

**MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL** 

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### "Students are provided with quality teaching and learning opportunities"

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct			
15-8	Higher School Certificate Exams		
23-26	TAFE Quad Bike Training		
23	P & C Meeting - 6.30pm, Hosp T12		
24	Drama Night - Hall		
25	Term 4 -10.30am, Major Assembly		
29	Learner Driver Workshop, 5.30- 7.30pm, Library		
29-02	Year 10 Exams		
Nov			
05-09	Year 7 & 8 Exams		
06	Zone Girls Cricket - Laurieton		
09	NCCHS Surf Life Saving		
12-16	Year 9 Exams		
12-16	Year 10 Swim & Survive		
26-30	Year 10 End of Year Excursion		
26-28	North Coast Debating Champion- ships		
27	Starting High School 2013 - Parent Information Session - 5.30pm, Hall		
27	P & C Meeting - 6.30pm, Hosp T12		
29	QLD - University Tour		

<b>CANTEEN ROSTER - OCTOBER</b>				
Monday	22	A Pope - S Compton		
Tuesday	23	R Smith		
Wednesday	24	R Wood		
Thursday	25	J Beggs		
Friday	26	G Welsh		
Monday	29	S Compton		
Tuesday	30	R Smith		
Wednesday	31	R Wood		
Thursday	1	D Jackson		
Friday	2	A Baber - S Compton		

In this Issue Letter of thanks to students of MHS Year 7, 2013 Parent Meeting

### **FREE WORKSHOP - LEARNER DRIVERS**



#### Get practical information about:

- Laws for L and P licence holders.
- Supervising a learner driver.
- How to complete the Learner Driver Log Book.
- The benefits of supervised on-road driving experience.
- Low risk driving.

#### The next workshop will be held:

Time and date:	Venue:	Book now on:
<u>Monday 29th October</u>	<u>Macksville High</u>	<u>Contact Natasha at ETC:</u>
<u>5:30pm – 7:30pm</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Ph: (02) 6648 5435</u>
	<u>Library</u>	or freecall 1300 359 968

#### Helping learner drivers become safer drivers

#### **E**MERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON **0265681066** TO CHECK, IF YOU THINK WE DO NOT HAVE THE CORRECT EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS FOR YOUR STUDENT/S.

#### PASSOUT APPLICATIONS

STUDENTS WHO ARE GOING TO BE OUT OF SCHOOL DURING THE DAY NEED A NOTE FROM THEIR PARENT/CARER. THIS NOTE NEEDS TO INCLUDE THE STUDENTS FIRST & LAST NAME, YEAR GROUP, ROLL GROUP, PARENTS/CARERS CONTACT DETAILS, REASON FOR PASS, DEPARTURE TIME AND RETURN TIME. IT MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED - THANKYOU

## **From our Principal**

It's with great pleasure that I am able to announce that Moyra Mendham has been appointed as Head Teacher, Mathematics at Macksville High following the recent merit selection process. Mrs Mendham has been teaching at Macksville High School for a number and has an outstanding reputation as a maths teacher, year adviser, numeracy coordinator..... In recent times she has also worked very hard to up skill herself in the teaching of extension mathematics and lead the after school tutoring program. As a result of this Mrs Mendham has had to withdraw from the Year 10 advisers roll and hand over to Angelle Hughes. They will work closely together for the remainder of this term with Mrs Hughes taking full responsibilities in 2013.



I have been visiting our partner schools talking to Year 6 parents and students about the great opportunity ahead for them when they come to us in Year 7 in 2013. There is a lot happening around transition, very capably led by Mrs Conway to ensure all of our new Year 7 students are given an experience that will help them settle in quickly to high school life. Mrs Melissa Robertson

has been appointed to the role of year adviser for Year 7 and is looking forward to meeting the students and parents in the coming months. Can I take this opportunity to invite all new parents to the parent orientation evening that is on the 27 November, 5.30pm in the school Hall. There will be a welcome, followed by a tour of our great school facilities and a light supper. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents, teachers and see the school that your kids will be attending.

"Helping learner drivers become safer driver's workshop" is being held at Macksville High on Monday, 29 October, 5.30-7.30pm in the Library and is designed to provide practical advice about:

- The Graduated Licensing Scheme and licensing conditions.
- New laws for young drivers.
- Young driver issues.
- The importance of supervised on-road driving experience.
- Low risk driving tips.
- Developing a partnership with the learner driver.
- Planning on-road driving experiences.
- Moving beyond Ls to Ps.

Parents, friends or relative who are or will be supervising learner drivers would benefit from attending. Learner drivers are welcome to attend if accompanied by their supervisor. It would be a great start to the excitement ahead that at times can test relationships. Having taught my 3 kids to drive I can recommend this opportunity.

Exams are soon to commence for the junior years so it is probably a timely reminder to parents and students that exam timetables will be issued in time for you to prepare. In-class preparation will be occurring so it is very important to attend school every day. The common concern for many students is that they are able to prepare for the first exam but run out of time as the exams progress. An organised study program that accounts for exam roster, sporting commitments, work commitments, household responsibilities etc. is the best way to prepare. Lots of short breaks with small treats can help maintain the study routine.

