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NEWSLETTER

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"AN EXTENSIVE ELECTIVE PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL STUDENTS"

IMPORTANT DATES

August	
30	Formal Assembly
September	
1	Marine Studies Resuscitation
2	Mufti Day - Sports team shirts ONLY
5	Half Year Presentation 1.30pm - Stad.
6	Social - Favourite band/music
6	Organ & Tissue Awareness Day - Excursion Bowraville Central School
9	Year 7 Gala Day - Kempsey
9	St Pat's Grandparents Day - Stadium
12-13	Trial SC - Stadium
14-23	Year 11 Exams
15	Year 7 Immunisation
15	Trout Hatchery - Ebor - Excursion
20	Yr 7 Excur. Zoosnooze - Taronga Zoo
23	Last day Term 3
October	
10	Term 4 commences for all students



"GOLD AWARD" SENIORS BBQ

Students in Years 11 & 12 who have worn the correct uniform, attended classes regularly and whose behaviour has been above reproach throughout Term Two were treated to a special "Gold Award" BBQ on Thursday, 11th August.

Thanks must go to Mrs Jodie Collits and Mrs Larissa Atkins for organising the event.

It was great to see many staff members in attendance. The weather was perfect and the smell of onions and sausages cooking attracted students from far and wide! Thanks to all the students who assisted with the cooking and serving of the food and drinks.

CANTEEN ROSTER-AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Monday	29	Helpers Needed
Tuesday	30	Helpers Needed
Wednesday	31	Helpers Needed
Thursday	1	D Jackson
Friday	2	G Welsh
Monday	5	A Pope
Tuesday	6	R Wood
Wednesday	7	Helpers Needed
Thursday	8	C Templeton
Friday	9	G Welsh
Monday	12	Helpers Needed

CATTLE TEAM HAS SUCCESS AT THE BRISBANE EKKKA

The School Cattle Team competed at the 2011 Brisbane Ekka and came away with a creditable 5th in "open company". We took up one cow and a calf and competed in a very strong cow class against the best Angus Breeders from all over Australia. Achieving 5th place in a large field was a great achievement and has enthused our cattle team members for the upcoming North Coast Nationals in Lismore. The Ekka team members consisting of Kelsey Watt, Issac Ryffel, Mathew Chapman-Keppie and Hayden DeJonge were proud representatives of our school and learn't a lot about the more professional side of cattle competitions. Special thanks to Jane Ryffel for being such a wonderful help during our week in Brisbane - Terry Argent

HSC TUTORING ADVANCED ENGLISH - FERGHSC

Advanced English classes at MHS are using the FergHSC website. FergHSC have kindly made study material available at a discounted rate. FergHSC is a HSC tutoring, coaching and tuition centre. They were established in 1996 to provide high quality HSC tutoring and coaching support for students completing the HSC. They have different levels of service for different students depending on needs and where they live in NSW. To view more information please go to the following website: www.ferghsc.com.au or see Mr Argue, English Faculty.

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Ag QUIP EXCURSION

Our annual Great Western Tour was a great success again this year. A coach load of students enjoyed the three days away. While a day at Ag Quip field days is the focus of the tour we used the days either side to visit some very interesting places. These included the Ebor Trout Hatchery, UNE Sheep Farm, Tamworth Equine Centre and Killara Feedlot.

Our trip started on Tuesday with an early cold morning visit to the Dutton Trout Farm and Hatchery. Students learnt how trout are bred and hatched and then distributed to various rivers around Australia. Perhaps the highlight for many was the visit to the UNE sheep farm at Armidale. Our group was divided into four and sent to activity stations which included: drench and earmark sheep; classify sheep according to age; feet, wiggling, wool; restrain sheep where students hog tied sheep ready for transport and; ram inspection where students had to inspect the ram's teeth, feet and testicles before they were sent out for the new breeding season. Seems girls were better at the last activity than the boys! We then went to the Tamworth Equine Centre where the Australian Reining Horse Championships were being held. We were lucky enough to have one of Australia's top reining horse trainers together with his champion horse give a personal demonstration and his trainer talked to us about training, workouts and competition. During the evening we also went to Ten Pin Bowling.

