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Newsletter

"QUALITY FACILITIES AND RESOURCES ARE PROVIDED"

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YEAR 7 HISTORY—MAJOR PROJECT

Year 7 students from Macksville High School recently completed their first major project for high school. They were requested to make a model that reflected an aspect of Egyptian life, no bigger than a school desk in any material they liked. They were given three weeks to make their project and the examples were amazing. A timber obelisk, mummies, amulets, tablets made from plaster displaying fabulous hieroglyphics and board games. Fine examples of canopic jars used in the mummification process were made. History tells us that generally there were four made to hold embalmed organs. Each jar symbolising the four protecting spirits; falcon, human, jackal and baboon. Students were asked to write a paragraph on their project please see examples below:



Lilly Borg (above)
Peta Salter (below)



I made four canopic jars for my history assignment. The canopic jars are interesting. They mummified people and put their internal organs in the jars.

Each jar represents the four sons of Horus which are: - Imseti (human head) which guarded the liver, Qebehsenuef (falcon head) who guarded the intestines, Hapi (Baboon head) which guarded the lungs and Duamutef (jackal head) which guarded the stomach.

By Lilly Borg – Year 7

My project is an Egyptian canopic jar which is used to hold internal organs during the process of mummification.

I chose to make this jar because I thought it looked fun to make and the purpose of it looked interesting.

P.S. the human head (the God Imseti) is supposed to hold the liver but I put a brain inside mine.

By Peta Salter – Year 7



Above left to right: Tamara Wood (plaster tablet); Cameron Gaymer (timber board game) and Trent Stack (Pyramid)

IMPORTANT DATES

March

31—April 8Yr12 Exams

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

May

2.....Yr9 Parent/Carer Information

.....night—6pm in MHS Library

3.....10am BOS talk to Yr11

6.....Uni.of New England—Open

.....day—Armidale

6.....Cross Country—MHS—1.30pm

10.....Senior talk with a physicist—MHS

10—12.....NAPLAN—in Stadium

13.....Yr7 Immunisation—Hall

13.....Captains visit—Governm't House

19.....Kempsey Science Challenge day

23—31.....Yr11 Exams—Stadium

23.....Yr12 Adv. Dive—SWR

24.....P & C Meet.—6.30pm— Library

30.....Yrs 8 & 10 Parent/teacher night

SPORTING DATES:

April

1.....Area—Football-Boys & Girls-Yamba

May

6.....Cross Country—MHS 1.30pm

6.....Zone—Open Touch—Girls & Boys—
.....Wauchope

9.....NSW All School Swimming—Sydney

17.....NSWCHS girl's football—Port Macq.

18.....ZONE—Cross Country—Kendall

18.....U13 & U15 Country Cup—Coffs Harb.

20.....Area Netball—Yamba

From The Principal



.....Congratulations to our new executive on the school P&C. David Hall, President - Lisa Hall, Secretary - Roger Cotterell, Vice-President and Paula Buckley, Treasurer.....

We have had another busy couple of weeks. Congratulations to Mark Werner, Terry Argent and their team for the cultural awareness activities on Friday last week. The opportunities made available for students were outstanding and the many students involved indicated their appreciation.

Two of our league teams played Nambucca High school in the first round of the combined High Schools' knockout competition. I was very pleased to see they both had easy wins and will be on the road for away games in the second round.

The social on Tuesday night was our first gold reward for our students who are on *gold level*. Thanks to the Student Representative Council for their organisation and efforts on the night to make it a success.

This week we had a successful evacuation practice. It is a requirement that we have evacuation plans in place and practice them regularly. Early next term we will practice our lock down procedures. This is in case of a dangerous situation developing in the school that involve unwelcome people. The staff and students are required to stay in their rooms or

enter a classroom and close the door until the all clear is given. Our policies are available for you to see on the Macksville High school web site.

Next week, Year 12 start their half yearly exams. It is important that our students have a study plan and are in class leading up to the exams to receive advice about the exam. Students who are ill or unable to attend an exam should speak to their teacher about a misadventure application. There have been a number of students in Years 11 and 12 who have missed handing assessment tasks in on-time this term. It is not a satisfactory reason if they were away on an excursion on the day a task is due. When a deadline is missed, it is expected that the task will be done and handed in to the teacher. The teacher will then provide feedback to the student and a mark will not be recorded.

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Paul Holding, Principal

NORTH COAST INNOVATION FESTIVAL LAUNCH—YOU'RE INVITED

Letter received from Member North Coast Innovation Festival- Mid North Coast Task Group..... Thank you for your interest in the Launch of the North Coast Innovation Festival to be held on 27 April 2011. It would be much appreciated if you could circulate the following notice in your School Newsletter/Website and particularly to Year 11/12 teachers/students in Food Technology/Manufacturing:

North Coast Innovation Festival Launch – You're invited

Students and their families are invited to attend the public launch of the 2011 North Coast Innovation Festival in Gordon Park from 11am – 1pm on Wednesday, 27th April. The event will feature cooking demonstrations by celebrity chef, Stefano Manfredi and local Indigenous chef and owner of the Jaaning Tree Restaurant, Clayton Donovan; food and exhibits from the Taste of Nambucca; along with displays from innovators in manufacturing and other industries.

