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NEWSLETTER

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"THERE IS A CLEAR AND EFFECTIVE WELFARE AND DISCIPLINE SYSTEM"

IMPORTANT DATES

February 13	DER Laptop - Parent Info. evening - MHS Hall 6pm - 7pm
15-17	Yr11 & 12 Art excursion - Sydney
21	Canberra Royal Show
21	Brett Murray W'shops for students
21	Brett Murray Parent/Teacher Workshop - hall at 3.30pm
22	LNC Swimming - Kempsey
23	Yr7 & 10 Immunisations - Hall
24	Hist. Ext. Study Day - CHEC
24	Yr11 Dive - Macksville pool
28-Mar 1	Yr11 Dive - South West Rocks
28	P & C meeting - 6.30pm in Library
March 1	7 Aside Rugby BCU
2	Armidale Show
5-9	Yrs 7,8 & 9 Priority Schools Program Survey (PSPS)
5-7	Geography Excur. - Nymboida Yr12
6	15's/Open Rugby - Wauchope
7	Boy's Football - Port Macquarie
8	NCCHS-Swimming - Coffs Harbour
9	NCCHS Touch trials - Bowraville
12	Yr12 Physics: Motors & Generators
12	Parent/Teacher Night for Yrs 8,10 & 12 - Stadium

Welcome 2012 Year 7

Macksville High School (MHS) welcomed approximately 100 students to Year 7 this year. At the Year 7 assembly held in the stadium, Relieving Principal, Peter Vernon and Relieving Deputy Principal, Peter Joyce, welcomed students and spoke to them about what they could look forward to over the next six years at high school. They spoke about how to take advantage of all that MHS has to offer, to respect and care for each other and to get involved in the new opportunities that will come their way.



Many Year 7 students have come from small primary schools in the Valley so the size of their new year may have seemed daunting, but with the care and guidance from teachers and staff the transition was made a lot easier.

There was a lot to remember with new class names and roll call groups but students settled in well changing classrooms every lesson and finding their way around the school.

Students can look forward to excursions and camps coming up during the year. This will give them the opportunity to participate in a variety of recreational and sporting activities, where time can be spent getting to know each other away from the classroom.

If any parent/carer has any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school. A tip for all new parents would



be to continue to be involved in your child's school life. If you are able to offer any assistance or skills, please do not hesitate to contact us. Your first point of call will be the Year 7 Adviser, Mrs Amanda Hill, or your child's teachers.

Relieving Deputy Principal, Peter Joyce and our Community Engagement Officer, Mrs Lynette Howle is also available to speak to parents. The office staff are more than happy to help with any general enquiries - please call 65681066.



Important Notice to Parents

Please remember to sign the 'passout' book when you are collecting your student from class during the day....more on 'passouts' on page 4

Tuesday Afternoon Homework Centre is open!

Don't forget Homework Centre will continue this year; it operates every Tuesday afternoon in C1. Teachers will be in attendance to assist with all homework/ assignments or any tutoring needs. No need to make a booking just bring your work and get a head start 3.15 - 5.00pm.

For Sale by Tender (Macksville High School)

EXCESS SCHOOL EQUIPMENT/FURNITURE

Industrial Arts Faculty/Admin.

Items for Tender:

- 1 Tritan Router & Jigsaw Stand*
- 1 3 phase Vertical Band Saw*
- 1 3 phase Shaping Machine*
- 6 8' x 4' Chalkboards Metal
- 2 8' x 4' Chalkboards Wooden
- 4' x 4' Chalkboard Metal x 1
- 1 Wooden Extension Ladder
- 6 Cupboards without tops 120 x 60 x 84cm high
- 1 glass mirror 50 x 150cm
- 1 glass mirror 90 x 150cm
- 1 Wooden table 150 x 60 x 75cm high; 1 wooden table 180 x 90 x 75cm high
- 2 metalwork tables 100 x 60 x 90cm high; 3 woodwork tables 110 x 80 x 90cm high (weather worn)
- 20 Student Desks 60 x 45 x 70cm high (well used)
- 30 Student Desks 59 x 59 x 72cm high (well used)
- 12 Backless Chairs (plastic)
- 13 Lounge Chairs (need repairs)
- 5 Gas Heaters
- 30 Wall insulation 110 x 55cm 25/50cm thick
- 2 Bench Grinders 200mm*
- 1 3 phase Magna Bend*
- 1 Single Phase Portable Welder NOT WORKING SAFELY*
- 1 Single Bowl Sink – stainless steel
- 1 Gestetner Risograph Printer (purchased 2003) –needs repairing, not used since 8/09*
- 50 metres flexible irrigation pipe on roll-up moveable 2 wheel trolley – includes single monsoon sprinkler

