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NEWSLETTER

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THE NEW (ROSA) - YEAR 7, 2013 PARENT MEETING - MHS DRAMA NIGHT

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, 05-09	all day	Year 7 & 8 Exams
Tuesday, 06	all day	Zone Girls Cricket - Laurieton
Tuesday, 06	7.00-10.00pm	MHS Drama Night - Hall - Tickets \$5 for sale at the office or at the door!
Thursday, 08	all day	SRC Leadership Workshop - Coffs Harbour
Friday, 09	all day	NCCHS Surf Life Saving
Friday, 09	all day	Society and Culture PIP day - A3
Monday, 12-16	all day	Year 9 Exams
Monday, 12-23	all day	Year 10 Swim & Survive - Macksville Swimming Pool
Monday, 19	all day	Drama Monologue
Monday, 26-30	all day	Year 10 End of Year Excursion - Queensland
Monday, 26-28	all day	North Coast Debating Championships
Tuesday, 27	5.30-6.30pm	Starting High School 2013 - Parent Information Session - Hall
Tuesday, 27	6.30pm - 8.00pm	P & C Meeting - Hosp T12
Thursday, 29	all day	QLD - University Tour
DECEMBER		
Monday, 3-7	all day	ATSI students excursion to Canberra
Wednesday, 5	all day	Year 6 students orientation day (Year 7 transition program)
Thursday, 13	all day	Star Award excursions - Movie World, Raleigh Raceway & Urunga foreshore
Tuesday, 18	10.00am	Final End of Year - Presentation Day Ceremony - Stadium
Wednesday, 19	3.10pm	Last day of school year
JANUARY		
Tuesday, 29	all day	Pupil Free Day
Wednesday, 30	all day	First Day of school for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10
Thursday, 31	all day	Whole School returns to school

DRAMA NIGHT TICKETS \$5 GET IN EARLY



Macksville High School Drama Night

Tuesday night the **6th** of November!

School Hall - 7.00pm - 10.00pm approx..

Varied program including, drama, music and dance.

Around 30 performances from students from Years 7 to 11

Tickets \$5 from the front office
or pay at the door on the night.
Doors open 6.45pm



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.

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.



From our Principal

At last week's formal assembly I had the great pleasure of announcing the 2013 captains and it was wonderful that our outgoing captains were able to join us to present badges to the new captains. It's a great honour to be recognised by your peers and comes with responsibility. I expect Captains Courtney Beaumont, Doug Robinson and Vice Captains Kylie Ellis and Anthony Thompson to be outstanding representatives of our school community and hope they enjoy the range of experiences ahead of them.



See above: (Douglas Robertson, Courtney Beaumont, Kylie Ellis & Anthony Thompson receiving their Captains badges from the outgoing 2012 captains at the Term 4 Major Assembly)

The dropping of the school certificate and the change of the compulsory school age to 17 years has resulted in some major changes here at Macksville High school. No more is there a leaving point at the end of year 10. It is expected that year 10 students stay at school until the end of term 4 unless evidence can be provided to me that they are leaving to commence approved full time work. There is a requirement that students stay at school until 17, leave to undertake a trade or traineeship or undertake full time TAFE. As a result there will not be a year 10 formal or presentation assembly. The acknowledgement of year 10 student achievements will be as part of the whole school presentation assembly on Tuesday, 18th December. The school certificate has been replaced with a record of school achievement (RoSA). The RoSA will be available for students at the time they complete their schooling and will show year 10 end of year grades along with other courses completed or commenced at the time of leaving school. Students who leave before the HSC will also be able to sit an online computing literacy and numeracy test to supplement their accreditation. I have included in this newsletter a student's Board of Studies newsletter with detailed information.

There has been a number of students who have been attending school and not meeting our dress code. This includes very short shorts, singlet tops and unacceptable prints or wording on shirts. Students have been offered alternative school uniform clothing to wear, parents asked to bring cloths in and student assistance made available when necessary. I hope you understand the requirement to dress appropriately at school and our efforts to maintain a reasonable standard of dress. The majority of our families support the wearing of uniform and students dress in uniform. We have a great school and our uniform is part of maintaining a safe and well respected school.



Next time you visit our school please take the time to view the garden that has been planted at the entrance to welcome visitors. To compliment the garden students and teachers created a magnificent mosaic of a marlin as a memorial to Tony Waters a former MHS Teacher who introduced Marine Studies to the school. Tony passed away in 2010 and a plaque has been recently installed. We hope this memorial will in a small way acknowledge Tony's worth as a teacher and a friend to our school.

