



# MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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**"EVERYONE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER AND ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL STRENGTHS"**

### IMPORTANT DATES

August	
2	English ICAS Competition
2	Yr10 Computing Trial Exam - C1/C2
2	Child Studies - Mks Hospital
4	Australian Maths Comp
4	Senior Science Assessment - Lab 2
5	Genes for Jeans Day
5	NV Community of Public Schools
	Awards Ceremony - MHS Hall
8 - 13	EKKA Cattle Team - Brisbane
8	Yrs 8, 9 & 11 Parent/Teacher interviews 3.30pm - 6pm - Stadium
8	Debate - MHS
15 - 26	Yr 12 Exams - stadium
16	Mathematics ICAS Competition
16 - 18	Ag Quip - Gunnedah
18	Science in the Bush - Armidale

### SPORT DATE

August 1 | Zone - Netball 15 yrs Knock Out-PM

CANTEEN ROSTER-AUGUST		
Monday	1	S Compton, Helper Needed
Tuesday	2	R Wood
Wednesday	3	Helpers Needed
Thursday	4	D Jackson, J Martin
Friday	5	G Welsh
Monday	8	S Compton
Tuesday	9	M Lavery
Wednesday	10	Helper Needed
Thursday	11	C Templeton
Friday	12	G Welsh
Monday	15	S Compton

**TRAVEL LAPTOP SLEEVES** are now available for \$14.50. They are shock-resistant industrial design with padded interior; fit up to 10" laptops and come with a 2 year Warranty; Inside dimensions W90mm H62mm D28mm. Please phone Deslie, TSO for more information on 6568 1066.

### INDONESIAN STUDY "DI BADAN" - THE BODY



Year 7's work on "Di Badan" (the body) . Year 7 have been studying the parts of the body. Some of the outstanding work can be seen above.

### CATTLE TEAM RECEIVES \$1,000 DONATION



Macksville High School (MHS) Cattle Team recently was presented with a \$1,000 cheque from the NSW Farmers Association (Nambucca River Branch). This generous donation will be used to assist the team with their expenses in travelling to compete in the Brisbane EKKA being held from

the 7-14 August. This money is greatly appreciated and will help offset expenses associated with participating in this competition. It is pleasing to note that the NSW Farmers Association recognises that our students are the future of agriculture in Australia. Members of the association, Mr John Ainsworth and Mr Bob Young are former students of MHS and were impressed with the facilities now available to teach agriculture at the school. MHS would like to thank the NSW Farmers Association (Nambucca River Branch) for the very generous donation and their interest in the future of agriculture in the Valley.

Pic. above: Regional Services Manager, Michael Burt, & NSW Farmers Association members John Ainsworth and Bob Young with Ag Teacher, Terry Argent and Principal, Paul Holding receiving the cheque.

**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.**

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I have been asked to join the North Coast Leadership Team based in Coffs Harbour Regional office. This is a temporary position which will commence on Monday 12th August and run through to the end of the year with a possibility of being extended into next year. The position has been established as a result of the North Coast Executive team identifying a need to promote executive positions, to support the professional development of prospective Executive Teachers and to support newly appointed and relieving Executive Teachers and Principals. There are many executive

positions becoming available on the North Coast with this trend increasing in the years to come and it is very important to prepare strategically. This is a position I am looking forward to and believe that I have much to offer in this regard. The experience will, I believe, enhance my capabilities as Principal of Macksville High on my return.

There has been an expression of interest process undertaken to determine my replacement. As a result of this Mr Peter Vernon, Deputy Principal of Nambucca Heads High school, has accepted the position and is looking forward to getting started. Mr Vernon

has many years of experience in education as a Mathematics/ Computing Teacher, Head Teacher, Deputy Principal and Relieving Principal. Mr Vernon has already visited our school and looked at our great facilities, meeting with our students and staff in preparation for the hand over on the 15th August.

It is National Recognition Week 2011 1-5 August for our School Admin. and Support Staff. The school acknowledges the valuable contribution that our support staff make to the Macksville High School Community.

**Paul Holding**  
PRINCIPAL

## DEPARTMENT OF FAIR TRADING - REVV'D UP'' A GUIDE TO BUYING YOUR FIRST CAR



The Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner along with staff from the Department of Fair Trading visited Macksville High School to speak with senior students about the pitfalls of motor vehicle ownership and buying your first car.

Deputy Premier Stoner spoke about his own experience with his first car. Students were given advice on what is involved in owning their own car - everything from registration, green slips the difference between third party and comprehensive insurance, repairs, maintenance and petrol costs.

It was suggested that students shop around for a loan which suits their needs, to always have a mechanical inspection and get a REVS check before going ahead and buying that all important first car.

The students had plenty of questions and gained lots of great information from the program.