On Wednesday we spent a long day at Ag Quip walking through the displays we then went to the Gunnedah Rodeo that night. There were many spills and thrills in the bull ride and buckjump competitions. Thursday saw an early start as we travelled out to Killara Feedlot at Quirindi. A talk in the boardroom by the general manager was followed by a bus tour around the complex. The feedlot has a capacity of 20,000 head. Animal selection, nutrition, health and market requirements were discussed. After the feedlot we travelled back to Tamworth to watch the Reining Horse competition before heading back home. During our travels we were able to see the types of agriculture carried out in the Tamworth/Gunnedah area. The idea of the trip is to expose coastal students to more extensive western agriculture.

Many thanks to Ms Kelly Hardingham for her excellent assistance during our trip. Thanks also to Lee Laverty for his help driving the coach and providing commentary along the way. Terry Argent, Agriculture Teacher

WORKSHOPS BACK IN ACTION!

Students started working in our new wood and metal work rooms this week. Extensive building works have upgraded our existing workshops, in addition to the creation of new rooms for Construction and Automotive technology on the lower ground floor.

The Industrial Arts teachers would like to thank our students for their patience and flexibility during the last two terms out of the workshops and to praise them for the enthusiasm shown this week in the new rooms. Our new facilities are truly outstanding and we look forward to creating many great projects with the students of Macksville High.



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

It is an exciting time for me to be here relieving as Principal for the remainder of the year. I am a local boy having attended Jetty High and then teaching at Bellingen for 25 years before becoming Deputy Principal at Nambucca Heads.

Macksville High has a wonderful tradition of sporting, social and academic excellence and I am glad to have the opportunity to be a part of that culture.

This week I was fortunate enough to be able to interview the 8 Year 11 students who have been nominated for Captains and Vice Captains positions for 2012. They were articulate and presented themselves to be very worthwhile candidates for these positions. They will make speeches at the next assembly and the elections will take place soon afterwards. The captains will be announced by the end of term and whoever is successful will be excellent ambassadors for the school. *Peter Vernon - Relieving Principal*

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO PUBLIC EDUCATION

Di Glennon was recently recognised during Education Week for her work with the MHS P&C and was an integral member for over four years. She was the Secretary for the last two and continued to be a part of the P&C even though she no longer had a child at school. Her work has been much appreciated. Di has recently resigned and the P&C and MHS we would like to thank her for her contribution.



2011 Education Week Awards Ceremony

PARKING OF VEHICLES IN AND AROUND SCHOOL ZONES

Nambucca Shire Council have written to our school to remind parents and carers of the rules regarding parking of vehicles in and around school zones. Council Rangers patrol Shire roads and will issue Penalty Notices for parking infringements.

NO STOPPING - Vehicles must not stop in the area indicated. As soon as your vehicle stops in this area you commit an offence.

NO PARKING - Vehicles can be stopped to drop off or pick up passengers or goods. Two (2) minutes maximum if there is no time indicated on the sign. The driver is not allowed to leave the vehicle unattended - this is - be more than 3 metres from the vehicle during the time.

BUS ZONE - Only a bus may stop in a bus zone to pick up or drop off passengers, or on a regular route. All other vehicles, including private vehicles, are not allowed to stop in a bus zone.

SCHOOL CROSSINGS - Do not stop on or near marked crossings unless giving way to pedestrians or in accordance with a traffic control operator.

TIME LIMITED AREAS - Obey the signage (ie time limited, rear to kerb, front to kerb, parallel or angled parking). At all other times park close and parallel to the left kerb in the correct direction of travel.

PENALTIES - Range from \$88 to \$353.

REMEMBER - Parking and speed limits restrictions have been placed in areas for the safety of all members of the community.

YEAR 9 ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

This term we have launched a program that allows a selection of Year 9 students to join the North Coast Gifted and Talented program focusing this term on Science. The students meet for two hours each week and communicate via the Edmodo - social education network and video conferencing. The program is focusing on an environmental element, looking at paper usage at schools and how we can improve recycling at school. The students have been selected because of their special interest in Science and have been participating diligently at all sessions.



