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NEWSLETTER

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“QUALITY FACILITIES AND RESOURCES ARE PROVIDED”

IMPORTANT DATES

March / April

12	Yr12 Physics: Motors & Generators
12	Parent/Teacher Night for Yrs 8,10 & 12 - in Stadium
13	Yr 11.20am-Child Studies 2 - Yr10 Visit Lib./Pre-school/Primary School
15	Country Cup - Rugby - Kempsey
16	Zone Girls Football-Port Macquarie
19-20	Yr12 Dive - South West Rocks
22	School Photos - MHS Hall
23	School Photos - catchup - Hall
23	U/14 and Open Rugby League - NH
23	Open Girls Netball - Macksville
26	3.30pm - 6pm Parent/Teacher night for Yrs 7, 9 & 11 - in Stadium
26	Defence Forces talk - Library
27 Mar-Apr 5	Yr12 Exams
29 - 30	Yr7 Orientation Excursion - Yarrahapinni Youth Centre
29	NCCHS Rugby Trials- Evans Head
30	Yr11 Biology Fieldwork-Way Way Ck.
April 2 - 3	CHS Swimming (TBA)
4	Surf Survival Assess.Day-Scotts Hd
April 5	Last day Term 1
6 Apr -Apr 22	Autumn Holidays
April 23	Staff Devel. Day - Pupil Free
23-24	Yr12 Science Excur. - Sydney

Successful Yr 9 Laptop Rollout 2012



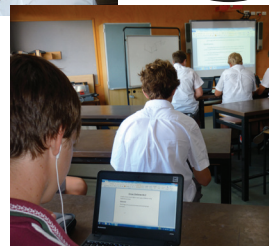
SET YOUR PROFILE TO 'PRIVATE' SO YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS KEPT SECRET

stay safe and have fun on the internet

As a parent, you can play an important role in helping your children have safe and positive experiences online. Be aware of how children and young people use the internet, the cybersafety issues they face and strategies to manage the risks.

These tips are compiled from the Government's CyberSmart initiative. Additional information for parents can be found by logging on to: www.cybersmart.gov.au/

THINK
 BEFORE YOU POST INFORMATION ONLINE - ONCE POSTED IT'S DIFFICULT TO REMOVE

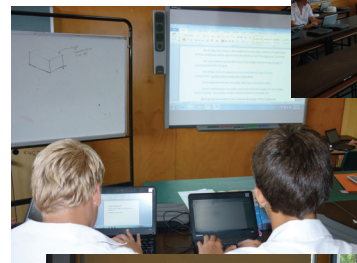


ASK YOUR PARENTS BEFORE YOU GIVE ANYONE ON THE INTERNET YOUR NAME, ADDRESS OR ANY PERSONAL DETAILS

IF SOMEONE IS NASTY, OFFENSIVE OR MAKES YOU UNCOMFORTABLE IN A CHAT ROOM, DON'T RESPOND AND LEAVE STRAIGHT AWAY



ALWAYS KEEP YOUR PASSWORD A SECRET



BE CAREFUL WHO YOU TRUST ONLINE. MAKING NEW FRIENDS CAN BE FUN, BUT THERE'S A CHANCE THAT THEY MAY NOT BE WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE.

DON'T OPEN MESSAGES FROM PEOPLE THAT YOU DON'T KNOW. THESE COULD BE NASTY, CONTAIN VIRUSES OR BE TRYING TO SELL YOU SOMETHING.



TELL YOUR PARENTS IF YOU ARE UPSET BY LANGUAGE, PICTURES OR ANYTHING SCARY ON THE INTERNET

CANTEEN ROSTER-MARCH

Monday	12	S Compton, A Baber
Tuesday	13	A Drennert
Wednesday	14	Helper Needed
Thursday	15	D Jackson, C Nugent
Friday	16	G Welsh, M Mason
Monday	19	S Compton, A Baber
Tuesday	20	A Drennert
Wednesday	21	H Jaeger
Thursday	22	C Nugent, J Beggs
Friday	23	G Welsh
Monday	26	S Compton, A Baber



“ATTENTION YEARS 8, 10 & 12”

The next Parent Teacher Interview night will be held on

12 March 2012, 3.30pm – 6.00pm - MHS Stadium

“BOOKINGS WILL OPEN 27/2”

Book School Interviews Online

Parents...

Booking interviews is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3:

Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au or following the link through our schools website - www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au.

ENTER TO SCHOOL EVENT CODE: **95434**

School event code

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First enter your name, your student's name(s), and your email address.



On the next page, pick the teachers you want to meet. First select the subject or year, then choose from the list of teachers.



Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. And if something comes up, you can return to the site and change your interview times whenever you want.

If you require assistance or are unable to book online, please do not hesitate to contact the office to make your bookings – 02-65681066.

Indonesian News



From Left: Haydn Leckie doing a good job as store holder selling items to Sasha Gregory and Samantha Kearney.



From Left: Maya Smith, Lily Moore, Dixon Roberts & Oliver Elson win best dressed.



From left: Kitana Harnos-Jamieson, Indiana Baker, India Bartley, Ryan Cotterell, Ibu Lee, Eliza Young & Grace Single

INDONESIAN MARKET DAY

Mrs Gilliland's, Year 7 Indonesian language classes all participated in a Market Day recently. The market day is set up to provide an opportunity for students to speak Indonesian to each other in a common traditional setting of bartering at the markets. They learn numbers and everyday words that are the stepping stones to becoming more fluent and confident in communicating in (Bahasa) Indonesian.



