



# MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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**"EVERYONE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER AND ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL STRENGTHS"**

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### MARCH

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 26           | 3.30pm - 6pm Parent/Teacher night for Yrs 7, 9 & 11 - in Stadium |
| 26           | Defence Forces talk-Library -11.10am                             |
| 27 Mar-Apr 5 | Yr12 Exams   |
| 29 - 30      | Yr7 Orientation Excursion - Yarrahapinni Youth Centre            |
| 28           | U15 Girls Soccer-Macksville fields                               |
| 29           | NCCHS Rugby Trials- Evans Head                                   |
| 30           | Yr11 Biology Fieldwork-Way Way Ck.                               |

#### APRIL

|               |                                       |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| April 2 - 3   | CHS Swimming (TBA)                    |
| 4             | Surf Survival Assess.Day-Scotts Hd    |
| 5             | B & G Open Touch - Wauchope           |
| 5             | Yrs 9 & 10 Child Stud.-Pre Sch. Visit |
| 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          |
| 25            | ANZAC Day                             |

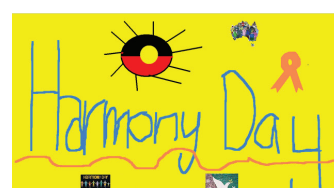
#### MAY

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| Apr.30-May 3 | Yr11 Dive - South West Rocks     |
| 3            | U15's & 13's Country Cup-Kempsey |
| 4            | Yr12 UNE excursion - Armidale    |

### CANTEEN ROSTER-MARCH/APRIL

|                 |    |                     |
|-----------------|----|---------------------|
| Monday          | 25 | S Compton, A Baber  |
| Tuesday         | 26 | J Burke, A Drennert |
| Wednesday       | 27 | Helper Needed       |
| Thursday        | 28 | Helper Needed       |
| Friday          | 30 | G Welsh             |
| Monday          | 2  | S Compton, A Baber  |
| Tuesday         | 3  | A Drennert          |
| Wednesday       | 4  | Helper Needed       |
| Thursday        | 5  | C Nugent, D Jackson |
| EASTER HOLIDAYS |    |                     |
| Tuesday         | 24 | A Drennert          |
| Wednesday       | 25 | Anzac Day           |
| Thursday        | 26 | C Nugent, J Beggs   |

### YEAR 8 COMPUTER TASTER CLASS



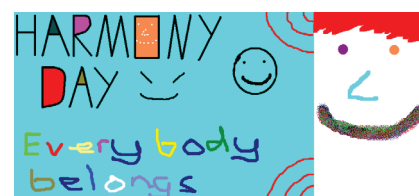
To recognise Harmony Day the students created posters which reflected the theme "Everybody belongs". Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on 21st March each year. It's a day when all Australians celebrate our



cultural diversity. The day is also the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Harmony Day is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and share what we have in common. We hope you like this small selection of artworks. A variety of programs were used in their creation.

.....Mrs O'Sullivan





## “ATTENTION YEARS 7, 9 & 11”

The next Parent Teacher Interview night will be  
held on  
26 March 2012, 3.30pm – 6.00pm - MHS Stadium

### “BOOKINGS ARE OPEN”

## Book School Interviews Online

### Parents...

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

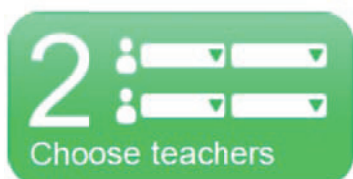
Please go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) or following the link through our schools website - [www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au).

ENTER TO SCHOOL EVENT CODE: **89MXL**

THEN



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.

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.

# Sport Captains 2012

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>OXLEY - GREEN</b><br><b>BOYS: CAPTAIN</b><br>Tim Worthing   | <b>VICE-CAPTAIN</b><br>Beau Saville   | <b>GIRLS: CAPTAIN</b><br>Kahlee Roberts | <b>VICE-CAPTAIN</b><br>Clare Erskine Smith |
| <b>BRINER - RED</b><br><b>BOYS: CAPTAIN</b><br>Chris Buckley   | <b>VICE-CAPTAIN</b><br>Joe Borg       | <b>GIRLS: CAPTAIN</b><br>Kellie Langham | <b>VICE-CAPTAIN</b><br>Kylie Ellis         |
| <b>GRAHAM - YELLOW</b><br><b>BOYS: CAPTAIN</b><br>Aaron Argent | <b>VICE-CAPTAIN</b><br>Keith Donovan  | <b>GIRLS: CAPTAIN</b><br>Jessica Howe   | <b>VICE-CAPTAIN</b><br>Tayla Peaty         |
| <b>TAYLOR - BLUE</b><br><b>GIRLS: CAPTAIN</b><br>Joel Brunsdon | <b>VICE-CAPTAIN</b><br>Charlie Porter | <b>GIRLS: CAPTAIN</b><br>Nyomi Widders  | <b>VICE-CAPTAIN</b><br>Mareesa Brunsdon    |

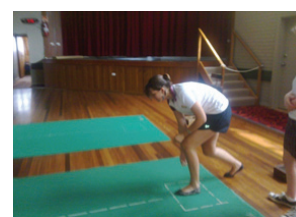
## Carpet Bowls with Mrs O'Sullivan



Each Wednesday afternoon a small group of girls have been learning the art of playing carpet bowls at the Macksville RSL. We are very grateful to the club for allowing the girls to utilise their facilities. They have been improving their techniques and styles every visit. Anna, Jennifer, Jasmine, Lizzie and Clare should be very proud of their participation and enthusiasm each week.



This week the girls watched "Crackerjack", an Australian comedy about a group of lawn bowlers who work hard to save their bowling club after it suffers huge financial hardship. We celebrated Harmony Day and reflected on Senior Citizens Week.



## Child Studies 1 - Update

The Year 9 & 10 girls studying Child Studies 1 this year have begun their course by exploring the "changing family". They are aware of the many different types of family structures commonplace in today's societies. From the nuclear family, to communal living, blended families, step families, gay couples, extended families with grandparents living with their children and grandchildren, those with adopted children, single parent families, and families without children to name a few. They read about the functions of each family. Providing shelter, food, clothing, moral guidance, economic support, love and care as well as positive role models were a few issues covered. They have learned about contraception and conception. Recently we invited Libby Knight, a representative from the Women's Health Centre, to discuss the pros and cons of using a variety of contraceptive devices. She talked about sexually transmitted diseases as well as issues related to pregnancy. The girls found the session most interesting and informative.

Following on from these lessons the girls have produced information pamphlets related to many conditions which have an impact on unborn babies and their mums. Some of the topics include ultrasounds, ectopic pregnancies, twins or multiple births, Down syndrome, gestational diabetes and amniocentesis. The girls had to research their topic, and using their own words they had to generate a brochure using a computer, that included illustrations and explained the most important facts including any risks, side effects and other implications.

Soon they will explore the "stages of labour" that an expectant mother goes through prior to delivery. This will culminate in a visit to the Maternity unit in Macksville where a midwife will talk to them about the support and services provided by the hospital staff.

Mrs O'Sullivan



# GAMING & GEEKS - SOCIAL



TUESDAY MARCH 20 2012



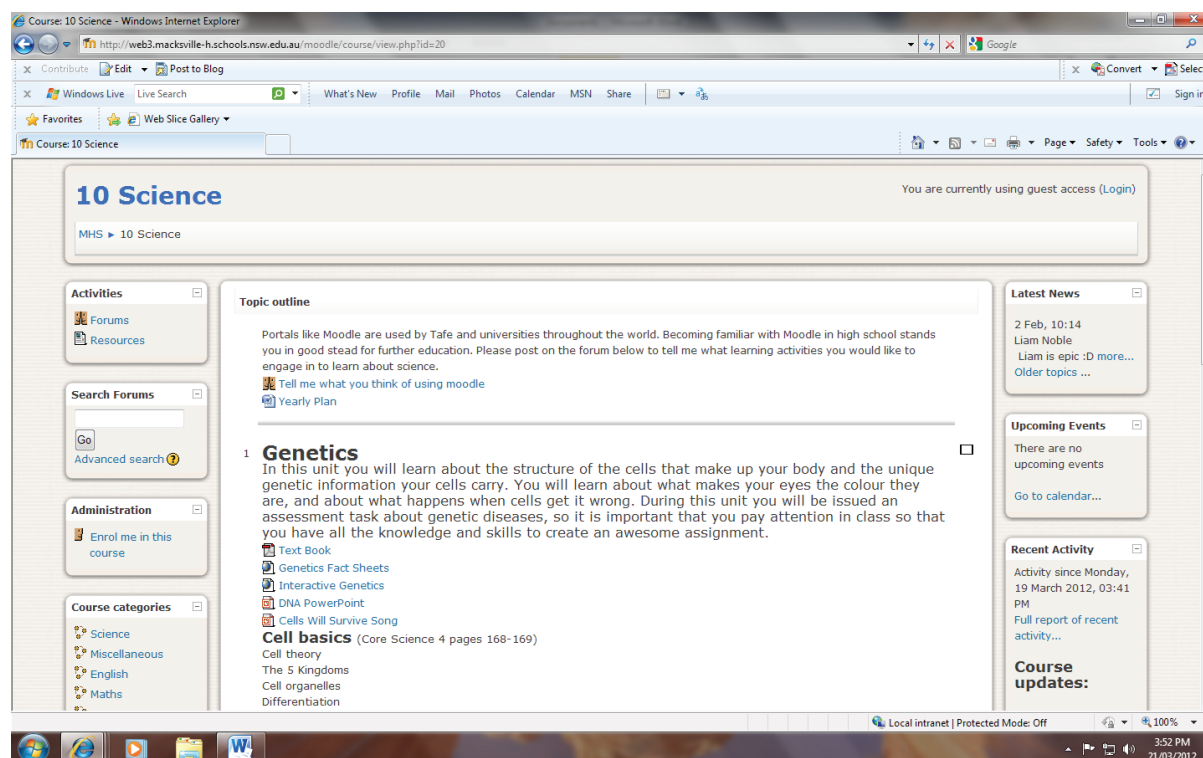
# Moodle Login (Parent Information)

Macksville High School Science Department has entered the exciting world of Moodle. This is a portal where students and parents can access resources to assist with their science studies and information and due dates for assignment is available when possible.

To access this fabulous resources login into:

<http://web3.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/moodle/>

Parents can login as a guest user/students are to login using their student number as their username and their password is "password" until they change it to their own.



## MACKSVILLE SOCCER CLUB

The Club is seeking interested 13, 14 year old players to compete this year's U/14's team. Please call Dave George on 6569 0159 or email to: macksvillesc@gmail.com

## LEARN TO SWIM WITH THE Y AT MACKSVILLE MEMORIAL AQUATIC CENTRE

Aquasafe program covers Physical, Intellectual and Personal Development; Group & one-on-one classes catering for all abilities; Infant, Preschool, Primary & Adult classes; Swimming & water safety life skill development. Group Lessons or Private Lessons available. Contact YMCA Aquatic Education 6568 1445 or visit [www.ymcasydney.org.au/macksville](http://www.ymcasydney.org.au/macksville)

## Community 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. A printed copy of the current Newsletter can be collected from the school office at any time.