ENERGY DRINKS

The consumption of energy drinks before or during the school day is not recommended. These type of drinks are not sold at the school canteen and are not advised for consumption by people under the age of 15 years. Parents/Guardians will be contacted if consumption of these drinks by their children causes concern. Glass bottles containing any drinks are banned at Macksville High School. A very interesting article has been published, please see the link below for more information about energy drinks - <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/ban-energy-drinks-health-leaders-urge-caffeine-rethink-20100710-104vv.html>. 3

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SWAMPETTES FALL IN SEMI FINAL THRILLER

The mighty Under 15 Swampettes Rugby team have narrowly failed in their bid to go to the State Finals in Sydney for the second year in a row. It has been a disjointed campaign that has seen them play Wauchope in the 7 a side format, Westport in the 10 a side format and an absolute cracker of a game with Casino High in the 15 a side format; that decided the Northern Divisional Final, effectively the State Quarter final. All the girls have made great progress throughout the year, training week to week often without the prospect of a game. To retain their focus and spirit has been commendable to say the least. Lead by veteran Lydia Witte (a State Semi Finalist for the past three years) and ably supported by Maison Gainge and Shayna Welch. The young Swampettes forward pack have really stepped up. Props Maddison Mason, Kate Shaw and Tayla Fuller have been excellent in the trenches, as have Shenae Stewart and Jade Lowden, a revelation at flanker. Amber Nicholas, Ami Leigh French and Tegan McCann have been strong at the breakdown and have shown good skills and enthusiasm.

Newcomer Robin West has been so impressive in training that she assumed the dual leadership role and has lead from the front throughout the campaign, Nyomi Widders, Petrea Guiana and Nicole Welsh shared the halfback duties, provided great utility value and proved good links between forwards and backs. Sandi Grant McDonnell is another who has gone from strength to strength as has tackling dynamo Jess Kinsella and the ever reliable and now try scoring machine Maddison Price. It is in the outside backs where some newcomers to the team have shown great style and substance. Kelly Taylor, Nikki Davies and Jaiden Walker have been electric at times while late arrival Yeirah Dunn has also shown great promise. The girls have been involved in some great games in the lead up to the semis and have proven themselves to be proud Swampies and excellent ambassadors for the Valley and Macksville High.

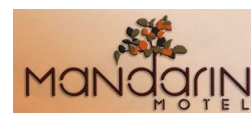
Unfortunately for the girls the dream of a State Final was not to be. Travelling to Taree in atrocious weather the girls were in high spirits for the clash with Kirrawee High school. The game started with both teams buzzing with excitement. Early pressure from the Swampettes saw the game played in the opposition half and Maddison Price scoring the first try with bustling defence knocking the ball loose. Sustained pressure saw a penalty with Robin West bullocking over for a great solo try, converted by Sandi for a 12 nil lead in even time. From then on it seemed to be a war of attrition with both sides controlling possession and the play moving from end to end. We had a number of scoring chances that were shut down by scrambling defence or simple errors to go to the break still 12 up. The second half saw the opposition lift in intensity and control possession and field position. Kirrawee scored after 10 minutes of the half and then again with about five minutes to go to see the score 12 – 10. Our girls continued hitting in defence and counter attacking to force their way down field. With minutes to go we received a penalty in front which we converted for a 15-10 and seemingly match clinching lead. Unfortunately from the restart we tried to keep the ball in play rather than clearing it into touch. The Kirrawee girls forced a mistake, scooped up the ball and scored next to the posts for the equaliser. They coolly added the conversion for a 17 -15 victory. Although the Swampettes were shattered they congratulated their opponents on a fine victory. To all the girls and spectators I would like to say how proud I am of their efforts throughout the year. Thanks to Karliesha Roberts and Courtney Parkins for their assistance with coaching – great effort. We wish the Kirrawee girls all the best in the final and look forward to hopefully meeting them in the semis next year.

Cheers, ciao,
Mick Baines.



