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Newsletter

"STUDENTS ARE PROVIDED WITH QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES"

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DRAMA STUDENTS—SOCK PUPPETS GET SOPHISTICATED



Above: Claire Harmer & Jennifer McMullen-Halverson from Year 9 and Jessica Key from Year 10 show off their creations. All three girls received top marks for design and creativity.

Drama students were given the task to create and make a sock puppet and then perform a monologue in front of their peers recently. Plenty of fun was had getting creative and bringing their puppets to life giving them names and a personality.

The Drama students will now go on to performing a live puppet show for visiting junior schools in the area.

CLAYTON GOES BACK TO SCHOOL ?

Macksville High School will host activities to celebrate **Youth Fest 2011**. Clayton Donovan from the Jaaning Tree will be inspiring Macksville High School students with a cooking demonstration of the finest cuisine. Clayton who is an ex Macksville student will return to the school on 25 March to participate in the Youth Fest celebrations, this event has been proudly sponsored by Miimi Mothers through the Brighter Futures program.



There will also be art, music and dance workshops available for students to attend. If anyone would like further details please don't hesitate to contact Mark Werner, Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer on 0265681066.

Pic above: Clayton Donovan Head Chef cooking in his local restaurant—The Jaaning Tree in Nambucca Heads

IMPORTANT DATES

March

- 21..... Yr 7 (only) - Parents Info. night
- 22.....P&C—AGM Meeting-6.30pm-Library
- 24..... Photo-excursion Macksville River
- 24..... *bach to the future*-music perform.
- 25..... Youthfest—Macksville—11.10am
- 28..... School Photos—Hall
- 29..... Photo-excursion—MHS CBD
- 29..... Gold Social—6.30—9pm—Stad.

31—April 8Yr12 Exams

- 31..... School Photos catch-up 9:00am

April

- 4..... Nam.Shire Council Youth forum
- 4—8..... Yr10 Work Experience
- 7..... World Vision talk
- 8..... Last Day Term 1
- 26..... Anzac Day—Public Holiday
- 27..... Staff Development Day-pupil free
- 28..... Term 2 begins—students return

SPORT DATES

March

- 21..... Area—Basketball—Girls & Boys—CH
- 23..... Area—Rugby —Open &15yrs-Ballina
- 24—26 2011 NSWCHS Swimming Ch'ships—
..... Homebush SOPAC
- 25..... Volleyball—Wauchope
- 29..... Zone Squash—Kempsey
- 30..... Area—Rugby Union FNC?

April

- 1 Area—Football-Boys & Girls-Yamba

May

- 6 Zone—Open Touch—Girls & Boys—
..... Wauchope
- 6..... Cross Country—Macksville HS

From The Principal



.....Next Tuesday night at 6.30pm is the P&C Annual General meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage your attendance.....

The recent Year 7 & 12 parent/teacher night went well. The online booking system introduced for the first time received positive support from the parents on the night. We didn't receive many calls from parents seeking assistance with going online. We will repeat for the next parent/teacher night and put out plenty of advice for parents in the week leading up to it. Remember if you can't go online for any reason, you can ring the school and complete the booking process over the phone in a few minutes.

Next Tuesday night at 6.30pm is the P&C Annual General Meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage your attendance. It is essential that your school has an effective group of parents that meet regularly providing advice about school organisation and policy, guiding us with our evaluation and planning, and strategically managing the distribution of P&C funds. David Hall, our cur-

rent President, keeps the meetings moving and we try to present something interesting about our school each month. See you there.

This week we have been encouraging students to nominate for positions on the Student Representative Council (SRC). There will be elections held next week. At the completion of this process we hope to have students from Years 8 through to 12, making up an active team of students. The SRC meet each day as a roll group and have regular lunch time meetings. The students gain leadership experience and have a range of opportunities which are personally rewarding. The work they do on behalf of all students organising events, representing the school, offering input into school policy, etc. is very valuable. The School Captains will be elected from the current Year 11 SRC representatives.

Paul Holding, Principal

DJARAN SMITH NAMED 'SWIMMER OF THE MEET'



By Larissa Atkins

18 year old Macksville High School student Djaran Smith was again named 'Swimmer of the Meet' and Senior Age Champion at the North Coast Combined High Schools Swimming Championships held at Banora Point on Thursday March 10. Djaran had an excellent meet, setting new records in the 100m breaststroke and butterfly and the 200m medley. He will compete in those events as well as the 400m medley, 50m freestyle and three relays at the NSW CHS State Championships being held at Homebush from March 24-26.

Alina Tape continued dominate the 14 years age group and was once again age champion. After winning all seven of her individual events and swimming in two qualifying relay teams she now has a huge program at state where she will also

compete in the 400m freestyle and 400m individual medley.

