



# MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### JUNE

18 - 22	Sister School Program (Indonesian)
18	Coffs Health Careers - Coffs
19	Yr11 Biology Excurs. - Coffs
19	12pm - 3 Star BBQ
21	6pm - 9pm School Social - stadium
21	Boy's Softball - Melville HS
25	Double Debate -Nambucca Hds.HS
26	6pm - Sen. CAPA showcase - Hall
26	15's Netball - Port Macquarie
<b>26</b>	<b>6.30pm P &amp; C Meeting - Library</b>
28	Newcastle Uni.Open Day-N'Castle
28	10am-NADIOC Week - Stad.
28	10.50am- 4 Star Principal's Morning Tea - Principal's Office

#### JULY

2 - 13	Term 2 Vacation
23	Scripture Seminar Yr7-10 -Stadium
<b>24</b>	<b>1pm - Half Yearly Presentation Ceremony - Stadium</b>
24	Yr12 Chem. Excursion - Sewerage
<b>24</b>	<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
31	NC Debating - Coffs Harbour
31	HSC Anc./Mod.history day at CHEC
31	HSC Study Day at CHEC

#### AUGUST

3 - 8	Yr11/12 Marine Dive - SW Rocks
<b>13 - 24</b>	<b>Yr12 Trial Exams - Stadium</b>

### CANTEEN ROSTER - JUNE

Monday	18	C Nugent
Tuesday	19	A Drennert
Wednesday	20	H Jaeger
Thursday	21	Helper Needed
Friday	22	G Welsh
Monday	25	S Compton, A Pope
Tuesday	26	A Drennert
Wednesday	27	Helper Needed
Thursday	28	J Beggs
Friday	29	G Welsh
Monday	16	School Dev.Day - Pupil free

## TRANSIT of VENUS

Macksville High students were able to view the Transit of Venus on the 6th June due to the kind donation of a solarscope from The Institution of Surveyors NSW. Carol Weekes, Registered Surveyor, C J Weekes & Associates, 29 Lyon Street Bellingen kindly spent time discussing Surveying as a career and the importance of the Transit of Venus and the fact that we won't see this happen again until 2117.



## GREAT SUCCESS for ANGUS STUD

*GREAT SUCCESS AND THE END OF AN ERA FOR MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL'S ANGUS STUD*



Isaac Ryffel & Kelsey Watt competing at recent shows

The Macksville High School Cattle Team continue to enjoy great success at all the shows that they have attended this year, including the Canberra Royal where they won a third place ribbon with one of their cows. Students have recorded significant success in cattle judging and parading which saw Kelsey Watt and Isaac Ryffel representing the North Coast at the Sydney Royal Easter Show this year.

Our next show will be the Brisbane EKKA in August and any sponsorship



would be greatly appreciated, please contact the School for more details.

An end of an era has also come with our foundation dam, Rainbow Valley "Lisa" V10 being put up for sale via tender. This cow has won many supreme exhibit



awards at Regional Shows on the Mid North Coast. Regarded by many cattle judges as one of the most structurally correct cows she would be an asset to any herd.

If you are interested please contact Mr Terry Argent at Macksville High School for further details on (02) 65681066.

# From our Principal

As a school we have a responsibility for the safety and security of students whilst they are in our care during the day. There is a set procedure for students leaving the school for any reason. Parents should contact the school office to inform us that the student is required and then when you come to school report to the front office and sign them out. There are more and more times when parents are contacting their child directly by mobile phone and asking them to be out the front to be picked up. When this occurs, the school has no knowledge of the whereabouts of the child.

Parents will have heard about the NSW Governments new plans for reorganising how schools operate. Called Local Schools Local Decisions (LSLD), this new policy has been in the news on quite a few occasions. Parents and community members are invited to a Public Forum to listen and discuss the impact that LSLD will have on our local schools. This forum is to be held at Jetty High School in Coffs Harbour on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm.

*Peter Vernon, Relieving Principal*

## School Notices

### Year 10 Queensland Excursion - Urgent Reminder

A reminder to parents of Year 10 students that the deposit of \$150 for the end of year excursion to Fraser Island is due by June 29 2012 (last day Term 2).