From left: Amber Newcombe & Kira Robinson bartering with past MHS student Emma Mason

Everyone was given the same amount of Indonesian rupiah and a list of items to buy. The goal was to barter with the store holder to get the best price for each item. Not only did they need to read the names of the items in Indonesian they had to barter using the numbers 1-10 to get the best price. Everyone really enjoyed dressing up for the day, students used lovely manners and Denise, Claire, Emma & Elly who came to help were very impressed with their language skills and commitment to get the best price.

It was a fun way to learn and practice what the students are experiencing in the class room each week. Prizes were given out for the best dressed and best barterers on the day.

Linking Indonesian Language with Primary and High School

The Department of Education has chosen Scotts Head Primary School as the Bilingual Indonesian School for the whole of NSW. This means now for three years students have been immersed in learning Indonesian language. It is a proven fact that when a child is immersed in a language under 8 years of age, they absorb it easily, naturally and become bilingual.

This year we have students at Macksville High School who have been through the bilingual program for two years and can understand and speak Bahasa Indonesian. Students were given the opportunity to extend their language skills and speak to their class during a role play as shop keepers at our recent market day stalls held for the Year 7 Indonesian classes during this term.

In 2012, electives in Indonesian will again be offered for 2013 so students have more opportunities to learn this skill and use it as a life skill and in their future careers.

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other people nominated as emergency contacts.t

from Our Principal



I had the pleasure last week of travelling with 5 of the school Rugby Union teams to a Sevens tournament in Coffs Harbour. Although the day was oppressively hot all of the boys and girls participated with vigour. At the end of the day we made 3 finals with the open boys defeating Toormina to be crowned champions.

I was most impressed by the way all of our competitors carried themselves on the day, they were a credit to themselves and the school.

It is good to see there is a large proportion of students that wear school uniform everyday. However, the aim is to get all students to cooperate and be in uniform. There are significant safety issues around staff being able to identify students quickly and recognise potential intruders to the school if that event were

to occur. Also, with us moving into autumn it is time to ensure that your sons and daughters have the appropriate jumper to wear to school when the first colder days come upon us.

Year 12 should be in full exam preparation mode at the moment with the first of the 3 major exam blocks only a few weeks away. Preparation for exams is best done over a longer continuous period rather than frantic swatting the night before. Parents can assist by discussing with their children how they are planning to prepare for the exams.

Finally, a reminder to Year 7, 8, 9 parents who have not completed the PSP survey. It is vitally important that they are completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

Peter Vernon

Parents please note:

Attached to the Newsletter is the credit card facilities which was missed being included with the fee invoices mailed out this week.

School Notices

SUBSCRIBE TO THE MHS NEWSLETTER

Anyone viewing the Macksville High School website, has an opportunity to subscribe to the Newsletter.

Log on to the Macksville High School website: <http://www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/> On the top tab, click on **Useful Links**. This will take you to the option **Subscribe to MHS Newsletter**. Follow the instructions filling out your email etc.

There is an option where you can unsubscribe at any time. This may be a useful way of letting grandparents, friends know what is going on at our School.

OFFICE DUTY SERVICE

Students in Year 7 will soon be starting their turn of Office Duty. This will begin at the beginning of Term 2. Office Duty is a very responsible roll and helps enormously with getting messages around the school to students and teachers, eg. parents ringing in with messages for their child or coming in to collect them for family reasons; teachers having to get a message to particular students and delivering notes that are to go home. On some days there would be 15 - 20 messages delivered by the Office Duty person.

Students rostered for Office Duty, learn where rooms are located and who the teachers are. It is part of the community of schools that we aim for students to feel a part of.

Your assistance with this vital communication tool is very much appreciated.

Community Notices:

NAMBUCCA (ROOSTERS) JUNIORS RUGBY LEAGUE

Training started Tuesday March 6 at 4.30pm Biffen Oval. Sign ons will continue during training. New signing please bring birth cert. \$80 per player, \$120, 2nd & \$145, 3 or more players. Training then on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Contact Glen Jones for more info on 0409 459 700

MACKSVILLE SOCCER CLUB

are still be taking registrations for interested players turning 5, 6 or 7 in 2012.

A further registration day was held on Saturday 3 March 2012 from 10.00am to 12.00pm at the canteen at North Macksville Soccer Grounds.

All age groups can contact our Registrar David George on 6569 0159 or by email macksvillesc@gmail.com for any information regarding team nominations and availability.

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Please find enclosed a recent printout of our school records regarding school contributions and subject material costs for your student(s).

Although the school general contribution is voluntary, all elective subject material costs are to be paid if the student is to undertake the subject. Subject costs are detailed in course outlines, newsletters and at the time selections are made. Any parent/guardian who is unable to pay these subject costs due to financial reasons can apply for student assistance (application forms available from the office). All requests will be treated in a considerate and confidential manner ensuring no embarrassment to students or parents/guardians.

Please note that the fees can be paid in instalments if you are unable to pay the full amount at once. If you have already paid any or all of the fees listed on the printout or there appears to be an error with the subjects, please contact the office on 65681066.

We appreciate the financial support provided by our community. Without this support our programs, which are presently the equal of any school, could not be maintained to the high standards that we enjoy.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Peter Vernon – Relieving Principal

payable to: Macksville High School (no money orders please)

For credit card payments – see below

[Please return this printout with your payment]

Please advise the school of any changes in address, phone numbers or emergency contact details so we can update our records. Thank you.

Credit Card Payment Advice

Student Name/s Year/s

Payment for:

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Visa Mastercard (Min \$20.00 Max \$500)

Account No: Security Code:

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