The launch event is a great opportunity for students and the community to get a good understanding of innovation along with information on the North Coast Innovation Festival events for the region. Find out more about the North Coast Innovation Festival at www.ncinnovationfestival.org.au. The Festival runs from 1 -31 May 2011.

Applying to University: Information evening May 5

Applying to University is a major focus of many of our Year 12 students. There are preferences, codes and extra criteria. There are Principal's recommendation schemes where we do very well, but it all amounts to a whole new language. I will have a parent information night in the Library on Thursday May 5 beginning at 6.00 pm. Students will get a briefing early next term. Please ring the front office and leave your name if you would like to attend or keep your eye out for an invitation notice in Week 1. Any questions in the mean time call Celestine Porter-Burns on 6568 1066.

BUS DRIVER WANTED

Each Wednesday students from Macksville, Bowraville and Nambucca High Schools travel to TAFE at Coffs Harbour to attend Courses that are part of their HSC program. Bowraville High School make places available on their bus that transports students and we are looking for a volunteer driver who can drive it for three or four Wednesdays per term. You would need to be available between 11 am and 6.30 pm.

If you are interested please call Doug Urquhart at Bowraville Central School on 6564 7162 for more information.

GOLD REWARD SOCIAL "FARM THEME"

On Tuesday night this week over 300 students boogied the night away in the stadium or should I say the "BARN" to go with the theme of our first school social for the year. Plenty of flannelette shirts, hats and boots were worn as everyone enjoyed a free social as a reward for all Gold students. Teachers and students dressed up as everything from chickens, cats, milk maids, farmers and even a scarecrow. The SRC did a great job running the night and we all now look forward to the next event.



YEAR 7 INFORMATION NIGHT FEEDBACK

Last Monday night Year 7 parents were invited to attend an information evening. Principal, Paul Holding and our Year 7 Year Adviser, Mrs Liz O'Sullivan were on hand to answer any questions. Our Highly Accomplished Teacher (HAT), Mrs Jane Pearce went through a number of topics including the upcoming NAPLAN tests and the literacy and numeracy programs available. It was great to see so many parents attend; the school now will hold a similar event for Year 9 parents on May 2 (see newsletter article for further details).

A range of questions were asked on the night including:

- * The orange excursion/permission note is too complicated.
 - *This is currently being reviewed.*
- * The accuracy of role marking and unexplained absence letters home.
 - *A teacher has been allocated the role of monitoring attendance. We are looking towards an electronic roll marking system which will improve accuracy.*
- * Students in town during school hours.
 - *The school is receiving support from local businesses that are checking pass-outs and contacting the school if necessary, this is an ongoing process.*
- * Bookings on line (Parent/Teacher Interviews) - add Year Advisers and confirm all classes taught by each teacher are listed.
 - *Parents were very supportive of the new program and these suggestions have been implemented.*



If at any time you have any questions, no matter how small please do not hesitate to contact the school. Our Community Liaison Officer, Lynette Howle is available to speak with you and ensure your questions are answered.

Contact: Macksville High School on 65681066, your feedback is very important.

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED

Can you spare a few hours between 9.00am – 2.00pm once a fortnight, monthly or even occasionally when needed (lunch will be provided). The canteen is looking for helpers to have on a roster system. If you can help out please return this form to the school office or alternatively email Lynette Howle, Community Liaison Officer on lynette.howle@det.nsw.gov.au. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Roz in the canteen on 65681066.

Canteen Volunteer

Name: _____

Contact Ph No. _____

AVAILABILITY – PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR PREFERENCE

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

HOW OFTEN – PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR PREFERENCE

WEEKLY FORTNIGHTLY MONTHLY EMERGENCY (AS NEEDED)

YEAR 9 (ONLY) PARENT'S INFORMATION NIGHT



When: Monday, 2 May - 6.00pm-7.00pm

Where: School Library

Why: An opportunity to ask questions and hear about upcoming programs and NAPLAN, also the chance to get to know other parents in your year group - we look forward to seeing you on the night.

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**

OFFICE DUTY

We will be commence using Yr 7 for Office Duty at the beginning of Term 2, trialling the students completing a full day rather than lots of 2 periods 3 or 4 times over the year. If all the students participate, they should only have to complete 1 & ½ days per year. A lot of schools on the Mid North Coast use messengers for the full day successfully and we are hoping to encourage as many students as possible to do this at our school.

This role is very important and helps enormously with delivering messages around the school to students and teachers. On most days there are many messages to deliver from parents/guardians to students and

we often need to locate students quickly for parents and teachers. Teachers will be asked to provide work for the student to do while they are between errands and each student who participates will receive a School Service Award which counts towards receiving a Diamond Award. Doing office duty helps students to find out more about their school environment and gives them some responsibility and an understanding of how a workplace operates.

