



# MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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"QUALITY FACILITIES AND RESOURCES ARE PROVIDED"

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### MAY

28 - 1 June	Yrs 9 & 10 Exams - Stadium
28-30	Yr 11 Drama Excursion - Sydney
28	Yrs 7/8 Debating - MHS Library
31	Yr 12 Food Tech.Seminars - CHEC

#### JUNE

4 - 8	Yrs 7 & 8 Exams - Stadium
4 - 8	Yr 11 Work Placement - TBA
4 - 5	Open B/G's Reg. Rugby -N'castle
7	Zone Tennis - Kempsey
7	Yrs 9/10 Debate- TBC
8	Ext.2 study day-CH Surf Life Sav.Club
8	NC Reg. Cross Country-N'thn.Rivers
11	NSW Queen's B'day Holiday
12	Author visit: James Roy MHS Lib.
12	11.20am Child Studies visit
13	Zone Athletics - Nambucca Heads
13	Country Cup - 13's & 15's & Opens
14	<b>Yr10 into Yr11 student info. - Hall</b>
14	<b>6.30pm Yr11 2013 - Parent info.-Hall</b>
15	Infants school drama perform.- Hall
18 - 22	Sister School Program (Indonesian)
18	Coffs Health Careers - Coffs
19	Yr11 Biology Excurs. - Coffs
20	Country Cup - TBA
21	Boy's Softball - Melville
26	15's Netball - Port Macquarie
26	Presentation of Awards Afternoon - 1 pm in the Stadium
26	<b>6.30pm P &amp; C Meeting - Library</b>
26	6pm Senior CAPA showcase - Hall
28	Newcastle Uni.Open Day-N'Castle

#### JULY

2 - 13	Term 2 Vacation
23	Scripture Seminar Yr7-10 -Stadium
24	<b>6.30pm - P &amp; C meeting - Library</b>
25	NCCHS Reg. Athletics - Kingscliff
26	Country Cup - Port Macquarie
27	1pm - NV Trade Training Centre Opening - MHS

### SARAH'S PYRAMID CAKE IS A HIT!!



I decided to build a cake model of the pyramid of Zaser because I wanted to make a unique and fun design. I also wanted to have a fun day at school with my classmates. It was easier to make a pyramid of Zaser because the later pyramids had smooth sides and mine has steps.

Everyone enjoyed the cake and it was a bit of fun for my class.  
Sarah Rose - 7S (History)

### UNE MATHS COMPETITION

On Friday, 11 May two groups of Year 8 Macksville High students travelled by bus to Armidale to compete in the UNE Maths comp. We were up against 56 other teams. The day was filled with a number of different Maths competitions and games. The first comp was a free for all game where the teacher at your table gave your team a question, once you had done the question one team member took the answer to the judges where they marked it. You had a set time to do as many questions as possible.

After that we had morning tea then started a head to head game where we played against different teams.

Next we had lunch for 50 minutes then started a game where you had a choice of a 2, 3 or 4 point question that we got to choose from and we had to answer it then take it to the judges.

At the end of the day we had a game where we had a few pieces of paper and sticky tape. We had to build a building as high as possible without it falling over. The winners of the tallest building got a trophy.

Lastly, they concluded the comp with the announcement of the winner of the day and the winners got a trophy and medallion. We all had a great day at the Maths comp and would like to do it again.  
.....By Jamie Bekis, Year 8



From left to right: Cameron Gaymer, Jamie Bekis, Trent Stack, Sarah Welsh



from left to right:  
Elizabeth Argue, Shenae Conway,  
Erin Atkins and Peta Salter

See Poem from Shenae Conway,  
Year 8 on Page 4

# SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Macksville High School held its cross country carnival on Wednesday May 2. After all the rain, nature gave us a brilliant day, ideal for running. Most fields were up in numbers from last year and it was good to see so many participants finish with a smile on their face.

Trophies will be awarded the first place getters at the next major assembly.

Results from 1st to 6th were as follows;

12 years boys – Oliver Elson, Michael Baldock, Dean Bailey, Ryan Cotterell, Mitchell Whyte, Kyle O'Hara-Beggs  
13 years boys – Jacob Pedrola, Damien Cross, Taniela Bula, Chris Power, William Baker, Jordan Kenny  
14 years boys – Trent Stack, Alec Baldwin, Cameron Gaymer, Rhys Hort, Tannah Bradshaw, Harry Elson  
15 years boys – Clinton Lavender, Jacob Simpson, Bailey Farr, Josh Bartlett, Curtis Ellis, Arie Van Drie  
16 years boys – Keith Donovan, Dejon Harnos-Jamieson, Austin Paul, Alex Sutton, Shannon Jeffery, Liam Noble  
17 years boys – Beau Tape  
18 years boys – Jake Dormer-Hughes, Tom Rowe, Jarrah Marquardt, Jarrod Pike  
12 years girls – India Bartley, Rachael Millen, Maya Smith, Grace Lewis, Maddison Bates  
13 years girls – Gemma Raveane, Melea Castle, Madeline Simpson, Erin Atkins, Alison Hopkins, Jocelyn Pedrola  
14 years girls – Peta Salter, Elizabeth Argue, Georgia Craven, Katelyn Seymour, Coralie MacDonald, Danielle Perry  
15 years girls – Alina Tape, Megan Porter, Ruby Porter, Petrea Guiana, Deanna Buckley, Tess McWade  
16 years girls – Kirstie Pedrola, Brooke Pedrola, Yierah Dunn, Keely Salter and Raina Schmidt  
17 years girls – Tayla Peatey  
18 years girls – Kellie Langham, Jessica Howe

The House results were as follows; Oxley – 270 Briner – 247 Graham – 309 Taylor – 365

The highest house point score in an age group was the 12 year boys for Taylor house and for the girls it was the 14 year old girls for Graham house.

The Zone carnival will be held this year at Kendall Show Ground on Friday May 25, 2012.

## THEATRE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Belvoir's Theatre Enrichment Program is a program that aims to provide students and teachers with greater access to theatre, both on stage and behind the scenes. Schools from all over the state applied to become part of this program. Macksville High School was one of 5 schools that has been selected to be a part of this exclusive program. This means that 24 selected students will travel to Sydney to watch a performance of the play *Strange Interlude*. The theatre program provides financial support to pay for travel and the theatre experience.

Students are also fortunate to participate in a series of pre and post show experiences with trained educators and key Belvoir artists. On the 21st May two members from the theatre visited our school and the students participated in some dramatic rehearsals and some pre visit discussion, this is invaluable to students as it provides them with the confidence, language and tools to describe and evaluate the performance. The students will also get the opportunity to talk to the cast after the performance and to take a tour of Belvoir Street Theatre



While we are in Sydney we will also have the opportunity to participate in a NIDA workshop and see the VIVID light show at Circular Quay. We will also visit the NSW Art gallery. The students have been chosen from Year 10, 11 and 12, who have shown special talents or interests in Drama. We hope that this experience will play a major role in students' learning: broadening their horizons; providing inspiration; and challenging them to consider alternative views of the world.

## EGATS

Egats is an innovative online program design to challenge the creative and problem solving skills of gifted and talented students. The students undergo a series of tests including an IQ test and a creative writing paper. Across the North Coast Region, there were more than 200 applications. After a rigorous and thorough identification process 80 students were selected to be given this very special opportunity of gifted and talented enrichment.

At Macksville High School we were very successful and had 2 students offered a place in the exclusive program. The students both from Year 7, Mei Li Ramos and Eliza Gadsby, will now join with the other nominees next term in a preparation day and then will begin work on their project. The information will be delivered via video conferencing as well as online and the students are expected to work individually to complete the set tasks and challenges.

This is an innovative program that will allow the students to challenge themselves and that will enrich their learning experiences. At the end of the program the students will present and display their work at a regional expo.

# MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MERIT SCHEME

## AIM






Our aim at Macksville High School is to recognise and reward students for, demonstrated consistent and or meritorious achievement/effort across a broad range of curricular and extra-curricular activities.

## SYSTEM OUTLINE

Students will begin each school year on a **One Star** level. As students are awarded Macksville High Merits they can progress through the awards system. Each level achieved will be recognised through certificates and special rewards. This scheme will run over a calendar year.

Macksville High merit awards may be given at any time, by any of the teaching staff, to students who have demonstrated consistent and or meritorious achievement/effort. Teaching staff are encouraged to generously award merits. Students need to collect 5 merits to progress to each level of the star system. These awards are to be taken to their Merit Co-ordinator who will record and mark each merit. The merit award can only be used once to qualify for a particular star level. It is the student's responsibility to care for the merits given to them and to present them to their Merit Co-ordinator when they have enough to qualify for a particular level.

Students who are placed on a level 3 or above in the school's discipline system will have ONE star level removed from their ranking in the system. Students may then proceed to the next star level when they collect a further 5 merits. Students who believe they have not received appropriate merit awards can make an application to have their "case" heard by the Principal.

