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NEWSLETTER

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"QUALITY FACILITIES AND RESOURCES ARE PROVIDED"

IMPORTANT DATES

June	
27-28	Gold Activity - Hall
28	P & C Meeting 6.30pm - Library
30	Uni Open Day - Newcastle
July 1	Last day Term 2
18	Staff Development Day
19	Term 3 commences for all students
19	Child Studies to Mks Hospital 11:20am
20	PDHPE Yr12 Study Day - Coffs Harb.
21	Yr12 Chemistry - Coffs Harbour
21	Yr9 Police Liason Officer - TBA
25	Yr7, 10 & 12 Parent Teacher night - Stadium
26	Lovebites - TBA
26	Yr11 & 12 REVED Up - Hall
26	6:30pm P & C meeting in Library
26	Music Night - 7:30pm - Hall
August 2	English ICAS Competition
2 - 5	NVCOPS Awards Ceremony - MPS Hall
2	Child Studies - Mks Hospital
4	Australian Maths Competition
4	Senior Science Assessment - Lab 2
8	Yrs 8, 9 & 11 Parent/Teacher night - Stadium

SPORT DATES

27	Buckley Shield Reg. Final - Grafton
28	Zone Athletics - NH
28	NSWCHS Touch - Wagga
29	Country Cup back-up-date Port Mac.
July 20	Area - Boyus Softball - Lismore
27	Area - Athletics NH back-up-date Aug 3
28	Richard Shaw Shield-rd 3 Rugby PM
3	AREA Athletics back-up-date NH

CHAMPIONS AT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



The Macksville High School Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday June 7.

The original date of June 1 was postponed due to weather conditions. Briner was the House Champion. Age champions will be presented at the next major assembly.



FEMALE AGE CHAMPIONS

12 Yr - Jade Collits
13 Yr - Peta Salter
14 Yr - Alina Tape
15 Yr - Sandi Grant-McDonell
16 Yr - Emily Craven
17 Yr - Kellie Langham
20 Yr - Samantha Kendrigan

MALE AGE CHAMPIONS

12 Yr - Alec Gage
13 Yr - Male Cameron
14 Yr - Jacob Simpson
14 Yr - Liam Noble
16 Yr - Beau Tape
17 Yr - Thomas Rowe
20 Yr - David Gregory



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YEAR 10 STUDENTS PLAN THEIR SENIOR YEARS

Congratulations to Jayme Thompson, Sarah Welsh, Tamara Wood and reserve Elizabeth Argue for their successful eGATS 2011 application. There were more than 200 applications from schools across the North Coast region for eGATS positions. After a rigorous and thorough identification process, 80 students were selected to be given this very special opportunity of gifted and talented enrichment. Orientation Day will be at Bellingen Primary School on 20 July.

The eGATS program is an opportunity for gifted and talented students who are self motivated to participate in an online learning program with a number of other like students, teacher mentors and learning leaders.

Last week was a real challenge for us

with the flooding, buses unable to run and many teachers unable to get into school. I hope you got through the week at home without too much damage. Gathering the required information early enough to make a decision about the day ahead and getting that out to everyone isn't easy. I try to get it on ABC radio, have a message ready for you if you are able to contact the school and update our school website during the day. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the great work done by Peter Joyce and Helen Heywood in making sure the variation in school day is organized and all students at school make it home safely. You can be flood ready by checking out our flood plan policy on the school website, have a family flood plan and having a reliable communication tree to share information if the school phone line

is busy. The postponement of school activities is inevitable and these will be on our website for you to stay up-to-date.

This week we have been leading our Year 10 students and their parents through the Year 11 subject selection process. Ms Porter-Burns, with the support of staff, has hosted a subject information market for students, parent information meeting and individual parent/student counselling meetings. This is an exciting time for us having the opportunity to work closely with parents, seeing our students engaged in planning their senior years at school and considering life beyond school.

Paul Holding
PRINCIPAL

RUBY COIA REPRESENTS MACKSVILLE HIGH AT THE SMH PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



On Friday, June 17th, Ruby Coia represented the lower North Coast and Macksville High School at the Sydney Morning Herald Public Speaking competition held at Newtown High School of Performing Arts in Sydney.

After having been victorious at the local level, Ruby travelled to compete in a field of twenty-four other senior speakers from public and private schools across New South Wales. Ruby presented her speech, "Better Red Than Dead", about the interesting historical and genetic connections of the Prime Minister dying her hair. The impromptu topic was "Safety in Numbers" and Ruby ad-libbed about food additives. Alas, Ruby was not one of the six students to advance to the next level but she enjoyed the experience immensely.

Ruby would like to thank her public speaking coach, Mr Phillip Argue, for the time he has contributed to her development. Ruby would also like to thank her family for their support.

YR 11 STUDENT OFF TO SOUTH AFRICA WITH RUGBY UNION



Congratulations to Macksville High School, Year 11 student Tim Worthing who is making great progress in Rugby Union representing teams this year. As well as being a vital cog in the leadership group with the Swampies Open Boys' side, Tim has been selected in the NSW Lloyd McDermott Indigenous under 18s side.