Sharni and Beau Tape both had great day. Sharni qualifying in 6 individual events and two relay teams and Beau in 5 individual events and two relay teams.

Tannah Bradshaw also excelled at his first High School Regional Carnival, qualifying in four individual events and two relay teams.

Macksville High School finished second behind Kingscliff High School at the Championships. In the prestigious Knockout Relay they were a very close second to Maclean High School. It was a super effort from the whole team with 18 of the 31 students attending selected on the North Coast team.

Macksville High teams will compete in the Boys All Age 300m Relay, the Open Boys and Girls 200m Medley Relays, the 14 Girls 200m Freestyle Relay, 16 Boys 200m Freestyle Relay and the 17-19 Boys and Girls 200m Freestyle Relays.

Joining the North Coast team to compete in Macksville High Relay events are: Sam Perkins, Michael Fowler, Sophie Atkins, Kate Shaw, Kelly Taylor, Hans Mika, Charlie Porter, Tamara Gallop, Jessica Howe, Alison Lawler, Joel Brunsdon, Andrew Flarrey and Ben Mulvihill.



U/15's BOYS AND GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL—FRIDAY FEB. 25

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Tess McQuade, Jacinta Harmer, Kelly Taylor, Kirstie Pedrola, Ruby Porter, Denea Buckley, Niki Davis, Jade Loudon, Brooke Pedrola, Megan Porter, Sandie Grant-McDonell, Robin West, Nyomi Widders



Keith Donovan, Damian Carriage, Kade Spear, Bill Hennessey, Dylan Stewart, Ben Suckling, Daneil Donovan, Darren Liebe, Jai Doolan, jai Doolan, Jesse Allen, Tyler Fortescue-Welsh

The annual zone trials for the u/15 boys and girls touch football sides were held at Bowraville on the 25th of February and Macksville fielded two teams to contest the event.

Both teams played simultaneously and against the same schools, so it was the local derby of Macksville versus Bowraville to start proceedings.

The boys started a little slow, their defence was solid but their attack faltered a couple of times before they found their rhythm and the blistering pace of outside man Damien Carriage who left the defence clutching at shadows and wondering where he went. From here on Macksville weren't really troubled and went on to win 5 – 0.

The next game was played immediately after the first and was against Port Macquarie. The boys didn't seem to play as well as the first game but such is the skill they possess, they cruised to a 6 – 2 victory. Then it was Melville, who provided a bit more of a challenge. Our boys lost their structure in defence and this left a few gaps which saw the opposition gain a glimmer of hope. However, their hope soon turned to despair, as our boys started to talk to each other, which led to more organised defence and with that the attack came thick and fast. Again we ran out winners 8 – 3.

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the only undefeated boys team.

The girls also had a very successful day. They achieved great results considering many of the girls had never played competition touch before. This can be attributed to their natural athleticism and some expert coaching by former Australian representative Lorraine Donovan. The day started well with a solid victory over arch rivals Bowraville. Some desperate defence saw the girls hold them out 4 – 2.

The next game against Port Macquarie was a try fest. Players such as Nyomi Widders, Nikki Davie and Kelly Taylor, displaying loads of skill and power, went on a carve-up session with the opposition. Everyone had a taste of the action and Macksville ran out winners 7 – 1. A tougher encounter followed and again took a lot of scrambling defence to hold them out. Stand out players included Kirstie and Brooke Pedrola as well as Robyn West and Sandie Grant-McDonell who were always dangerous. In the end Macksville prevailed 5 – 3.

The final game against Wauchope was the toughest of all. All the girls played well and fought hard for the entire game. A couple of slip ups in defence and attack at crucial moments unfortunately saw the opposition gain an unassailable lead, winning 6 - 4 and subsequently taking out the competition.

Six players were chosen for the Zone squad, they included: Bill Hennessey, Jai Doolan, Keith Donovan, Damien Carriage, Nyomi Widders and Nikki Davie. All games were played in the best spirit and all coaches and parents were very proud. Special thanks to those parents who assisted with transport on the day.

Absent Notes

If your child has been absent from school, please ensure that you send in a letter of explanation on your child's return, otherwise the absence is recorded as 'unexplained'.

CYBER BULLYING

STUDENTS SPEAK OUT ABOUT CYBER BULLYING

Year 9 literacy students have been busily writing persuasive texts and fine tuning their completed drafts. The questions they have been addressing often involve contentious topics and contemporary issues. Some of the questions we have addressed this year include;

* Zoos should be closed down. Do you agree? * Computers interfere with healthy lifestyles. Do you agree? * What do you see as the importance of holidays? * Cyber bullying is a major concern for young people. Do you agree?

Composing texts to persuade or convince an audience of a particular point of view or line of argument is a challenging task and requires thorough preparation. The Literacy students have shown considerable improvement in tackling persuasive texts. The student work samples published below reveal their capacity to present pertinent points of view and reinforce them with appropriate evidence.