****Note: All electrical equipment has been non-commissioned – therefore needs new electrical cords and to be checked by an electrician***

Enquiries to: Grant Gough - Head Teacher TAS on 6568 1066 or
Chris Welsh – General Assistance on 0427 777 102

Tenders due by: **29 February**

Deliver or post to Macksville High School PO Box 611 Macksville 2447 in a **sealed envelope** containing the following details:

Your name: _____

Contact Details: _____

Equipment /
Furniture Details: _____

Tendered Price: \$ _____

Yr 10 Work Experience 2012

The first opportunity for Yr 10 students to do some Work Experience in 2012 will be April 2 to April 5 (4 days leading up to Easter). Students will receive paperwork and preparation early in the term and they will need to organize themselves quickly to get it back by the due date of Friday March 9. Please make sure you read all the material... but please encourage your student to make their own contact.

Over the years local employers have been very generous and supportive of our junior students. However, the resources of many employers have been stretched by the many requests for placements from senior school students and a wide range of community groups like TAFE, universities, employment support agencies and other training providers. Some employers have chosen to focus on one sector and others have requested that applications come through the careers advisers rather than direct contact.

There will be separate meetings for students wishing to go to local veterinary practices, and the hospitals. There is additional paperwork and protocols involved. Students should not return to their old primary school. There are also some occupations and activities that are not allowed

because of risk or policy. These include working with weapons, some machinery, the Police, aged care, psychics or places that may intrude on the privacy of other students.

Work experience should have a vocational aim. That is it's about tasting a job, or having something relevant on a resume.

For example, good reasons include

I want a part time job in this place -

I want to do this job in the future and I want to see if I like it

The following are all direct quotes ... if you are wondering why they are not good motives ... give me a call on 65681066 - I want a week off school I'll be able to buurrrrrn up those motors - I want spend some time with my aunty/ friend - I want to get a free haircut/makeup/ sample - there are celebrities there I looove that magazine - Airports are such exciting places ...

Celestine Porter-Burns, Careers Adviser

International Competitions for Students

It is time to start preparing for International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) examinations. These exams are an excellent opportunity for students to take part in an international competition that allows them to compare their skill and academic progress with other students across Australia and the world.

ICAS examinations provides a report document that compares individual student, cohort and school academic performance and progress over time in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing for students in the primary and secondary years of schooling.

ICAS is the largest independent assessment program for schools in the world with more than 2 million entries

annually. Students from over 20 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, Pacific and the USA actively participate in ICAS each year.

This year extra ATAR points will be available for HSC students that receive a High Distinction in any examination; this could provide up to an additional 6 ATAR points. We strongly encourage senior students to take advantage of this new scheme. The ICAS examinations are also highly recognised by all universities.

If you are interested in participating in these examinations please collect an entry form from the front office or see Ms Dykes in the English staffroom.

Environmental Club

This year we are establishing a School Environmental Club, with the aim of looking specifically at recycling within the school and how to create a more sustainable and environmentally friendly Macksville High School. There is only minimal recycling undertaken at the moment and the club will look at innovative and unique ways to improve the sustainability of the School. The Environmental Club will also be aiming to become a part of the NSW Environmental Collegiate and attend the Australian Schools conference later this year, with an aim to present our findings and improvements at the World conference in New Zealand at the end of the year.

We are hoping to build strong community relationships as this program

develops and will be hoping to gain support through community members and businesses to work as a community to find ways to improve our school and increase sustainability for all students as well as those in the future. The Club will also look at the Schools electricity usage, paper wastage and the option of solar panels to improve our electricity efficiency. We will undertake a 'carbon audit', that will hope will highlight the specialised environmental concerns at our school.

The Club will meet once a week in lunch times. Any student who is interested can sign up outside the English Staffroom or see Ms Dykes.

**Please notify office staff
at the school office (65681066) of any changes
to your contact details or to the contact details of
other people nominated as emergency contacts.**

Parent Information night for the Year 9
2012 laptops will be held in the hall at 6pm on **Monday February 13**. If parents are unable to attend, they will need to ring the school and make an appointment to speak to Deslie ASAP

NAMBUCCA STRIKERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Registration Days are on Saturday 18th & Saturday 25th of February from 9am to Midday online inside McDonalds restaurant Nambucca heads. Or Registration can be completed online in February at www.myfootballclub.com.au however you need a valid email address.