Permission notes should be brought to Mrs Mendham prior to taking money to the office.

Unless further deposits are received and the quota met the excursion may be cancelled due to lack of support.

Any further enquiries please contact Mrs Mendham at the school on 6568 1066.

.....M Mendham

#### NOTE TO PARENTS

It would be appreciated when writing notes for your students, eg passouts or absentee, that you write your student's full name, year they are in and the date.

Thank you for your co-operation in this regard.

#### NC REGION STATE DANCE CAMP

Applications are available from Mrs Shrubbs for the 2012 North Coast Region State Dance Camp. Students need to apply by the 25th July, 2012.

The camp will be held in August from the 20-22nd at Port Macquarie.

## Community Notices:

### ROTARY AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND STUDENT EXCHANGE 2012 PROGRAM

#### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OPEN

This program is designed for 14-16 year old students (in Year 9 or 10 in 2013) to experience a true 'exchange' with a family in New Zealand. Local students are matched with a New Zealand student who will travel to Australia and attend school here during Term 2, 2013. Both students then return to New Zealand and attend school there for Term 3, 2013.

The students' family hosts the NZ student and includes them in their normal family life. This is an exciting way to experience another culture with the support of Rotary.

More information and expression of interest forms can be found at [www.ranzse.com.au](http://www.ranzse.com.au)

Expressions of interest close June 30 2012.

#### MACKSVILLE & DISTRICT POULTRY CLUB INC.

Annual Show  
will be held on Sunday June 17 2012  
at the Macksville Show Ground  
Our Feature: OLD ENGLISH GAME  
Canteen available on the day  
For more information or enquiries contact the Secretary (of the Poultry Club) Bec Dollin on 6568 3221 or 0401500840

#### IDOL 2012 AT CRESCENT HEAD

Heats: June 30, July 7th & July 14  
GRAND FINAL - JULY 21st  
1st Prize - \$500; 2nd Prize - \$300 and  
3rd Prize \$200.  
Visit: [www.partyprofessionals.com.au](http://www.partyprofessionals.com.au)  
for more information  
Contestants must be at least 14 yrs  
at time of performance.

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

year 12  
**trial exam**  
revision lectures  
2012

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Over \$200 worth of notes

and lectures per student – FREE!

### Free\* Lectures for Year 11 & 12 Students – June 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

To assist students in their preparations for the trial exams, The School For Excellence (TSFX) is running a series of **FREE lectures** titled **"Mastering the Exams"**.

During the course of this exclusive program, students will learn vital skills that will help optimise examination performance, as well as strategies that will maximise concentration and learning and cut down on study time (see Page 3 of the enclosed brochure for further details). This lecture is being delivered by **one of Australia's leading education/learning consultants**, who is also a Year 12 Chemistry and Mathematics teacher, offering students the opportunity to hear advice and strategies that specifically relate to their Year 11 and 12 studies.

**Valued at over \$200**, this lecture is **free of charge\*** to students. We do, however, require that all students participating in this program make a \*minimum \$10 donation to the charity representatives that will be in attendance on the day. 50% of the proceeds collected will be donated to Beyond Blue and 50% will be donated to the Fred Hollows Foundation. To date, our "Mastering" lectures have **raised over \$100,000**, all of which has been donated to charity.

If you feel that your Year 11 and 12 students would appreciate the benefits of these lectures, could we ask that you make them aware of this program in your next **school newsletter and/or school assembly**? Application forms and further information may be obtained from our website at [www.tsfx.com.au](http://www.tsfx.com.au).



**The Fred Hollows  
Foundation**  
[www.hollows.org.au](http://www.hollows.org.au)



### Trial Exam Revision/Preparation Lectures

Students seeking a **time efficient** and **powerful means** of preparing for their trial examinations are further invited to attend our **subject specific exam revision/preparation lectures** at the University of Sydney. Further details regarding these programs are available on the attached brochure. **Note:** Our lectures are prepared and delivered by qualified, currently practising senior HSC teachers and exam markers who possess the knowledge and experience to demonstrate the means by which students can achieve the higher Band scores.

Kind Regards,  
The School For Excellence

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