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NEWSLETTER

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"QUALITY FACILITIES AND RESOURCES ARE PROVIDED"

IMPORTANT DATES

May 30	Yr11 exams - stadium
30	3.30pm Yr8 & Yr10 Parent/Teacher night - in stadium
June	
3	Infants drama perf. - MHS hall
6-10	Yr9 & 10 exams in stadium
8	Science ICAS Competition - MHS
13	NSW Public holiday
14, 16 & 17	Yr7 & 8 exams - stadium
14	Parent Info. night Yr10 into Yr11 in stadium
15	Yr10 into Yr11 Stud. info morning
16-17	Yr10-11 Student Subject Choice interviews - Library
20-22	Yr10/11 Art&Photography -Canberra
20	3.30pm Yr9 & Yr11 Parent/Teacher night - stadium
21	Spelling/Writing ICAS Competition
28	P & C Meeting 6.30pm - Library
July 1	Last day Term 2

SPORT DATES

May 30	NSWCHS Rugby Leag. Toronto
June	
1-2	Athletics Carnival at Macksville
3	Area Squash - Kempsey
6-7	NSWCHS Lawn Bowls - Warila
8	Lloyd McDermott U16 Trials -Kemp.
10	Area-Cross Country backupdate 17/6
10	Reg. Cross Country - Nana Glen
16	Zone athletics backupdate 23/6
22	Zone Softball - boys - Kempsey
22	Country Cup Finals - Port Macq.

"Cattle Team's success - brings home a truck load of ribbons from recent shows"



At left: Jessica Weaver Yr12 & Matt Chapman Yr 10

The Bellingen Show was the fitting culmination of a very successful local show season. At Bellingen the team won Supreme Champion Beef

Exhibit and was also awarded the 'NAB Most Successful Exhibitor' plate!

Our team also won awards for Junior Parading with Jessie Weaver winning the over 16 years class and Elizabeth Argue winning the under 13 years parader's group. Elizabeth went on to be judged the overall Parading Champion beating Jessie in the final. This was a fantastic effort given that Elizabeth is still in her first year with the Cattle Team. Macksville High Students also took out the first 4 places in the Junior Judging event won by Jessie Weaver. Jessie has proven herself to be an exceptional team member over the past 5 years.

Our success follows on from outstanding efforts at the Grafton and the Coffs Harbour Shows. At Grafton Macksville High School managed a very rare feat placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the Cow and Calf Class. Grafton Show attracts very good cattle making this victory particularly sweet.

In the past 12 months Macksville High Cattle Team has represented the school at Dorrigo, Armidale, Nimbin, North Coast Nationals, Macksville, Kempsey, Grafton, Coffs Harbour and Bellingen Shows. We have represented the School with distinction and have not been beaten in any School based class. Macksville High School has entered cattle in the Royal Brisbane Show (EKKA) and hopes to continue with their success in that show.

The support of parents has been fantastic in the past 12 months. In particular thanks must go to Jane Ryffel who has been our 'den-mother', caterer and photographer. Her efforts are greatly appreciated by all Cattle Team members. It was also good to see some fathers join us at Bellingen. Thank you to all parents for their support.

If there are any landholders who might be able to agist a few of our cattle over winter please contact the School.

Terry Argent - Agriculture Teacher

Please notify staff in the school office (6568 1066) of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.



NAIDOC Week 2011

This year we will continue celebrating the culture, history and achievements of our Indigenous people during NAIDOC Week which will be held from 3-10 July.

The 2011 National NAIDOC theme is about taking responsibility for our future. To control the change we need to plan and take action to make it happen. It's our future – change: the next step is ours.

Macksville High School has recently been successful in applying for funding through the Coff sHarbour Indigenous Co-ordination Centre and Aboriginal Affairs NSW to host the event.

Stay tuned for more details in up-coming Newsletters.