The Challenge Cup is on from 16th to 18th March & junior training commences Tuesday 20th March ages 6-11... 5pm & 12's to 14's..... 6pm

Enquiries/info. which is website www.nambuccastrikers.com & email address nambuccafc@yahoo.com Phone Graeme

PASSOUTS

- Please be aware if parents come to the school to collect their student, it can sometimes be difficult to locate a particular class. If you know your student has an appointment during the day, please send a note in with him/her in the morning. "Passout" notes are placed in a box at the front office before 9am and are usually available to students to collect at Recess.
- Students will not automatically receive a pass. Sometimes verification by phone may be required by the parent or guardian writing the application note.
- We have had students forging their parents' signatures and applying for passes, especially on Wednesdays when students are required to attend sport. It is a Board of Studies requirement that students attend sport as part of their curriculum.
- Passouts must include Student name and surname, Year group, Roll group, Parent/Guardian contact details, Reason for the Pass, Departure time and Return time if applicable. It must be signed and dated.
- As the school has canteen facilities, students are not permitted to go downtown during lunch to purchase food, especially the local take-away services.
- Please support us with this requirement by only writing legitimate applications.

NAMBUCCA VALLEY TENNIS

Junior Comp started on 9th of February from 5pm-7pm at Macksville Tennis Club. All levels are welcome. Please contact Kylie to sign up or any questions on 0431 834 016



ANTI-BULLYING SEMINAR - February 21

Macksville High School Invites - Parents & Carers to an Anti-Bullying Seminar to be held on the 21 February 2012 from 3.30-5.00pm in the school hall.

Macksville High School is excited to announce that Mr Brett Murray, the leading anti-bullying campaigner in this country will be conducting a seminar for teachers and parents following student

sessions held throughout the day.

Brett delivers three seminars, 'Cool To Encourage' anti-bullying, 'Super Staff' teacher training and professional development and "The Power of Parenting" how to bully-proof your kids. He has presented to over 50,000 students, staff and parents. Brett regularly appears on SUNRISE and is interviewed regularly across all media. He is simply the Nation's #1 Anti-Bully authority and youth speaker.

We encourage all our parents to attend, we are currently formulating our new anti-bullying plan and we see this is a strategic focus for our school. Please RSVP our Community Engagement Officer, Lynette Howle on 65681066 or lynette.howle@det.nsw.edu.au. by 17 February, we look forward to seeing you there.

Notices:

THE STUARTS POINT PLAYERS

Theatre workshops will begin on Monday, February 6. All interested participants are asked to be at the Stuarts Point Community Hall at 5pm for enrolment.

Fee for the whole term is for students aged 8 - 18 yrs This includes eighteen different hourly workshops. The workshops will run from 5.30pm - 6.30pm every Monday and Thursday afternoon during school term one.

The first four Monday workshops will focus on dance and the following five will be on singing. The nine Thursday workshops will be on drama leading to a performance in late August at the Yarrahapinni Festival.

For further info phone 6569 0210

ROTARY CLUBS PROMOTION

The Rotary Clubs of Nambucca Heads, Macksville & Bellingen are hosting a movie night in aid of the Rotary International Polio Eradication Program. All Rotary Clubs around Australia have been offered the movie "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" by 20th Century Fox for a showing a month prior to it's official release.

The movie will be running on the evening of Tuesday February 28 at the Nambucca Cinema Centre with drinks and nibbles at 6pm and the show starting at 6.30pm. Tickets are \$20 ea and available from the Cinema, Harvey World Travel and The Remnant Basket. With your help we can make this a great fundraiser to eradicate polio.

NAMBUCCA JUNIORS (ROOSTERS) RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB.

Sign-on day Sunday 19th February, 2012, 10am to 2pm. Nam. Hds. Bowling Club.

Bbq, jumping castle, mini golf, merchandise table for footy gear. Cost: 1 player \$80.00, 2 players \$120, 3 or more \$145. full payment required to receive 2012 footy gear. (t shirt, footy shorts & socks.)

Come and enjoy the day - 2012 - season starts soon Contact: Glen Jones. 0409-459700.

SCOTTS HEAD BOARDRIDERS

First Competition day for 2012 is Sunday February 26th. Meeting near the Surfclub at Scotts Head Beach at 7:30am for sign-up and 8am start.

We welcome surfers of all ages and abilities, for more information please contact Didge Kennedy on 6569 7787.



MACKSVILLE SOCCER CLUB

are holding their registration days for the 2012 season on Saturdays 11th, 18th & 25th February at North Macksville Playing Fields from 9.00am to 12.00pm.

We welcome new players of all ages so please come and join us for what promises to be a very exciting year!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Registrar David George on 6569 0159 or by email macksvillesc@gmail.com.

RISE UP FROM THE UNDERGROUND TO BE PART OF HIGH ON LIFE!

Local M.A.D.E. is on the lookout for talented performers both on and behind the scenes at the High On Life festival April 14.

Talent Quests for youthful performers (all styles) are running through February and March at Bowraville Theatre February 18, 3pm - 6pm.

Entry forms at www.localmade.net General enquiries: Ava 0412084097. Talent Quest: Kate Ferguson 66554475

from Our Principal

Welcome back to all students 2012 school year. A special welcome to all of the new Year 7 students who are keen to begin their High School journey. I was especially impressed with the enthusiasm the entire school showed in the first few days, particularly with the way so many students were in full school uniform.

During the school holidays many of our HSC students from 2011 were offered university places and it was fantastic to see most of them being able to pursue a path that they had been working so hard towards for the last two years.

At the start of the year it is appropriate to remind parents of the values that we are constantly trying to inculcate in the students, particularly those of respect and tolerance. We have been working with students to develop a culture of compliance within the school, promoting the motto "The Macksville way is to say OK". This program will continue throughout the year and we ask for your help by supporting us at home by fostering those same values with your children, that it is always the easier path to be respectful.

All new parents are invited to attend the P&C meetings in the school Library at 7pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28 at 6.30pm in the School Library.

I look forward to meeting many more of the parents during the course of the school year.


Peter Vernon



Macksville High Cattle Team off to the Canberra Royal

The School Cattle Team is heading off to compete at the Royal Canberra Show from 22 February to 26 February.

This is the first time we have entered this show and the team is looking forward to going. This will allow us to compete against the best teams in Australia plus allow our two champion junior cattle judgers Kelsey Watts and Issac Ryffel to hone their skills prior to representing the North Coast at this years Sydney Royal.



2012 Priority Schools Program survey

MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - PARENTS/CARERS INFORMATION SHEET

Dear Parents/Carers

We are very proud of the special programs at our school that enable our students to achieve their best results. To continue to provide these opportunities, Macksville High School will be applying to be part of the Priority Schools Program (PSP) funding program in 2012. A new list of Priority Schools is identified every four years by a voluntary survey to families. The next survey of families will occur in March 2012 for the next funding period, 2013 to 2016.

Only approximately 500 schools across the state will receive PSP funding. We believe it is critical that we do all we can to provide complete information about our community, so that our school has the best chance of being included to receive the substantial benefits that this increase in funding and staffing can provide.

Schools will be selected for the next four year period on the basis of a state wide parent survey that will be conducted during the week of **5 March to 9 March 2012**. This survey will identify which schools will receive PSP support from 2013 to 2016.

In our school, parents and carers with children in **Years 7, 8 & 9** will be asked to complete a confidential one page survey. The survey is quite easy to fill in and we need every family to complete it if we are to provide accurate information about our community.

Features of the survey

Community
The school community must be involved in the school decision to take part in the survey. The survey forms are completed by parents/caregivers.

Confidential
The survey forms are returned in a sealed envelope. No-one at the school can read the response of any family. No-one who opens the envelope at the scanning company knows which family it came from.

Concise
The survey form is short. It only takes up one side of a single piece of paper. Only essential questions are asked. It is easy to complete.

High response
Last time the survey was conducted, over 90% of families who were sent a survey form returned it. In many schools, 100% of families completed the form.

More information will be provided on a regular basis, leading up to Survey Week.

Further information

Lynette Howle
Community Engagement Officer/
PSP Survey Coordinator
(02) 65681066
lynette.howle@det.nsw.edu.au

Canteen Roster-February		
Monday	13	S Compton, A Baber
Tuesday	14	M Laverty
Wednesday	15	H Jaeger
Thursday	16	D Jackson
Friday	17	G Welsh
Monday	20	S Compton, A Baber
Tuesday	21	Helper Needed
Wednesday	22	Helper Needed
Thursday	23	J Beggs
Friday	24	G Welsh
Monday	27	S Compton, A Baber
Tuesday	28	Helper Needed

Our Canteen is currently facing a shortage of volunteer helpers. To keep your school Canteen open and provide healthy lunches we need support from parents. No skills required, a few hours once a month would be appreciated. Please phone Ros on 6568

Wanted

Farm or acreage to rent or lease or agist our school cattle. We need to run a minimum of 20 head (up to 50 including my cattle if available).