The team travelled to Alice Springs in the last week of Term 1 for the Australian Indigenous trials. According to the coaching staff he played exceptional rugby and displayed promise as a leader to be selected in the Australian team, an excellent achievement. Tim also stayed overnight in Sydney at the request of the coaching staff to play in a 7 a side rugby competition at Scotts College against other local private schools. As part of the Lloydies squad, Tim is off to Geelong on Wednesday, 22 June for a week at the Australian Schools' Second Division selection trials where they will play against Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australian Open Rugby teams. At the conclusion of this tournament a composite team is chosen to play at the Australian Schools Division One trials against NSW & QLD GHS, GPS and Independent Schools. From here the Australian Schoolboys' side is chosen. Tim has also been asked to play sevens for Lloydies in Bangkok in October - another incredible experience and opportunity.

In addition, Tim has been selected in the NSW Country Open Rugby side and their development squad which will tour South Africa in the 2012 Easter Holidays... another incredible achievement. All of these tours involve significant costs so Tim will be running various fund raising events such as raffles and will be seeking the support of the Macksville High School P&C and the (SRC) Student Representative Council. If any parents or community members have other fund raising ideas or are able to provide sponsorship, I'm sure Tim would greatly appreciate their support.
.....Mick Baines

NORTH COAST COUNTRY CUP CHAMPIONS 2011

U15 Rugby League team have been in blazing form this year. After the success of making the Buckley Shield semi-finals in 2010, the same squad of boys have now contested two rounds of the Country Cup this year. In Coffs Harbour a month ago, the boys were crowned Coffs Coast Champions beating John Paul College, Bishop Druitt and Coffs Harbour High School. Last Wednesday, the boys travelled to Port, and again won the day after playing scintillating football. Left in their wake at Port were St Pauls, Port Macquarie, and Wingham High. After playing 5 schools, the team have only conceded one very soft try. The boys will now go back to Port on the July 27 to play in the Country Cup semi-finals. It is more than likely they will encounter old foes on the day from 2010 - namely Farrer Agricultural High School, and either Morisset or Brisbane Waters. We are looking forward to meeting these schools once more on the football paddock



The North Coast Champion team for 2011 includes - Jess Allan, Max Blanch, Jake Capell, Damian Carriage, Adrian Crumpton, Daniel Donovan, Keith Donovan, Ryan Gallop, Billy Hennessey, Marika Kelly, Darren Liebe, Stuart Mason, Pete Minisini, Aaron Shrubbs, Kade Spear, Dylan Stewart, Ben Suckling and Tyler Welsh. The boys and I would like to again thank Danny Doolan for the wonderful support and expertise he brings to our team. Thank you also to the many parents and family members who have again followed the boys to these matches. Your support is very much appreciated.
.....Lynda Shurbbs

MUSIC NIGHT

Although there is no Macksville High School musical this year, there will be a Music Night on Tuesday, July 26 (week 2 next term) where there will be an opportunity for any students to perform a song/dance/skit, with an emphasis on songs from musicals. Anyone who would like to participate should see Mr Baines or Mrs Herivel with their item - can be solo or group.

The finale of the night is to be "The time Warp" from "Rocky Horror", and we would like as many people as can fit on the stage to have a fun time dressing up and singing and dancing this famous song. Watch the daily notices for practice times.

On the night there will also be performances by drama groups, the rugby team (!!!), music electives, the band, and HSC Music performances.

CATTLE TEAM 'MONSTER GARAGE SALE' FUNDRAISER

DON'T FORGET!

The Macksville HS Cattle Team will be holding a GARAGE SALE fund raiser at school to help with the costs of competing at the Brisbane EKKa in August. The date of the garage sale will be announced soon. Watch this space. If you have any saleable items you would like to donate please contact Terry Argent on 0431694009. This is a great way to clean out some useful 'junk' and help the Cattle Team with their fund raising.

NOTICES

NEWSLETTERS

Macksville High School is hoping soon to go electronic in regard to the Newsletters. Newsletters will be emailed to all families whom we have an email address for. This will reduce the huge cost in printing the Newsletters. If you haven't already done so please send in your email address if you would like to receive the Newsletter by email.

As many families are aware, the school's website has a wealth of information for parents and students, including past and present Newsletters. Log on to www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au For those families who do not have an email address, printed copies will still be available from the school office.

CANTEEN ROSTER-JUNE/JULY		
Monday	27	S compton, Helper Needed
Tuesday	28	J Ward
Wednesday	29	Helpers Needed
Thursday	30	J Beggs
Friday	1	G Welsh
Monday	18	Development Day
Tuesday	19	C Osgood, H Jaegar
Wednesday	20	Helpers Needed
Thursday	21	D Jackson, J Martin
Friday	22	G Welsh
Monday	25	S Compton

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