Student Representative Council (SRC)



NEW MEMBERS BADGE PRESENTATION

YEAR 11: Lee Fishburn, Jessica Howe, Dana Kraschnefski, Jarrah Marquardt and Tom Rowe

YEAR 10: Kylie Ellis

JUNIOR INAUGURAL MEMBERS BADGE PRESENTATION

YEAR 9: Petrea Guiana, Kiara Johnston, Jessica Kinsella, Stuart Mason and Max Vernon

*At left - back row: Tye Kelly, Jayme Thompson, Jarrah Marquardt, Stuart Mason, Tom Rowe and Dana Kraschnefski
Front row: Petrea Guiana, Kylie Ellis, Jess Howe, Sophie Atkins, Rhannon Grace and Jessica Kinsella*

Macksville High School Cross Country



12 Girls: Erin Atkins	12 Boys: Alec Gage
13 Girls: Ellie Scafidi	13 Boys: Trent Stack
14 Girls: Alina Tape	14 Boys: Ben Wood
15 Girls: Sandie Grant-McDonell	15 Boys: Liam Noble
16 Girls: Meika McAlister	16 Boys: Beau Tape
17 Girls: Sharni Tape	17 Boys: Tobias Cosic
18 Girls: Allison Lawler	18 Boys: David Gregory

At left: Alec, Trent, Ben, David, Ellie and Meika after receiving their awards

Yrs 9, 10 & 12 Premier's Debating Challenge "the battle begins"



From left: Raina, Nick, Douglas, Anthony, Tavis, Emily, Sian and Evie

The first round of the Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 9 and 10 was held at Macksville High School on Friday 20th May.

Douglas Robertson, Anthony Thompson, Emily Craven and Nick McCann made up the Year 10 team and argued the negative case for the topic 'That all high schools should have a selective stream'. Unfortunately the Year 10 team lost their debate against the Nambucca High Blue team, but with more attention to rebuttal, this team will certainly be hard to beat in the next round.

The Year 9 team had better luck in their debate, arguing the negative case for the topic 'That we should ban single sex schools'. Raina Schmidt, Evie Smith, Sian Hall and Tavis Hall provided sound arguments and worked well as a team to win their debate against the Nambucca High Red team.

Stay tuned for more debating updates as we move on to Round 2

On Thursday, May 12, the Year 12 debating team traveled to Taree for Round 2 of the Premier's Debating Challenge. The team consisted of Molly O'Grady, Tayla Chapman, Caitlin Baines and Ruby Coia. The topic on the day was "That the ABC should be privatised" with Macksville taking the Negative position. Macksville won the debate, with Ruby Coia as first speaker, Molly O'Grady speaking second, Caitlin Baines wrapping up as third speaker and Tayla Chapman as team advisor.



Mathematics Challenge Day Armidale Uni

On Friday 13th May, eight of our finest mathematicians from Year 8 travelled to Armidale in the very early hours of the morning along with a team of Bowraville Central School students. We arrived at the University of Armidale to spend a day in the auditorium solving

mathematical problems against other Year 8 students across the district from both private and public schools. We entered 2 teams, a boy team which consisted of Arie Van Drie, Samuel Armes, Lewis Erskine-Smith & Jayme Thompson; and a girl team which consisted of Mandisa Bonett, Tegan Hall, Angelica Marquardt & Alexandra Salloum.



The first challenge involved a group activity where each team was given 25 questions and 1 hour to answer as many of them as they could. It was then a "head to head" challenge against other schools where each student had a turn at working out part of a number sequence to complete a pattern, using their algebraic skills. After lunch they then worked on a smorgasbord of questions where they could choose to work on either, 2 point, 3 point or 4 point questions and get through as many as possible. The final challenge of the day was a construction of the tallest and most stable tower which could only be made from straws, blue tack, paper and paperclips. Our students' creations are pictured.

This was a fantastic day which was very valuable for these students in both meeting other mathematicians in our district and in the problem solving that they encountered.

S Briggs

Year 10/11 Laptop Upgrade

The long awaited upgrade of the red Year 11 laptops will finally begin on 20 June 2011. This will be a fix for all hinges, casing and battery rails and will also include a new package of updated software. At the same time Year 10 laptops will have their software updated.

This requires both years to bring in their laptops to Deslie starting next week.

If the student misses this upgrade they will not be able to get their devices fixed after this up-grade and will not have the new software. Any questions please ring Deslie on 65681066.