I am also looking for a house to rent and it would be ideal if the acreage had a house as well (not essential).

If you can help or know someone who might help please contact me on 0431694009.
Thanks Terry Argent (Ag Teacher)

MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Application for Student Assistance

This scheme provides financial assistance towards education expenses. The government has provided the school with limited funds to distribute to students on a needs basis. Distribution will cover **some** course contribution charges. ***The general school contribution levy is not covered by this scheme.*** Eligible families are invited to apply by completing the details below and forwarding this form to the school office. Information provided remains confidential. Please note that it is necessary to complete a new application form each year.

Student/s Name: _____ Year: _____
Surname Given Names

_____ Year: _____

_____ Year: t_____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____
Surname Given Names

Please list the areas your student(s) require assistance with (eg, subject cost, excursions, uniform, books).

Requirement	Cost	Approved (office use only)

Please attach receipts if the articles or books have been purchased.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

CANTEEN PRICE LIST - 2012

Prices are subject to change and orders can be made in the morning or recess.

Small Hot Cheese & Ham Roll	\$1.00
Hot Cheese Roll t	\$2.00
Pizza	\$2.50
Chiko Roll	\$2.50
Chicken Breast Royal	\$2.50
Sausage Roll	\$2.60
Hot Dog	\$3.00
Plain Pie (lunch only)	\$3.20
Cheese and Spinach Pastie or Roll	\$3.20
Half Cheese Lavish Roll	\$2.50
Half Chicken Lavish Roll	\$3.00
Ham/Cheese Salad Roll	\$3.00
Sauce	.20c
Chicken and Gravy Roll (winter only)	\$4.00
Hash browns (winter only)	2 for \$1.00

ORDERS ONLY

Chicken Burger	\$3.50
Sweet Chilli Chicken Burger	\$3.50
Chicken Breast Royal on Roll	\$3.50
Hamburger	\$4.00
Spinach & Ricotta Burger	\$4.00
Chicken Lavish Roll (plain)	\$5.00
Chicken Lavish Roll (Spinach or Sun Dried Tomato)	\$6.00
Chicken Salad Bowl	\$6.00
Lasagna	\$3.50

SANDWICH

Egg and Lettuce	\$3.00
Ham and Tomato	\$3.00
Cheese and Tomato	\$3.00
Chicken, Lettuce, Mayo	\$3.50
Toasted Sandwiches Made to Order	

DRINKS

Cans	\$2.50	600ml Plain	\$2.00
Water	\$1.50	300ml Flavoured	\$2.00
Poppers	\$1.50	500ml Flavoured	\$3.50
100% OJ Juice sml	\$1.50, Lrg \$3.00	Yoghurt	\$1.50
Juice sml	\$1.50, Lrg \$2.50		

MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL — 2012 CONTRIBUTIONS AND YEARLY ELECTIVE SUBJECT CHARGES

Voluntary Contribution:

Years 7 & 8	\$45.00
Years 9 & 10	\$45.00
Years 11 & 12	\$55.00

Music Instrument Hire:

All Years — per term \$15.00 (*Band is optional*)

Payment may be made by cash, cheque or Eftpos.
We are UNABLE to accept MONEY ORDERS.

Students may pay fees at the School Office BEFORE ROLL CALL, at RECESS or LUNCHTIME. Parents may pay fees during office hours.

FEES MAY BE PAID YEARLY, HALF YEARLY OR EACH TERM.

YEAR 7	YEAR 9 & 10	YEARS 11 & 12	\$
Music	Agriculture	Construction (Year 11)	30.00
Indonesian	Art	Design & Technology	35.00
Technology	Automotive	(Year 12)	(+ materials)
	Child Studies	Drama	10.00
	Digital Media (CAPA)	Food Technology (Year 12)	50.00
	Z elective	Hospitality (Year 11)	40.00
	Y elective	Hospitality (Year 12)	60.00
YEAR 8:	Drama	Hospitality Uniform Hire	15.00
	Engineering	Metals & Engineering	50.00
Art	Food Technology	Music	12.00
Technology	Graphics Technology	Photography	40.00
	(+ equipment)	Visual Arts (Year 11)	30.00
	Indonesian	Visual Arts (Year 12)	10.00
	Information/Software Tech	IT — Wood	80.00
	Metal	Agriculture	30.00
	Music		
	Photography (TAS)		
	Drama		
	Textiles & Design		
	Timber 2		