Cyber Bullying is a major concern for young people. Do you agree?

Example 1:

I think Cyber Bullying is a concerning matter for the younger people of our society, particularly as it has a lot of negative impacts on the children being bullied.

There is a significantly high amount, approximately 75% of year 7 students in Australia, experiencing cyber bullying, therefore showing that many more above and below that age must also be getting cyber bullied. Cyber bullying has led to many cases of depression, embarrassment, humiliation and even consequences as tragic as suicide.

The cyber bullies may think they are tough but in everybody else's eyes they are just cowardly people. Frequently bullies don't realise that bullying is the wrong thing to do to other human beings, and is mainly a result of them being bullied by others. Bullying creates a chain reaction that creates more bullies. Cyber bullying leads to cases of physical aggression.

Repeated cases of cyber bullying have even led to cases of drug use, and alcohol problems at a young age. Most children that are bullied are afraid to leave their homes, or go to school, leading to a lack of education and therefore affecting their future. Most cyber bullying occurs on social networking websites such as, Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, MSN and You Tube.

Unfortunately cyber bullying seems to be an occurrence that will never stop and may only escalate to worse cases. It also seems that it has been around for a long time and will move to younger and younger people over time if action isn't taken immediately.

Example 2:

I strongly agree cyber bullying is a large concern in the world today. Occurrences of cyber bullying over the past 6 months have recorded 40 young people committing suicide in America due to cyber bullying.

Cyber bullying is against the law, but that doesn't stop the low life fiends that like to see young people in despair, from continuing to bully. Young people that have experienced cyber bullying have been emotionally scarred, often leading to depression and possible drug taking!

Regularly, cyber bullying is happening on internet sites such as MSN, Facebook, g-mail, Twitter and You Tube. In my opinion the people who cyber bully are just pathetic cowards that don't have a life! These offenders need to develop better relationships.

Continued cyber bullying often escalates into physical aggression. For example at most high schools there have been numerous fights that have been started from cyber bullying. Photo and video footage can be passed from phone to phone leading to the victim being depressed and sometimes ostracised.

Cyber bullying is a problem that can't be fixed. It will always happen but there must be harsher punishments! Cyber bullying is a gutless act!



COUNTRY CUP—OPEN RUGBY LEAGUE



(Top Row) Mr Smith, Josh Simon, Mitch Liebe, Aaron Argent, Beau Saville, Joe McKay, Jordan Sheather, Dylan Elliot, Joel Brunsdon, Josh Cockbain, Shannon Herdon, Joe Borg, Max Hennessey
(Front Row) Tim Worthing, Chris Buckley, Ben Mulvihill, Jimi Allan, Brad Doolan, Jackson Wells

Macksville High School recently competed in the first round of the Country Rugby League state-wide knockout competition. This particular competition is open to all high schools in NSW both public and private.

The Country Cup format involves a gala day type scenario with five schools entered each playing one another a single time, the team with the most wins moves on to the next round. Macksville went through the day undefeated but as a result of a dubious rule were unsuccessful in progressing in the competition.

The results of the four games played were as follows: Macksville V's Nambucca – smashed them, V's Coffs Jetty – smashed them, V's JPC – 6 all draw, V's BDC – smashed them. The rules state that in case of a draw, the team to score first takes the points.

Despite the disappointment of not winning the title, the players still came away with a very positive outlook. All of them need to be commended for their sportsmanship and all-round performance. Special thanks go to parents and family members for their support and assistance transporting players to the event.

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.**

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

If you have any questions, please call me on 6568 1066. Thank you Celestine Porter-Burns, Careers Adviser

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on Monday March 28. Payment envelopes were distributed in Roll groups on Monday March 7. These are to be returned, with payment enclosed, and given to the photographers on the photo day. Students who wish to have family photos and/or friends group photos need to see Ms Smith in the library prior to the day to make arrangements for these.

YEAR 7 (ONLY) PARENTS INFORMATION NIGHT

On Monday next March 21 commencing at 6pm—7pm there will be an **Information Night for Year 7** parents to be held in the School Library. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and hear about upcoming programs, also the chance to get to know other parents in your year group. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

GOLD SOCIAL REWARD—Tuesday March 29—6.30pm—9pm

All students on Gold will be eligible to receive a free ticket to attend the Social. Tickets will be available to be collected from the front office from Wednesday March 23 until Monday March 28.
This event is only for students on Gold. See your Year Adviser for further details if you are unsure of your status.