Please notify staff in the school office (6568 1066) of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

“ATTENTION YEARS 8 & 10”

The next **Parent Teacher Interview night** will be held on
30 May 2011, 3.30pm – 6.00pm - MHS Stadium

“BOOKINGS CLOSE 12.00NOON – 30 May”

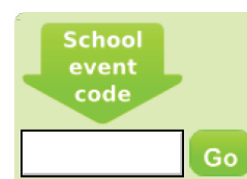
Book School Interviews Online

Parents...

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

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

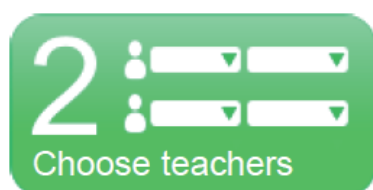
ENTER TO SCHOOL EVENT CODE: **YQPA3**



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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 – 02-65681066.

Be PositiveforPete Campaign - Blood Donation



MHS students and teachers were proudly represented at the recent “Bepositive4Pete” blood donation day. Approximately 27 people willingly gave up their time and made a difference by donating blood to help others.

This wonderful ongoing school community program is making a real difference to people’s lives, a big thank you goes out to everyone who participated on the day.

Zone Cross Country



MHS 18yr boys team: Radley, David & Andrew were Zone Champions at Kendall on May 19.



The start of the 13yr girl’s race at MHS. The 13yr girls’ team were also Zone Champions at Kendall.

On Wednesday 19 May, 45 Macksville High School students attended the Zone Cross country carnival. The event was held on and around the Kendall Showground and still includes the legendary long, steep hill that is remembered by all who have climbed it. Macksville finished in second place behind a very strong Wauchope team. 27 students have been selected on the zone team to compete at Nana Glen Equestrian Centre on June 10, they are:

18 year olds: David Gregory, Radley Schofield and Andrew Flarrety were up to the challenge of an 8km run and took out the team event. Alison Lawler finished 4th in the girls 6km race.

17 year olds: In the girls’ 4km event, Sharni Tape, Jessie Weaver, Ashley Gregory, Tamara Gallop and Jessica Howe secured a team win. Tobias Cosic made it through in the boys 6km event.

16 year olds: In the 6km boys’ event Beau Tape made it through to the next level as did Meika McAllister in the girls 4km event.

15 year olds: Sandi-Grant McDonell, Brooke Pedrola and Nigel Robinson all progressed in the 4km event.

14 year olds: In their first year running 4km, the girls’ team of Alina Tape, Megan Porter, Sophie Atkins and Tess McWade won the team event whilst Ben Wood and Jacob Simpson were successful in making it through in the boys event.

13 year olds: Ellie Scafidi, Peta Salter, Lilly Borg, Shannon Crowley and Jasmine Stanton also secured a team win in the 3km event and in the boys event Luke Ryffel made the team.

Congratulations also to the other students who represented our school on the day; Erin Atkins, Jade Collits, Keelay Finlay, Chiara Blair, Shania Ellis, Alec Gage, Jamie Bekis, Coralie MacDonald, Trent Stack, Cameron Gaymer, Stuart Mason, Curtis Ellis, Harry Mitchell, Kirstie Pedrola, Liam Noble, Dejian Harnos-Jamieson, Jordi McAlister, Kylie Ellis and Matt Smith.

NOTICES

TUESDAY AFTERNOON HOMEWORK CENTRE/TUTORING

A free service for all students every Tuesday afternoon from 3:15pm in C1 and C3. Two teachers will be in attendance and students can work on any homework or assignments and help is provided if needed. Help is especially provided in maths.

No need to make a booking just bring your work and get a head start 3.15 – 5.00pm.

DISCO REP. NETBALLERS FUNDRAISER

Theme: Fancy Dress
Where: Macksville Ex-Servicesman club
When: June 4 2011
Entry: \$10.00
Doors Open: 7pm to 9.30pm - 12 yrs up
Prizes/drinks/chips available

CANTEEN ROSTER - MAY/JUNE		
Monday	30	S Compton
Tuesday	31	M Mason
Wednesday	1	Helpers Needed
Thursday	2	D Jackson, J Martin
Friday	3	G Welsh
Monday	6	S Compton, A Pope
Tuesday	7	R Wood, Helpers Needed
Wednesday	8	Helpers Needed
Thursday	9	C Templeton
Friday	10	G Welsh
Monday	13	Queen’s Birthday