HSIE Teacher, Jodie Collits unveiling the plaque with Principal, Paul Holding and HSIE Head Teacher, Josh Webb.

RECORD OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT HAS REPLACE THE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE - INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

The Record of School Achievement (RoSA) is a new credential for all students to recognise school achievement before receiving their Higher School Certificate (HSC). This page has been designed to give students in all NSW schools the latest information about the RoSA.

A cumulative credential – recognising all your academic achievements

Instead of just showing what your results were at the end of Year 10, the RoSA recognises that many students who leave school before completing their HSC complete some Year 11 courses.

- The RoSA will show your Year 10 grades, as well as any grades for Year 11 (Preliminary) courses completed after that. If you start a course but leave school before completing it, your RoSA will show evidence of your enrolment.
- Your RoSA will also show results of any VET or Life Skills courses you complete in Year 10 and/or Year 11.

A credential for school leavers

The RoSA will be awarded to all eligible students when they leave school.

- If you transfer from one school to another at the end of Year 10 you will not receive a formal RoSA credential at that time.
- To receive a RoSA you will need to meet your school's attendance requirements.
- You will be able to request a RoSA through your school when you talk to your teachers or principal about leaving and if you are eligible, your RoSA credential will be sent directly to you.
- If you have completed any Life Skills courses you will receive your Life Skills Profile of Student Achievement at the same time as your RoSA.

Fair grades for everyone

Your RoSA grades will be determined by your teachers, using established guidelines and processes to ensure consistency of judgement.

- Grades for all your courses in Years 10 and 11 will be based on your results in assessment tasks you do throughout the year. Assessment tasks may include tests developed and used in your school.
- The RoSA credential will report on your achievements in Stage 5 courses, using A to E grades
- Teachers are very experienced already in providing grades based on assessments. As part of introducing the RoSA, the Board will provide further support and resources to make sure grades are given fairly and consistently from school to school.

Literacy and numeracy tests

If you are in Year 10 this year and have told your school you want to leave, you will have the choice to sit for literacy and numeracy testing in November 2012.

- The tests will be offered online and will be taken at your school under the supervision of a teacher. The tests are a useful option if you are looking for jobs where the employer wants to see evidence of a level of literacy and numeracy.
- Each test will be of 60 minutes duration, and the two tests will be completed in one sitting.
- These will not be pass/fail tests – they will be designed to show levels of achievement that are reasonable to expect from students leaving school after the end of Year 10.
- The tests will be offered in schools during a number of 'windows' each year. You will only be able to sit for the tests once during each window but, if you later decide to stay at school longer, you will be able to take the tests again.
- The literacy and numeracy test results will be reported separately from the RoSA credential.
- More information on the voluntary online literacy and numeracy tests will be available later in 2012.

Recording extracurricular achievements

The Board is working on a new online package that will allow students to collect evidence of their extracurricular achievements such as first-aid qualifications or volunteer work. The pilot project will begin in 2012.

Notices:

**FREE TRANSPORT AND SUPPORT FOR BREAST SCREENING
AT COFFS.**

TUES 13TH NOVEMBER

**PICKUP START MACKSVILLE PUBLIC
SCHOOL 9.15AM.**

**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 SHIRLEY M SMITH.

Adolescents & Brain Development

How do we communicate with young people about alcohol
and other drugs?

Paul Dillon is the Director of Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA) and works with young people across the country and internationally. Paul is the keynote speaker at the 2012 RRISK seminars.

In this FREE presentation for parents and anyone who works with young people, Paul will look at the latest evidence on adolescent brain development and how this impacts on the messages we should be providing to young people about alcohol and other drugs. He will also talk about the YOLO ('you only live once') generation, and the impact that this phenomenon has on how we communicate with adolescents.

Date: Thursday 29 November 2012
Time: 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Venue: Southern Cross University, D Block Theatre
Hogbin Dr, Coffs Harbour

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Please RSVP by Monday 5 November 2012
Contact Maryann (02) 66487218

Health Promotion, Mid North Coast Local Health District

Follow Paul Dillon and DARTA on  

RRISK 2012 REDUCE RISK - INCREASE STUDENT KNOWLEDGE
www.rrisk.com.au



EMERGENCY 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.

CANTEEN ROSTER - NOVEMBER

Monday	5	S Compton & A Baber
Tuesday	6	R Wood & R Smith
Wednesday	7	R Wood
Thursday	8	HELPER NEEDED
Friday	9	G Welsh
Monday	12	S Compton
Tuesday	13	R Smith
Wednesday	14	R Wood
Thursday	15	D Jackson
Friday	16	G Welsh



REMEMBER
the
60's

The Open Arms Care Inc
2012 Drama Concert

When: 3.00 pm on Saturday 24 November 2012

Where: Entertainment Centre,
NAMBUCCA HEADS

Call 6569 4266
to book your tickets now!
Limited seating available
\$5.00 per adult
\$2.00 per child
Free for kids under 5 yrs

Come enjoy the
most Groovy
Show of the
Year!

