



# 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

Aug	
15 - 26	Yr 12 Exams - Stadium
16	Mathematics - ICAS Competition
16 - 18	Ag Quip - Gunnedah
18	Science in the Bush - Armidale
23	P & C Meeting - 6.30pm - Library
30	Formal Assembly - Stadium
Sept	
1	Marine Studies - Resuscitation
8	"Have a Heart" Organ & Tissue Awareness Day - Bowraville Central School
9	Year 7 Gala Day - Kemspey
9	St Pat's Grandparents Day - stadium
14-23	Year 11 Exams
15	Year 7 Immunisation - Hall

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY FACULTY

Staff from the Technology and Applied Studies faculty attended a workshop on felting at the Coffs Harbour Education Campus (CHEC) at the start of this term.

Mrs Liz O'Sullivan, Mrs Margaret Orman and Mrs Helen Heywood learned the skills involved in creating a piece of felt that eventually became a bag. complete with embellishment. They aim to use their new-found knowledge with their students in the near future. A great time was had by all.



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 Laverty
Wednesday	10	Helper Needed
Thursday	11	C Templeton
Friday	12	G Welsh
Monday	15	S Compton

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# FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Paul Holding - PRINCIPAL

Last week was a huge week for Public Education. On Tuesday night the Nambucca Valley Community of Public Schools held our Education Week Awards ceremony at Macksville Public School. It was a great night of celebration of not only the outstanding facilities available at Macksville Public School but the many students, volunteers and staff in the Valley that have contributed to Public Education over the past 12 months. We took the opportunity to acknowledge Dianne Glennon for her work with the MHS P&C, Ruby Coia for her outstanding achievements and representation of the school, and Helen Heywood for her teaching and administration. The Transition into Manhood (TIMS) team also received a North Coast Region Award for the program they offer to our Year 7 and 8 students and the outstanding results they have

achieved so far. On the Friday night, Macksville High School hosted "Showtime". We had 600 students from the 10 schools in the Valley performing individual and group items as well as in a mass choir at the conclusion of the evening. I have received many positive comments about the evening and would like to acknowledge the work done by Tony Buckley, Principal of Eungai Public School and Matt Gilbert, Music Teacher and his Entertainment students from Nambucca Heads High School.

Djaran Smith captained the NSW CHS Swimming Team at the National titles last week and came away with a stack of medals. Congratulations to Djaran. Not only is he an outstanding athlete, he is an outstanding ambassador for Macksville High School.

Thanks to the 40 students who volunteered their time last Friday to help clean up around the Ag Farm. We picked up over 20 bags of rubbish. The wind takes rubbish from the oval onto the paddocks. As a school we are working to reduce litter.

Peter Vernon, Relieving Principal starts on Monday, 15 August. I will be working in the Leadership Centre based in Coffs Harbour for the remainder of the year. Thank you to all those people who have wished me well in this role. I will be taking every opportunity to attend school activities to stay in touch and look forward to returning to Macksville High with a whole new range of experiences.

## COCO BEEBY WOWING THEM IN THE SURF



We are very excited and wish Macksville High School's very own Coco Beeby all our best wishes as she soon will be competing in the U18 division of the NSW State Surfing competition at Forster.

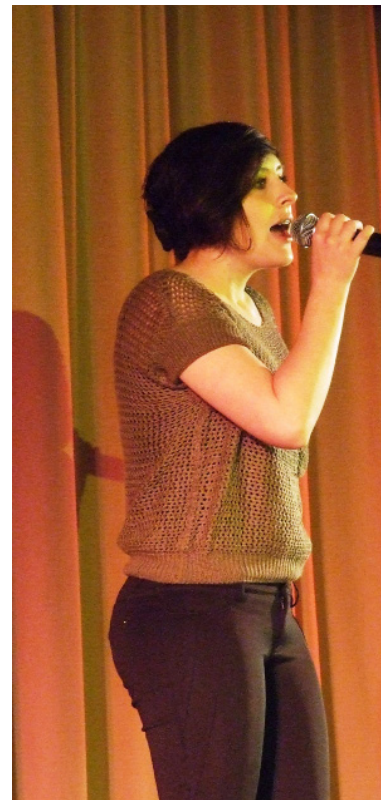
Her achievements so far this year have included; representing NSW Surfing (1st in team and 3rd in individuals) at the Australian titles held at Phillip Island. She came 1st at the Girls Surf Show held at Copacabana on the Central Coast and 4th at the All Girls Surf showdown at Lennox Head. Both these events are the largest all girl events in Australia. She has also placed 2nd in the Rusty gromfest at Lennox Head the largest grom event in Australia with competitors coming from all around the world.