NOTICES

CANTEEN ROSTER March/April

MARCH

Monday	21	S Compton
Tuesday	22	J Ward
Wednesday	23	Helper Needed
Thursday	24	J Beggs
Friday	25	G Welsh
Monday	28	S Compton
Tuesday	29	Helpers Needed
Wednesday	30	Helpers Needed
Thursday	31	Helpers Needed

APRIL

Friday	1	G Welsh
Monday	4	S Compton, A Pope
Tuesday	5	R Wood, D Black, L Brandolini
Wednesday	6	Helpers Needed
Thursday	7	D Jackson, J Martin
Friday	8	G Welsh

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

STUART POINT PLAYERS

The Players' next production "Revue Two" will incorporate two different programs. Performing in both productions however are over thirty performers ranging in age from 9 to 70. The two Kempsey performances will be held at the Oddfellows Hall, the home of the Macleay Valley Arts Council, on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th May, commencing at 7:30pm.

The two Stuarts Point performances will be on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th at the Stuarts Point Community Hall commencing at 7:30pm. Here audience will have an opportunity to see a showcase of community activities. The Players have invited several community groups to participate in "Revue Two" at The Point They are Stuarts Point Primary School, the Eungai/Stuarts Point CWA, the Belly Dancing and Drumming Group, the Physical Culture Group, the Tai Chi Group, a Balinese Dancing Group, the Yarrabinni Agapella Choir and the Zoomba Dancing Group.

Audience at Stuarts Point Performances are encouraged to BYO nibbles and drinks and tea and coffee will be available at Interval. The Opening night of the Stuarts Point performance will be a Charity Night to raise funds for the Yarrhapinni Community House.

Ticket sales will open in mid April and will be available from Wonderland Framing and Printing in Kempsey for the Kempsey performances and at Sharen's Hair Studio for the Stuarts Point performances. Cost of tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for Concessions and \$6 for children who are 16 years and under.

Belt Up for Safety (BUS)

To everyone who has joined this campaign- thank you. P&C representatives will be meeting with Mr Andrew Stoner next Monday and will be delivering our letters to him then. If you would like to join us and voice your concerns in person, please phone Karina 65699373 for details.

What can you do? It is not too late to voice your concerns about our children's safety. Sign the on-line petition- Simply follow this link it takes about 2 minutes

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/Seat-Belt-For-School-Bus/> or Send an email to either our local member and likely Deputy Premier andrew.stoner@parliament.nsw.gov.au or the likely new Premier, Barry O'Farrell LOP@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

You can make a difference!!!!

MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

6.30 pm

Tuesday 22 March 2011

*commencing at the conclusion
of the General Meeting*

MHS School Library

Interested parents are invited to attend

**ALL POSITIONS
WILL BECOME VACANT**

**YOUR CHILDREN NEED YOU TO
LOOK OUT FOR THEIR EDUCATION**

*Need more information — telephone
the outgoing Secretary on 65647095*

YOUTH WEEK 2011 'OWN IT' - LOCAL TALENT NEEDED

Are you aged between 12-25? Are you in a Hip Hop, Metal, Alternative, Grunge, Rock, any sort of band or Solo Artist?

Nambucca Shire Council's Youth Development Officer is looking for musicians to play on Saturday April 2 in a Music night for Youth Week 2011.

The event will be at Macksville HS Stadium, 7.30-10.30pm. Please contact the Youth Development Officer at Nambucca Shire Council on 6568 0254 if you are interested in performing.

PHOTOGRAPHY/ART/LITERATURE COMPETITION

As part of Youth Week 2011, Nambucca Shire Council's Youth Development Officer will be hosting the above competition for local youth aged 12-25 years. The theme is 'Own It'. Categories are as follows: *Photography*: b & w or colour. Mail as photo or as a JPEG, TIF or PDF file on disk, or email. *Art* entries: Min. size 30cmx30cm— max. 90cmx60cm. Art in any format— paint, pencil, charcoal, etc. Please have them ready to hang. Sculptures, no larger than 30cmx60cm and be easily moved.

Literature—no longer than 1 A4 page— can be in the form of poetry or short story.

Entries should include your name, age, address & phone number and can be submitted by mail, Nambucca Shire council PO Box 177 Mks; OR drop into Council Chambers, 44 Princess St. Mks. OR email:

Vicki.fernance@nambucca.nsw.gov.au

Competition closes Friday March 25. Enquiries to Youth Development Officer 6568 0254

NAMBUCCA VALLEY RELAY FOR LIFE—May 14 –15

Register today at:

http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2011/nambucca_valley_2011

COFFS HARBOUR RELAY FOR LIFE—May 28 –29

Register today at:

http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2011/coffs_harbour_2011

MACKSVILLE SOCCER CLUB

Club Information day and barbeque

Where: North Mks Playing Fields

When: Saturday March 19 at 9.00am

We invite all junior players, parents and those interested in joining a team to come along for a game; information session and BBQ to welcome the 2011 season!

We look forward to seeing everyone there!