*Pic. at left: Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner and MHS Senior Staff participating in the "Revv'd Up" program.*



## CAREERS INFO.....

### Early Entry to University

Many of our local universities have schemes which will accept students on the basis of a recommendation from the school. Macksville High School students generally apply to Southern Cross, Charles Sturt and University of New England schemes. Some students also qualify for consideration under the EAS scheme which addresses disadvantage.

Students wishing to apply for Principal's Recommendation, Early Entry or Educational Access Schemes at Uni will need to come to one of the following meetings in the Library during their Trial Exam period.

*Tuesday 16 August period 3&4; Thursday 18 August period 3&4; Tuesday 23 August per3&4*

### Discover Engineering 2011

*Tuesday August 2 5.30-7.30 D block theatre @CHEC*

We have a growing interest in Engineering careers in the school. Engineers Australia as part of "Engineering Week" is proud to present a night of 'Discover Engineering' directed primarily at students interested in an exciting career in Engineering.



## GIFTED & TALENTED STUDENTS WIN PLACES ON EGATS PROGRAM



*Pic. above from left: Jayme Thompson, Kelli Dykes, Sarah Welsh, Elizabeth Argue and Tamara Wood*

EGATS is an innovative online program design to challenge the creative and problem solving skills of gifted and talented students. The students undergo a series of tests including IQ test and a creative writing paper. Across the North Coast Region there were more than 200 applications. After a rigorous and thorough identification process 80 students were selected to be given this very special opportunity of gifted and talented enrichment.

At Macksville High School we were very successful and had 3 students offered a place in the exclusive program as well as a reserve. The students from Year 7 are - Tamara Wood, Sarah Welsh and Elizabeth Argue along with Jayme Thompson from Year 8. These students will now join with the other nominees next term in a preparation day and then will begin work on their project. The information will be delivered via video conferencing as well as online and the students are expected to work individually to complete the set tasks and challenges.

This is an innovative program that will allow the students to challenge themselves and which will enrich their learning experiences. At the end of the program the students will present and display their work at a regional expo. We congratulate all of our students involved.

Kelli Dykes, Head Teacher English

## WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

Macksville High School P&C will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program, their biggest community program ever!



From July 18th to September 18th 2011, you can earn points for your school - one Woolworths Earn & Learn point for every \$10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards or purchases made through Woolworths online or at Caltex Woolworths co-branded fuel outlets).

Points will automatically appear on your shopping dockets, which you can simply place in the box provided at the counter of the Macksville store. Dockets will also be collect at the school office. We will then collect the dockets and upload the points.

When the 9-week program ends, schools redeem points against a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources including library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much, much more.

If you would like to know more about the program please go to the Woolworths website for more information - <http://www.earnandlearn.net.au>. We hope you will join in this program and help our school raise funds for education equipment.

## POSTIVE PARENT COMMENTS FROM PARENT/TEACHER NIGHT SURVEY

### WHAT HAS IMPRESSED YOU MOST ABOUT THE SCHOOL?

- Teachers are friendly, encouraging and supportive of my son
- The quality of teachers
- How easy the teachers are to talk to - very easy going - a nice group of people
- Happy students
- The ease with which to talk to teachers
- Looking after my son's medical needs
- Great Resources
- Teachers in general are approachable if you have any questions
- Macksville High School has a good reputation
- Friendliness of staff
- My son's grades - which reflects on great teachers
- Great communication with families
- Welcoming, great facilities
- Impressed with Uniform Policy
- How friendly everyone is
- Teachers try to achieve positive outcomes for all concerned
- Sporting opportunities

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.

## Term 3 “Parent/Teacher Interview Night”

will be held on

**8 August - Years 8, 9 & 11**

3.30pm–6.00pm - MHS Stadium

**“BOOKINGS NOW OPEN”**

**Book School Interviews Online**

**Parents...**

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

Please go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) or following the link through our schools website - [www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au).

ENTER TO SCHOOL EVENT CODE:

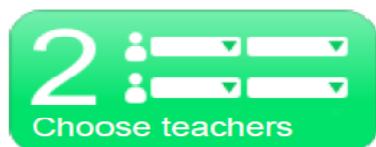
**3BEBJ - Years 8, 9 & 11**



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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.**

*Nambucca Valley Community of Public Schools  
are proud to present.....*

# *'SHOWTIME'*



## *“A Celebration of Public Schools in the Nambucca Valley”*

*OVER 500 PERFORMERS! COME CELEBRATE THE WEALTH OF TALENT IN OUR VALLEY!*

**Date:** Friday August 5th 2011  
**Time:** 6.30pm  
**Venue:** Macksville High School Stadium  
**Ticket:** Available at the door  
\$10 adults seat \$5 child seat