Hopefully most parents/guardians will support this change and the outcome will be more beneficial for the school community.

FREE

There are some Standard Student Desks available free from the school.

Please contact Chris Welsh if you are interested.

**First in first served basis and they are to be collected from the school.
Phone 6568 1066**

**Two green school blazers (numbers 5 & 10) went missing on Monday March 28 while school photos were being taken.
Anyone with any information please contact the school on 6568 1066. These blazers are very expensive to replace.**

NOTICES

CANTEEN ROSTER March/April

MARCH

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

Term 2

Wednesday	27	Development Day—no students
Thursday	28	J Beggs
Friday	29	G Welsh

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

BOWRAVILLE JUNIOR GOLF

Next round is scheduled for Sunday April 10. A 'working bee' to construct an awning over the BBQ area has also been planned on that day and a program and roster for the remaining of 2011 will be discussed. Results for Sunday March 20 were: *Juniors*—Winner: Jake Armes NTP: Cameron Southan. *Sub Juniors*—Winners: Dean Ahearn & Shelana Boorer, Delaney Boorer & Will Douglass.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS—EXCURSION PERMISSION NOTE

There are still a lot of orange "Excursion Permission" notes outstanding that were sent home at the beginning of the term. Please send this form back to the school with your child/ren and if you have lost it, please request another form.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Seventy students will be attending Work Experience next week. For others normal classes will be held. Thank you to the local community for your support. Celestine Porter-Burns

NAMBUCCA VALLEY RELAY FOR LIFE—May

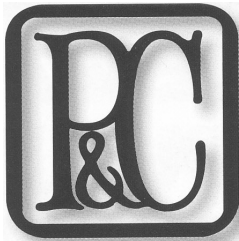
14–15 Register today at: http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2011/nambucca_valley_2011

COFFS HARBOUR RELAY FOR LIFE—May 28–29

Register today at: http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2011/coffs_harbour_2011

MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

North Coast Representative Shirts donated by your P&C The P & C raises most of its funds from the school canteen. Parents have not been volunteering to work in the canteen and as a result, workers have to be employed and paid award wages to provide lunches for the students. Previously students were given one shirt per year and/or \$30.00 for each representation to a different North Coast or State level event. Students will not be given one shirt per year and the automatic funding of \$30 will be discontinued until more volunteers assist in the canteen. Parents who need assistance with getting representative students to event may approach the P&C with their case for the \$30 support.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY GOLF CLINIC

Tuesday April 19—Open for students aged 10 to 15yrs—9am to 10.30am. Cost: Free (equipment provided) Conducted at Nambucca Heads Golf Club—to book ring Steve Barnes on 65688172.

INVOICES

Last week invoices were posted home showing amounts owing for certain subjects and outstanding sport fees for Term 1. If you require some financial assistance with subject fees a Student Assistance form can be obtained from the school office.

Please note that payment of the Voluntary Contribution is a personal decision as to whether or not it is paid. We do point out that these voluntary contributions enhance the schools' educational and sporting programs and are greatly appreciated. Any problems with the invoices please phone the front office on 65681066

EXPRESSIONS of INTEREST—CANTEEN BOOKKEEPER

The Macksville High School P&C Association has a position vacant for a Canteen Bookkeeper. The P&C is looking to employ a Bookkeeper to maintain the canteen financial records and administer payments for the canteen staff and coordinate the audit of the canteen books. This position is for school terms only for minimum of 3 hours per week on a casual basis. There will be a 3 month probation period. Conditions of employment, including pay rates (Class 3 – 1st year casual \$21.32 p/hr) – (2nd year casual \$21.98 p/hr).

Duties include:

Wages
Completing cash book—expenses & income
Filing, petty cash
Monthly & weekly cheques
Bank reconciliation, superannuation
Banklink coding for auditing purposes
Quarterly BAS - PAYG withholding
Attend P&C meetings monthly to provide a canteen report
Assist with serving in the canteen if required whilst on duty.

All applications must meet the following criteria:

Bookkeeping experience is essential
Pass a NSW working with children check
Be well presented, honest and reliable

Applications should be sent to:

Macksville High School,
Attention: David Hall, P&C President,
Position Vacant,
PO Box 611,
Macksville NSW 2447

Applications must be received in writing by COB Friday, April 8 2011. For further inquiries please contact David Hall on 0401216523.

Applicants who are short-listed for an interview will be contacted via telephone. Applicants that are not short-listed will be notified in writing.

STUART POINT PLAYERS presents

REVUE TWO (six short comedy plays)

Tickets \$12—conc.\$10—child \$6 phone bookings to Kerri on 6569 0988—Kempsey Oddfellows Hall on Friday May 6 and Saturday May 7 (tickets from Wonderland Framing)

Stuarts Point Community Hall on Friday May 13 and Saturday May 14 (tickets from Sharen's Hair Studio). Phone bookings to Kerri on 6569 0988

HEAD LICE

There has been an outbreak of head lice at the school recently. 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
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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. For more information on the treatment of head lice, go to www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice