to live overseas in 2011/12 as exchange students for a summer, semester or year.

WEP is offering \$3000 scholarships for year-long programs to Italy and French-speaking Belgium commencing in January 2012. Applicants need to be in Year 9, 10 or 11 in 2011 and enrolled in Italian or French.

Find out more! Visit www.wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand

In June/July 2011, students aged 14-19 years from Europe, the USA and South America will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 2-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today. To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit our website <http://studentexchange.org.au/>

NOTICES

CANTEEN ROSTER

February/March

Monday	21	S Compton, R Aitken
Tuesday	22	J Ward
Wednesday	23	Helpers Needed
Thursday	24	J Beggs
Friday	25	G Welsh
Monday	28	S Compton
Tues. March	1	R Wood, D Black, L Brandolini
Wednesday	2	Helpers Needed
Thursday	3	D Jackson
Friday	4	G Welsh
Monday	7	S Compton, A Pope

If you can help at the canteen please Phone Ros on 6568 1453 or the High School on 6568 1066.

The first MHS P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday February 22 2011.
This meeting will be held at 6.30pm at the Macksville Chinese Restaurant to celebrate the New Year and hopefully some new faces.
Dinner and drinks to be at own cost. All new parents are welcome to attend.

COFFS HARBOUR REGIONAL GALLERY Forthcoming Education & Public Programs

Exhibitions of James Guppy, Niomi Sands and Sarah George. The content of the Guppy exhibition is for mature audiences: Vision impaired floor talk (Feb.24); Adult Workshop (Mar.12); Seniors week, floor talk and morning tea at the gallery (Mar.22); Artist Floor talk (Apr.12). For all programs, bookings are essential to the gallery reception on 6648 4863 or Sue McEntyre on 6648 4861. Visit: www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au or email: gallery@chcc.nsw.gov.au

"SECOND HAND UNIFORMS PLEASE"



Donations are **URGENTLY NEEDED** of unwanted uniforms for the school's 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.

STUARTS POINT LITTLE A'S

....is on again for the second half of the season. The season finishes at the end of March. Starts Fridays, 4:30pm at Stuarts Point Oval.

ZENRYOKU MARTIAL ARTS

Monday 6:00—7:30; Thursday 6:30—8:00; Adults—\$7:00 Year 7—free for 1 month. Zen is held at Senior Citizen's Hall (near Mks Library)

SCOTTS HEAD BOARDRIDERS

Next competition and sign-up day is Sunday February 27. Open to all ages and abilities. Membership is \$50 for adults and \$45 for juniors. Family discounts available. Meet at 7am near the boat ramp at Scotts Head beach. Enquiries to Didge 6569 7787

SICK STUDENTS

It is evident that some students are sent to school after being ill overnight and still unwell in the morning. This places great pressure on our facilities and us. We have limited sick-bay space and caring for ill students takes time to supervise and properly assist them.

PLEASE KEEP ILL STUDENTS AT HOME

We are also finding that the emergency contact phone number/s (the number/s given to the school to ring if the parent is not answering) for many students is not effective. If phone numbers or address details have changed since enrolling your child please inform the front office.

IF A STUDENT IS ILL DURING CLASS TIME

If a student is unwell during class, he/she needs to inform their class teacher. The teacher gives the student a note to come to the sick bay. Parents/carers or emergency contacts are phoned to collect the student. If contact details are kept up-to-date the school is quickly able to notify of any illness or injury to students.

EXCURSION PERMISSION NOTE (orange form dated 31/1/11)

If you haven't returned your *excursion permission note* please do so.

INFORMATION FOR PASS OUTS

Students applying for a day *Pass Out* must have the following information on the note from their parent or guardian.:

- > Student's first and last name;
- > Roll Call class;
- > Year;
- > Parent contact number;
- > Reason for the pass out;
- > Parent/guardian's name and
- > Parent/guardian's signature

Pass Outs will not be given on carnival days—swimming, athletics or cross country.

8G USB FLASH DRIVES

There are a few USB flash drives still available if anyone would like to purchase one. Cost is \$18:00 for an 8gig. Please see Deslie (TSO) at MHS or call 6568 10566.

STATRAIL TRAVEL

If you have reached 16 years of age, you are entitled to receive a StateRail student pass available from the school front office. These cards permit students to travel at the discounted rate of fare on all CityRail trains, State Transit and privately operated buses and government ferries for journeys to and from sport, evening, weekend and vacation travel as well as interstate rail journeys on Countrylink services. If your card is lost, stolen or destroyed, a replacement card will cost \$25.00. Forms are available at the school's front office if you wish to obtain a concession card.

HOMEWORK CENTRE

The homework centre at Macksville HS will recommence for 2011 on Tuesday next, February 22 in C1 from 3.10pm to 5.10pm. Bring your own afternoon tea. More information can be obtained by phoning Mrs Briggs on 6568 1066.

YR 12 SURVIVAL GUIDE ONLINE

To assist students, parents, teachers, CSU and DET provide NSW HSC Online—an extensive online learning tool with study resources such as comprehensive subject information and test papers for 51 HSC subjects including the recently added Automotive ... Visit: www.hsc.csu.edu.au

MACKSVILLE SOCCER CLUB is holding its registration days for the 2011 season on Saturdays 12th, 19th & 26th February at the North Macksville Playing Fields from 9:00am to 12:00pm.
 2011 Registration Fees are: 6 & 7 years—\$110.00; 8 & 9 years—\$115.00; 10 years—\$135.00 and 11 years—\$150.00

WANT TO BE AN ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE LEADER IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Volunteer for NSW Energymark and reduce your carbon footprint and power bills. CSIRO and the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW are looking for 500 volunteers to lead small group discussions on energy, climate change, water and waste. You don't need to know a lot about energy and climate change—simply gather a small group of people (family, friends, neighbours, work-mates) for discussions using support and discussion material from CSIRO and NSW Government.

To register or for more information visit: www.energymark.com.au or call 1300 119 003