FEEL FREE TO WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE 60'S OUTFIT

This event is presented in partnership with
LIFE WITHOUT BARRIERS AND VALLEYS TO PLATEAU

For Sale - MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL 16GIG THUMB DRIVES ONLY \$15.00. SEE DESLIE HOWE.

 **Education & Communities**
Public Schools NSW



Starting High 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





Meet our new School Liaison Police Officer - Senior Constable, Steven Jeffery.



School Liaison Police

In March 2006 the NSW Government announced the creation of 40 School Liaison Police (SLP) to work supporting high schools in NSW.

By building relationships between police, students and high schools SLP promote the objectives of the NSW state plan Rights, Respect and Responsibility through building more harmonious communities and reducing crime rates. Greater rapport between students and police will create a better understanding of the role of police in the community.

SLP will blend crime prevention with operational policing. By attending schools and implementing crime prevention workshops SLP will help prevent students from becoming involved in crime or anti-social behaviour. By being involved at the outset SLP Officers will be able to work with high schools and the community, to address offending behaviour in a constructive way.

WHAT THEY DO

- Implement educational programs and crime prevention workshops at high schools –open days, CAR program, RYDA or other crime prevention programs, “Walk in each others shoes” programs, Scenario training for avoidance of crime
- Develop innovative, local approaches to addressing youth crime
- Support victims of crime
- Develop mentoring schemes
- Guest speak at high schools
- Become a useful resource on crime issues affecting high schools from advising principals on policing related issues, to follow up after major incidents at high schools
- Participate in high school functions and after school events including attending bi-annual Principals forums organised by Youth Liaison Officers
- Advise on traffic management around schools

SLP will operate within public, catholic and independent high schools.

Police, Fire, Ambulance

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In an emergency

Crime Stoppers

1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

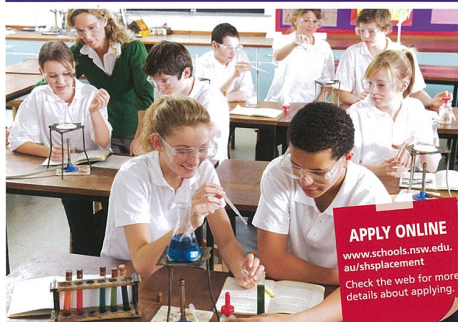
Police Assistance Line

131 444

For non emergencies



Thinking of applying for
a government selective
high school for Year 7
entry in 2014?



APPLY ONLINE
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
Check the web for more details about applying.

Key dates

Monday 16 October 2012

Online application opens

Tuesday 23 October 2012

Paper application forms in schools

Friday 16 November 2012

Return paper applications to principal

Monday 19 November 2012

Online application closes

Thursday 28 February 2013

Test centre advice

Thursday 14 March 2013

Selective high school placement test

July 2013

Outcome advice

**PLEASE READ
THE APPLICATION
INFORMATION
BEFORE APPLYING.**

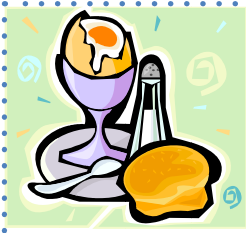
Selective High School and
Opportunity Class Placement Unit

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

T: 02 9707 6262 | F: 02 9707 6265 | E: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

Locked Bag 5001, Bankstown NSW 1885

Notices:



MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

BREAKFAST CLUB

K1 (SIDE DOOR)

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.



Rego Now Open

YOUTH Camp!

Bellingen EYE and Coffs Harbour City Council are excited to be offering a camp just for Coffs Coast's YOUTH!

Dream. Dare. Do!

environmental youth camp

- bush skills - making fire without matches - food
- games - campfire - new friends - lots of FUN -

Friday 23 to Sunday 25 November 2012

Who: All interested youth from years 8 and up
Where: Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Corindi Beach
How much: \$100 for the weekend - includes food, lodging in dorms, materials and tuition. Some financial assistance is available - Finances should NOT prevent anyone from attending
How to register: REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN - Email your name/details to info@bellingeneye.com or ring/text 0408 322 393 and leave a clear message. We will email/ring you back to let you know if you have a place.

Registrations Open NOW
Places are limited so first in, best dressed!

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