Coco continues to impress and we are very proud of her.

## "SHOWTIME - SPECTACTULAR"



A wonderful evening of entertainment from the Nambucca Valley Community of Schools. Macksville High School students were amazing producing spine tingling performances showcasing their individual talents. An array of colourful acts were proudly given by many of the public schools from our beautiful valley and we all look forward to "Showtime" when it comes around again in 2013.



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## LEGACY PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



The Legacy Public Speaking competition offers students the opportunity to develop their prepared and impromptu public speaking skills.

Angelica Marquardt and Elizabeth Argue (Year 7) admirably represented MHS in the Mid North Coast Zone competition held at Nambucca High School. Students represented both public and private high school from Taree to Nambucca Heads.

Angelica gave a prepared speech on "Journeys" while Elizabeth spoke on "Real life heroes". Their impromptu topic was the "The good life". Both students were wonderful ambassadors for MHS and public education. While they were not successful in progressing to the next level, both students gained valuable speaking experience and benefited from being involved in a competition that was dominated by students from years nine and ten.

Well done, Elizabeth and Angelica.

## CHAMPION CHESS PLAYER TAKES ON CHESS CLUB



Down in the Science Lab students meet once a week to battle it out over the chess board. Led by teachers Anthony Baker and Jon Coughlin, between 10-15 players meet weekly not only to play for fun but to play for pride. Recently, Jos an international chess champion, originating from the Netherlands took time out to spend the day with students and teach them some fancy new skills. In an all out battle, Jos took on eight players at once. As the game progressed the room got quieter and the concentration was felt thick in the air. Falling like flies with one player facing a check mate in only three moves, the group was only saved by the bell.

Everyone enjoyed the match and we would like to thank Jos and look forward to taking him on again. If students would like to have a game, don't hesitate to join in anytime, check with Mr Baker or Mr Coughlin.

## MACKSVILLE HIGH HAS GOT TALENT "MUSICAL"

What a pleasure it was to attend the musical evening held in the school hall recently. Each act was performed enthusiastically and professionally so I thought I would play judge for the evening. My summary is as follows:

The evening opened with a tribute to Judith Herivel and her 34 years of teaching music to NSW students. Mr Baines thanked Judith for her devotion and dedication to music and the children in her care.

The opening act was the Year Nine music elective class playing Viva la Vida. It was a gutsy performance and I really was proud of these students from my year group. Tiffany Harvey was one of the Year Twelve students practising their work for their HSC exam in November. She wowed the crowd with her spell binding "Get It Right". She later sang "Marry You" a popular choice with audience members. Eddy Carbury blew us away with his guitar piece "Oceans." You could hear the ocean in his piece, stunning! During the impressive "Stairway To Heaven" performed by the talented Year Ten elective Music class a male voice was heard. I searched the stage to find out who belonged to this voice to no avail. An unconfirmed rumour has it the voice belonged to a male member of staff singing in the wings?

Sandi Harpur had a shaky start to her song "Family Portrait" but rallied to finish well. The talented Katie Fraser played and sang one of her own compositions "Lullaby." This haunting rendition was accompanied by the talented Megan Chappelow. When Samantha Kendrigan sang one of her HSC pieces "Think of Me" the hairs on my arms tingled. Boy can she hit those high notes! Simon Smith also in Year Twelve followed with his faultless performance playing "Misty" on the piano. I knew the song, but not the name of it, and he played it with great emotion. The multitasking Year Twelve class comprising Simon, Samantha, Tiffany, Eddie and Cassandra Proctor did a brilliant job playing "For the First Time." This time Eddie played the drums, those guys are so versatile! Writing an own composition seems to come easy to some of the Macksville crew, so Tavis Hall had no problem playing his own creation "Not the Boring One" on the piano. The entertaining compares Katie and Megan were both amusing and professional in their role, encouraging the audience to give a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" to Tavis.

Year 10 drama members Breanna Minisini, Crystal Carroll-Paton and Natasha Paul dressed in immaculate costume gave a wonderful performance of "Burlesque." This was followed by Cassandra giving an impressive performance of "Comptine" and later on "Dreams of Olwen." Am I glad I am not an HSC marker trying assess this amazing Year Twelve group! More audience participation followed with those present joining the group performing "Fame" and "Money, Money, Money." Fantastic! Andrew Lloyd Webber must have written the song "Music of the Night" especially for Dana Kraschnefski so well did she sing this piece. Spine chilling and haunting as she hit those notes! She really knows which songs suit her voice. The Year Eleven Drama class demonstrated their unique talent with a version of YMCA, accompanied by much foot stomping and clapping. "My Heart" was performed by the Year Eleven Music class with powerful vocals and strong backing.