MANDARIN MOTEL SPONSORS VISITING AUTHOR

We would like to thank the Mandarin Motel who provided free accommodation for J. C. Burke the award winning Author who visited our school this week. This sponsorship was very much appreciated



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NOTICES

Touch Football is starting

THE CLUB IS HAVING A SPECIAL MEETING ON THE 29th August at 5pm, at EJ Biffin playing Fields. All interested players and parents are invited to attend. Touch Football is starting after the school holidays. Registration is on before the holidays on Monday 12 September and Monday 19 September at 5pm at EJ Biffin Playing Fields Nambucca Heads. It is the intention of Nambucca Heads TF to create a junior competition, however, assistance from parents will be required to enable Nambucca Heads TF to establish a competition for the many talented juniors in the area.

We are only a very small committee and we are after help to run the night. The club is after former players to help out. Fees are \$45 per senior player for whole season and \$25 for Juniors. All fees must be paid by 19 September so we can do a draw to start after the school holidays. The season will commence on the 10th October. The season runs for two school terms

Form a team and stay fit and sharpen your skills. We are after businesses, schools and football clubs to put teams in. We will be having trial games on the sign up nights. Team forms are available on registration days. Trevor Keast, Secretary of Nambucca Heads Touch Football, Mobile: 0411502552 or keasty@tsn.cc.

Nambucca Valley Tennis

Is starting a Junior Comp on the 2nd September from 5pm-7pm at the Macksville Tennis Courts . All levels are welcome. Please contact Kylie to sign up or enquiries to 0431 834 016.

Musical Night Apology

In the last newsletter I inadvertently gave credit to the Year 11 Drama Group for the excellent performance of "Burlesque". The group of actors were Breanna Minisini, Crystal Carroll-Paton and Natasha Paul from Year 10. My apologies to the girls and Mr Baines for my oversight. Moyra Mendham

Laptop Sleeves - FOR SALE

Laptop sleeves can be ordered for \$14.50. Pay at the office and give your receipt to Deslie. Orders will be processed, Thursday next week.

Stuarts Point Eungai Cricket Club

Stuarts Point Eungai Cricket Club will hold a registration morning on Saturday, 3rd September at the Stuart's Point Oval between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. All players, both Junior and Senior are welcome. For further information contact Wayne Mason on 65690309 or Brendan Smith 65699090.



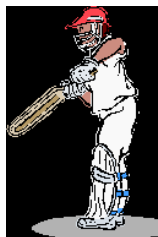
Macksville High School P&C is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program their biggest community program ever!

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 collected at the school office. We will then collect the dockets and upload the points. If you choose to shop at Woolworths, we hope you will join in this program and help our school raise funds for education equipment.



Student Identification cards

2011 cards have now been distributed. Look after your card because it will cost \$5 to replace it. The 2011 cards differ from those issued previously in that they are what is termed 'hard card' and have a metallic strip on the back. They will shortly be used for attendance purposes. Because these cards are more expensive to produce the school has introduced the \$5 fee to cover the cost of replacements.



Nambucca Head Cricket Club

IT'S CRICKET TIME AGAIN FOR 2011-2012 SEASON; YOU ARE INVITED TO AN OPEN DAY OF CRICKET. ALL AGES - MILO, 12s, 14s & 16s - OPENS. WEDNESDAY. 14/09/11 4.30PM TO 5.30PM. CORONATION OVAL - BEHIND LEAGUES CLUB. - COME AND JOIN UP WITH NAMBUCCA HEADS CRICKET CLUB. A FAMILY ENVIRONMENT, KIDS TO LEARN THE ART OF PLAYING CRICKET. WATCH AND USE THE NEW BOWLING MACHINE. FOR INFO CONTACT GLEN JONES 0409459700.

Girls Rugby Union Fees

Rugby Union Girls that paid \$33 to play at Taree on 23/08/11 are entitled to a \$18 refund (unless money owed from previous rugby trip). See Mrs Dobson on Monday in the front office to

Head Lice

A case of head lice has been detected in the school - please check students hair and follow standard treatment methods.

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