STAR LEVEL	REQUIREMENT	REWARD
	All students will begin each school year on a one star level.	To move up a level students collect 5 merits that are taken to their Merit Co-ordinator who records the merits and signs or cuts the corner to indicate they have been used.
	Once a student has received 5 merits they qualify for this level.	The student will be issued with a two star certificate and a Free Social Voucher.
	Students need a further 5 merits to qualify for this level.	The student will be issued with a three star certificate and a Free Barbecue voucher.
	Students need a further 5 merits to qualify for this level.	The student will be issued with a four star certificate and an invitation to the Principal's Party.  Students who reach the four star award level will qualify for a place on the end of year reward excursion to "The Worlds."
	Students need a further 5 awards to qualify for this level.	The student will be issued with a five star certificate and an out of school excursion. Students will automatically qualify for a priority place on the "Worlds" excursion.
<b>Special Award</b>  <b>ALPHA CENTAURI AWARD</b>	<p>This award may be presented to the three students in each year who gain the greatest number of Macksville High merits. This award is especially for students who can go beyond the five star level. However it may still be presented to students if the five star level is not reached in that particular year group.</p> <p>The three students with the greatest number of merits and who have supported the uniform policy will be presented with a special certificate and vouchers to the value of \$35.00.</p>	



# UNE - Our Trip to Armidale

the toilets at Ebor were freezing cold  
so we had to hold  
the sheep were asleep  
so they looked like rock  
and Shenae got cold socks

the path was ice  
the waterfalls were nice  
Trent wore no jumper  
we ate breakfast on the bus  
we shared lollies between us

at the university  
it was like a city  
we put on the fancy jackets  
Sarah has to tie everyone's tie  
we looked great I'm not gonna lie

the first challenge was okay  
we tried to solve problems to add to  
our point for the day

some were confusing  
some were fun  
some we couldn't get done

there was an activity call jigsaw  
it was something we had to talk for  
we all had one clue  
we couldn't show the cards  
one round was very hard

recess was cake  
it was nice to have a break  
there were poppers too  
we explored the grounds  
we sat at some seats we found

head to head was where we had to  
fill the space  
I wish it was at a faster pace  
we walked from table to table  
the patterns weren't hard  
the piece of paper went a yard

at lunch we had food  
i'd talk about it but I don't want to be rude  
we mingled with the other schools  
sarah introduced us to her friend  
we sat until it was time for lunch to end

we did an activity like the first one  
except with levels and more to get done  
some were near impossible  
some were okay  
some would take all day

we made a paper towel  
we didn't use enough brain power  
it fell over  
we didn't fail though on that one  
Because at least we had fun

Shenae Conway, Year 8

## School Notices:

CANTEEN ROSTER - MAY / JUNE		
Monday	28	S Compton, A Baber
Tuesday	29	M Mason
Wednesday	30	Helper Needed
Thursday	31	Helper Needed
Friday	1	G Welsh
Monday	4	A Pope, S Compton, A Baber
Tuesday	5	R Wood, A Drennert
Wednesday	6	Helper Needed
Thursday	7	D Jackson
Friday	8	G Welsh
Monday	11	Queen's Birthday
Tuesday	12	A Drennert

### INVITATION TO PARENTS

who are considering enrolment at Macksville High School in 2013.

#### Parents Information Session

Parents and carers of students who would like to enrol at Macksville High School in 2013 are warmly invited to our information session.

Afternoon tea will be served

Venue: Macksville Primary School  
Date: Tuesday June 12 2012  
Time: 3.30pm

RSVP: Kirstin Knight  
Phone: 6568 1800  
Email: kirstin.knight@det.nsw.edu.au

### BOWRAVILLE JUNIOR GOLF

recommenced May 20. Junior Golf will be on again this Sunday 10th June. Any kids interested just mozie over to the Bowraville Golf Course at 10:00am.

### CLOTHING POOL

At present there are plenty of jumpers in the clothing pool. If students are in need of a jumper, parents are welcome to come and have a look.

## Community Notices:

### SCOTTS HEAD BOARDRIDERS

The North Coast Regional Surfing Titles will be held at Scotts Head Beach on the weekend of 2-3 June. For more information and to enter go to: <http://www.surfingaustralia.com/nsw/surfingnorthcoast/>.

It's not too late to join Scotts Head Boardriders. The emphasis is on fun and you don't have to be the world's greatest surfer, there are plenty of people who can help you onto waves. Membership is \$45 for Under 18s and \$50 for adults, with family discounts available. For more information contact Natalie Robertson on 6569 7952

### YOUTH INSPIRATION DAY

Saturday June 2, 2012....Valla Beach Community Market, Valla Beach Reserve. Website: [www.vallabeachmarkets.org.au](http://www.vallabeachmarkets.org.au)  
Free Workshops in Circus Skills, Hip-Hop, Afro-Cuban Dance, Drumming Circle and Mural Painting. Go to Website or VB Market FB page for more info.

Hosted by Valla Beach Community Market - a non-profit event.

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