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NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, 3-7		ATSI students excursion to Canberra
Tuesday, 4	6.30-9.00pm	School Social - Festive Theme - Stadium
Wednesday, 5		Year 6 students orientation day (Year 7 transition program)
Wednesday, 5	Lunch	Merit Reward BBQ
Thursday, 13		Star Award excursions - Movie World
Tuesday, 18	10.00-11.30am	Final End of Year - Presentation Day Ceremony - Stadium
Wednesday, 19	3.10pm	Last day of school year
JANUARY		
Tuesday, 29		Pupil Free Day
Wednesday, 30		First Day of school for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10
Thursday, 31		Whole School returns to school

Lions Youth of the Year Quest



Club Winner Anthony Thompson & Katrina Hicks (Judge representing NAB)

Two extremely talented Macksville High Students, Angela Raveane and Anthony Thompson have recently participated in the "Lions Youth of the Year Quest" for the Macksville Lions Club. This Quest is designed to encourage student interest in leadership and the qualities required to take an active and constructive role in the community. It does this by selecting an outstanding young person from candidates throughout Australia to travel overseas and act as an ambassador for Lions Clubs International. The Quest seeks a high level of academic, leadership, sporting, public speaking and citizenship achievement in its potential winners.

Candidates are required to participate in an interview process, answer impromptu questions and deliver a prepared speech in front of a panel of judges. Both student were composed and engaging in their delivery. Angela received this year's public speaking award with Anthony winning the honour to progress to the Regional Finals to be held in March next year. If successful Anthony could progress to District, State and National Finals to represent Australia. We are so proud of both our students and wish Anthony all the best for next year.

Public Speaking Winner
Angela Raveane & Anthony Thompson with certificates

Students with Judges and Chairman Brian Liddell



From our Principal

We have had another great couple of weeks at Macksville High school. The 2013 School Plan has been approved and will soon be up on our school website for you to have a look at. I am happy to discuss anything from the plan with you and will be reporting back to the next P&C meeting with details of the plan and its implementation during the year.

I have had the pleasure of receiving some great feedback about many of our student's positive involvement and achievements and some examples of these are:

- Jimi Allan, Max Vernon, Lawrence Vernon, Amber Nicholas and Ashley Cooper all have been acknowledged by the President of the Macksville Ex-Services Junior Cricket Club for the efforts with coaching junior cricket teams and being outstanding role models for the kids.
- Brooke Pedrola, Keely Salter, Alina Tape, Kristie Pedrola and Megan Porter all helped at the pool with the Macksville Primary School students in the Swim and Survive program with very high praise from the teachers involved.



On Wednesday we had the great pleasure of hosting a very large number of the Year 6 parents as part of our Transition Program for their kids into our 2013 Year 7 group. The participants received information about our school and what their kids will be doing up to and in the first few weeks of high school. Everyone then had a guided tour of our school followed by a supper with time to get to know each other. This was the first of many meetings where this group of parents will be together at school events. The students who volunteered as guides were excellent and received many positive comments about their efforts. Thanks to all the teachers who were there, opened rooms and spoke to parents about their subjects and facilities. We are all looking forward to having our new Year 7 here next year. The evening ended with a P&C meeting with uniform one of the many things discussed. I was very appreciative of the support for uniform and the constructive conversation about making improvements. The conversation resulted in 2 different designs for the girl's skirt being made to help with a decision that will standardise the skirt design and length.

Moyra Mendham, Angelle Hughes and Richard Wegner returned from the Year 10 excursion to Queensland with nothing but praise for our students and the range of activities they were involved in. It was great to hear all of the positive comments about our students and their memorable experiences.

Finally I would like to congratulate David Coia for his work as the North Coast Region Debating Coordinator. The Team went to Sydney last week for the state finals and ran second to Riverina. This result means that 2 country regions topped the state.

Paul Holding

Year 10 Excursion to Queensland



Years 9 & 10 - Cake Decorating



Harry Mitchell, Brooke Chapman & Alexandra Salloum



Oliver Gadsby



Skye Hillery



Yvana Kovendy



Jodie Hodges



James Thorp



Sam Armes



Rebecca Smith

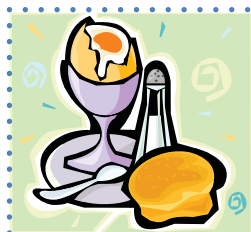


Grace Ryan



Mitchel Frey

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BREAKFAST CLUB

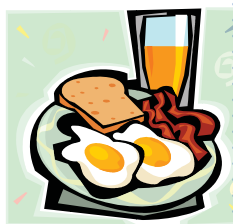
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MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

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 ROSTER - DECEMBER

Tuesday	04	R Smith
Wednesday	05	R Wood
Thursday	06	D Jackson
Friday	07	G Welsh
Monday	10	S Compton
Tuesday	11	R Smith
Wednesday	12	R Wood
Thursday	13	HELPER NEEDED
Friday	30	G Welsh
Monday	17	S Compton
Tuesday	18	R Smith
Wednesday	19	R Wood



"Check out how great our front garden is growing. We will be hedging it before long to show the letters MHS".

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.

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

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.

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