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NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
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

HAVE FUN YEAR 10 - END OF YEAR
EXCURSION TO QUEENSLAND

NSW 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

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From our Principal

One of the great highlights of the school year is our year 12 formal. This year again the school community came together to celebrate the success of our graduating students. The strong partnership that develops over the years with parents and teachers is critical in ensuring that our kids not only get an education they can be proud of but that they leave our school with values that set them up for life to succeed in their chosen endeavours and most importantly to be happy. I am always amazed and proud of our students achievements and the hard work put in by so many staff. The team is outstanding at Macksville High and this year Jodie Collits, the Year 12 Advisor put many hours of dedicated effort into her year group. The obvious high regard she is held in by her students and the smooth running of any activity she is involved in is testimony to her enthusiasm and abilities. On the night of the formal I was with my son at his formal and I thank Mrs Walsh for attending on my behalf.



The Drama night and SRC representatives attendance at a leadership seminar in Coffs Harbour have also occurred in the last couple of weeks and reflects on the wide range of extra curricula activities available to students at our school. The feedback from parents and students involved has been very positive and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for your involvement and support. We cannot underestimate what parent involvement in school activities does for our children's success and happiness at school.

Teachers are currently working flat out marking exams and writing reports. Behind the scenes the 2013 timetable is being finalised, staffing issues solved ready for the new year, programs reviewed and made ready and resources organised. It's a busy time at school. One challenge can be to maintain engagement of our students in class in the last weeks of school. I would appreciate you informing me of any concerns you may have in this regard to enable us to work together at making school the place to be right up to the end of the school year. I look forward to see everyone at the presentation assembly on Tuesday, 18th December when we come together as a school to celebrate our success.

Paul Holding



NAMBUCCA VALLEY CHILDREN'S

Xmas Party and Education Open Day

MACKSVILLE FOOTBALL FIELD
SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER
10AM - 2PM

**FREE
DONKEY RIDES
JUMPING CASTLE
FACE PAINTING
SANTA VISIT 1PM**

Come and enjoy a
fun filled day and find
out more about child
services offered to
the children of the
Nambucca Valley.

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Children's Group Inc.



Bowraville
Community
Preschool



Notices:

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.



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

What is the Witness King Tides Project?

We need coastal communities around Australia to take a photo or two as part of the Witness King Tides project. Your photos of the king tide will build a picture of the threat posed by sea level rise for our communities and help track the future impact of climate change. Sea level rise will impact our coastal communities in the coming years and it is important that Australians are informed and engaged on this issue.

Witness King Tides is a fun community photography project that helps us visualise the potential future impacts of sea level rise and current risks today. Having this visual collection of images could help us be better prepared for a future where sea levels are higher than they are today.

If we can envisage future change, we can plan and prepare for it now.

Register at www.witnesskingtides.org

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 [f](#) [t](#)

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	19	S Compton
Tuesday	20	R Smith
Wednesday	21	H Jaegar
Thursday	22	J Beggs
Friday	23	G Welsh
Monday	26	S Compton & A Pope
Tuesday	27	R Smith
Wednesday	28	R Wood
Thursday	29	HELPER NEEDED
Friday	30	G Welsh

**YOUTH
LEADiNG
the World**
27-28-29 Nov

3Day Youth
Leadership
Congress...

The Hub

Bellingh Shire
Youth Centre

full details go to
www.ozgreen.org/index.php/yltw

Imagine bringing thousands of young people
together in 50 locations

all across the world
focussing on global sustainability challenges
vibrant goal setting, action planning for change

CONNECTING... PLANNING... TOGETHER

Youth Congress - day 1 & 2

Focus | Vision | Change | Action process to develop plans for change

Community Forum - day 3

Invitation to government, local business, parents, teachers,
principals and families to come, listen and be inspired!

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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



**Congratulations
to
Margery Boylan**

for

**30 Years
of Service to
Public Education
and Macksville
High School**

Email of thanks to Macksville High School

Sent: Wednesday, 7 November 2012
To: School, Macksville-h
Subject: Drama Night

Good Morning,

I would just like to say thank you for a FANTASTIC night last night.

The talent you have there is amazing, I was blown away.

A big THANK YOU to Mr Battery and Mr Baines for organising such a great night.

Look forward to next year's show.

We are involved in the Stuarts Point Players and the President of the Players was there also as our guest.

He was also very impressed with the diversity of the talent that you are producing.

We have just finished 6 shows with a couple of kids from Year 7 at your school involved as well.

Keep up the GREAT work, and we look forward to many many more of these wonderful nights.

Regards
Joanne Burke

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.





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@bellingeneeye.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