The final two acts were completely different. As a tribute to Mrs Herivel's long standing career in the NSW school education system, Samantha Kendrigan performed the song "Time to Say Goodbye" in both Italian and English. I know I had a tear in my eye and suspect many others did also.

Finally the moment we had all waited for. How many people can fit on the MHS hall stage to participate in "Time Warp?" I think I counted 60 but hey, does it matter? The gang had an amazing time. Which act won? No one group or individual can be singled out as best. They were all outstanding. So my vote goes to Mr Baines and Mrs Herivel and the whole group for their outstanding efforts. Congratulations everyone, it was a pleasure to be there. - By Moyra Mendham - Maths & Yr 9 Year Adviser



# NOTICES

## CAREERS NEWS - Students applying for Universities in NSW

UAC applications are now open @ [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) - You are an undergraduate, you will receive your UAC pin number in the mail on Monday . It is important that you keep it safe. You will need it when you log on to UAC to put your preferences in ..... do this sooner rather than later

Don't forget to come to one of the meetings in the library to cover:

- Southern Cross University ( Principal's recommendation and scholarship)  
Note : scu has put its STAR scheme application on line @ [www.scu.edu.au/star](http://www.scu.edu.au/star). It closes on August 24!!!
- Charles Sturt University (Principal's Recommendation)
- UNE (Principal's recommendation and scholarships)

Meeting times are during your Trial exam period : Tuesday August 16 period 5&6 (moved because of 3hr exam); Thursday August 18 Period 3&4; Tuesday August 23 period 3&4. You only need to come to one meeting, it could take up to two periods. You need to bring your student number, black pen, an idea of what courses you want to apply for at each institution

## STUDENTS APPLYING FOR QLD UNIVERSITIES

QTAC Applications are now open @ [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au)

You are a TTT Twelve to Tertiary applicant. QTAC has introduced a new EAS scheme. You need to apply online during your QTAC application. Read the criteria carefully and see if you think you qualify. Do this as soon as possible - print off a copy of a your completed application including the Educational Support Statement. Put it into the box in the Library by September 9.

Don't hesitate to see Mrs Porter-Burns if you are confused or want help .... Parents are welcome to ring for reassurance and information .

## SHORT STORY COMPETITION

**Write an original short story using the theme: "LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE"**

Entry is open to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10. The winner in each year will receive a **\$50 Voucher!** Competition to be judged by JC Burke, author of "White Lies", "Pig Boy" and "The Story of Tom Brennan". Entries need to be typed; contain no more than 800 words; be submitted to Mrs Hill in the English Staffroom by Friday August 19, 2011 (Week 5) This competition is kindly sponsored by Nambucca Shire Council.

## PLEASE PRINT

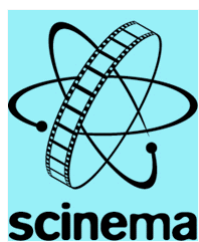
The Office Staff sometimes has trouble deciphering student /and or/ parent names. Please print your child's full name when sending in handwritten notes. Many thanks

## PARENT SURVEY

As part of engaging parents/carers with our school we are requesting your feedback to the following questions. We have conducted a workshop of teachers and will be surveying students in the following two weeks. **Could you please take the time to list 3 ways we could address the following questions – please respond via email to lynette.howle@det.nsw.edu.au.**

- Question 1: Ideas to further develop school spirit  
Question 2: How do we enhance the image of our school in the community.  
Question 3: What is needed to improve our school grounds and facilities.  
Question 4: Other ideas

(Thank you for taking the time to help us make our great school even greater)



## SCINEMA@CHEC

As part of National Science Week, Coffs Harbour Senior College will be showing selected films from the CSIRO Scinema Film Festival. These films are not about beards in white coats but great films with interesting subjects. They range from quirky little animations to spectacularly beautiful nature films (see session details below for more about each film). The sessions are open to the public and best of all they are free. However, to help our planning we do ask you to book your seats. For those of you excited by the science and eager to know more, we hope to follow each session with a short Q&A featuring local 'experts'. For more information and to book your seats go to [www.seniorcollege.com.au/scinema](http://www.seniorcollege.com.au/scinema).

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Woolworths



**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. We hope you will join in this program and help our school raise funds for education equipment.