Finally I would just like to mention that I attended the new Year 12 year meeting this week and heard plenty of advice being given about school life, rules, work commitments ahead, assessment schedules etc. There is plenty of help on offer and expectations. My hope is that our next Year 12 completes their final school year having no regrets about their achievements at Macksville High School. The year will go all too quickly.

Education & Communities

# Starting Hig School

Parents Information Evening

(Open to all Year 5 & 6 Parents)

Venue: Macksville High School, Hall Date: Tuesday, 27 November 2012 Time: 5.30 – 6.30pm Parents and carers of students who are enrolled at Macksville High School for 2013 or considering enrolment for 2014 are warmly invited to our information session.

Supper will be served. RSVP: Lynette Howle T: 65681066 E: Lynette.howle@det.nsw.edu.au



# LETTER OF THANKS TO STUDENTS OF MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Mr. Holding,

It is my pleasure to compliment you on the excellent conduct of some of your students during the recent holiday. Kohia Schofield, Karly Wells, Ellie Scafidi & Sophie Wood, all showed generous enthusiasm and community spirit in helping Life Education.

I am the local Educator for Life Education; Healthy Harold and his Life Education Van were invited to ProAg as an activity for children and their families. Part of the fun is for Healthy Harold to walk around the show, entertain the children and encourage families to visit the van. This is a very demanding job as it can be rather hot and uncomfortable being a giraffe in the Australian heat but, the girls were not deterred. They worked tirelessly throughout the day, guiding an exuberant Healthy Harold on many trips around the showground, distributing balloons and helping to occupy the children with activities in the van; they were outstanding.

As you can see by the photos, Harold had a busy day.

Please pass on my gratitude to them all.

Kind Regards Ceri Wrobel Life Education



For Sale - Macksville High School 16gig Thumb Drives ONLY \$15.00. See Deslie Howe.

### Attention Students with lockers

Term 4 is the beginning of the 12 month locker hire period. Any student, who wishes to continue to hire their designated locker, please pay the \$30 hire fee at the front office by the end of week 3.

There are currently 8 lockers available, new lockers are hired at a cost of \$30 per year. Lockers also have a \$20 once-only deposit to be paid at time of hiring. Please see Mrs Howle for more information.



## **Community Notices:**

## FREE TRANSPORT AND SUPPORT FOR BREAST SCREENING AT COFFS. <u>TUES 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</u> PICKUP START MACKSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL <u>9.15AM.</u>

IF YOU ARE 41YRS AND OVER HAVE NEVER HAD A BREAST SCREEN OR NOT HAD ONE WITHIN THE LAST 2 YEARS YOU ARE ELIGIBLE. IF TRANSPORT HAS BEEN AN ISSUE OR YOU NEED SOME SUPPORT JUMP ON A SCHOOL BUS AND JOIN US. NO DOCTOR REFERRAL NEEDED.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: NAMBUCCA VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE:** 65682305

\*LUNCH AT LOCAL CAFÉ (PAYG)\*

IN MEMORY OF <u>SHIRLEY M SMITH.</u>



DINNER \$30 CONC \$25 CHILD \$20 SUPPER \$20 CONC \$15 CHILD \$10 MATINEÉ \$15 CONC \$10 CHILD \$5



FUNKYA@UNKYA Spring into Wellness Market

Sunday October 28 from 8am

# Live Music from 9.30am DidJital, Drumming Sheilas St Pat's Choir & Big Band

**Free** workshops & demos from 9.15am Kids Yoga Tae Kwon Do Demo+Workshop Pilates Workshop Green Cleaning Demo



### **Notices**:







MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

K1 (SIDEDOOR)

MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

8.30AM TO 9.00AM

CAME ALONG AND HAVE SOME TOAST, OR CEREAL, JUICES AS WELL AS WEEKLY SPECIALS.

BREAKFAST IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MEAL OF THE DAY, SO COME ALONG AND GET A FREE MEAL ON US.







### CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED

Can you spare a few hours between 9.00am – 2.00pm once a fortnight, monthly or even occasionally when needed (lunch will be provided).

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS ARE GIVEN A \$7 VOUCHER PER CHILD/GRANDCHILD WHENEVER THEY VOLUNTEER TO BE VALID FOR THAT DAY. IF YOU CAN HELP OUT PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ROZ IN THE CANTEEN ON 65681066.

#### SCHOOL FEES

Subject Fees - if you have overlooked paying your student's subject fees, could you please attend to this soon as possible as the school's financial year finishes on 30 November 2012. If you need any information regarding the subject fees, please phone the school office on 6568 1066.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON HOMEWORK CENTRE IS OPEN!

Operates every Tuesday afternoon in C1.

No need to make a booking just bring your work and get a head start 3.15pm - 5.00pm. Please see Mrs Mendham (Maths) if you have any enquiries.

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