



# MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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**"HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY"**

### IMPORTANT DATES

JULY	2 - 13 Term 2 Vacation
16	Staff Development Day
17	<b>First Day for Students T3</b>
23	Scripture Seminar Yr7-10 - Stadium
24	<b>1.30pm - Half Yearly Presentation Ceremony - Stadium</b>
24	Yr12 Chem. Excursion - Sewerage
24	<b>6.30pm - P &amp; C meeting - TAS Seminar Room T12</b>
25	NCCHS Reg. Athletics - Kingscliff
26	Country Cup - Port Macquarie
27	<b>11.00am - NV Trade Training Centre Opening - MHS - TAS Seminar Room T3</b>
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
13 - 24	<b>Yr12 Trial Exams - Stadium</b>

## Half Yearly Presentation Ceremony Invitation to Parents & Carers Tuesday, 24 July - 1.30pm

All Parents & Carers are invited to attend our Half Yearly Presentation Ceremony to be held on Tuesday, 24 July 2012 at 1.30pm in the MHS Stadium. Letters will be sent home to advise parents of students who will be receiving awards. Your presence at this ceremony would be appreciated to recognise the achievements of our students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 during Semester One.

Your support in ensuring your child is in full school uniform for the occasion would be appreciated. An afternoon tea will be provided and we look forward to seeing you at this important event.



### Nambucca Shire Council School holiday activities:

The following school activities for 12-18 year olds are available:

**Amazing Race - 11 July** – get a team together and join in the fun to win great prizes. Buses and fare money will be provided for a great day out to participate in scavenger and treasure hunts, puzzles and clues to solve. Times for buses will be provided when booking for the activity. *Please bring lunch with you.*

**Bowls Day – 13 July** – 10.00am – 2.00pm – ever thought about giving lawn bowls a try – get a team together or join one on the day and have a bit of fun and a BBQ at the Bowraville Recreation Club. Transport may be available, all activities are FREE bookings are essential contact Vicki on 65680854.

### CANTEEN ROSTER - JUNE

Monday	16	School Dev.Day - Pupil Free
Tuesday	17	HELPERS NEEDED
Wednesday	18	H. JAEGAR
Thursday	19	D. JACKSON
Friday	20	G. WELSH
Monday	23	S. CROMPTON - A. POPE
Tuesday	24	HELPERS NEEDED
Wednesday	25	HELPERS NEEDED
Thursday	26	J. BEGGS
Friday	27	G. WELSH

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### Attention: Parents and Carers

If you have a new email address  
or have changed your old one please let us know  
via [macksville-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:macksville-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



# Indonesian Sister School Visit Tangerang - New Friends

A wonderful week was had by all during our Indonesian Sister School Tangerang visit last week. It was a special opportunity to create new friendships and learn about other cultures. Our exchange students participated in many activities including Archery, History, Science, Language, Music and Aboriginal Art classes. A visit to the Billabong Koala Wildlife Park was a highlight with students feeding wallabies and patting the koalas. On the way home a call into Ricardoes Tomatoes to pick strawberries and to see how the tomatoes are grown was a load of fun.

We were amazed by the beautiful Indonesian dancers who performed in traditional costume for Port Macquarie High School, St Patrick's Primary School, Bowraville Central School and at the Macksville High School Assembly in front of our Mayor, Rhonda Hoban and special guests. They even took the time to teach the younger children how to use the rebana (tamborine drum) which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Several students spoke to me about their experience and described how their billet families made them feel so at home. They had a great time at the school social dancing the night away. How they did things that they had never experienced before like, roasting marshmallows on the beach, painting a rock at the V-Wall, horse riding, the great food including lamingtons, pasta dishes and chocolate cake, going to Woolworths shopping, feeding the horses, lambs and sheep, they said they loved everything.

A big thank you must go out to all the families who billeted students, without your involvement this exchange could not have happened. To Mrs Lee Gilliland, your hard work and enthusiasm is remarkable thank you so much. And also to all the Macksville High School teachers and students who all contributed to ensure the week was a wonderful experience for everyone involved.



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



## From our Principal

We have reached the end of the term 2 and I am constantly amazed at the number different and exciting activities which students are participating. There is nearly a different activity every day in which our students are engaged in their education on an academic, social or sporting level. It is always pleasing to see the enthusiasm with which they immerse themselves being proud of who they are and where they come from. This great diversity we have is one of the truly positive aspects of the public education we deliver to students. Presently the Federal Government is considering the implementation timeframe for the recommendations from the Gonski Review. This review will have the outcome of providing much more funding to Public Schools to redress the current inequities that exist in our community. If you wish to support this I suggest you log on to the [giveagonski](http://giveagonski.com.au) website and register your support.

Peter Vernon, Principal (Relieving)

## 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 July 17 (first day back for students Term 3) there are ONLY 19 places left. Unless further deposits are received and the quota met the excursion may be cancelled due to lack of support.

Permission notes should be brought to Mrs Mendham prior to taking money to the office.  
Any further enquiries please contact Mrs Mendham at the school on 6568 1066.

#### 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.

#### 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 3.15pm - 5.00pm. Please see Mrs Mendham (Maths) if you have any enquiries

#### 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.

#### SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder that school fees can be paid at the front office between 8.30am and 3.30pm and can be paid by either cheque or eftpos. Voluntary Contributions are voluntary and payment is a matter for decision by parents/guardians. We do point out that these voluntary contributions enhance the schools' educational and sporting programs and are greatly appreciated. Any problems with payments please phone the front office on 65681066. If parents/guardians are having difficulty paying school fees, Student Assistance is available. Please collect a form from the school office.

## Community Notices:

### Scotts Head Boardriders

Scotts Head Boardriders is a family orientated event and welcomes new surfers of all ages. The next competition day is Sunday July 15th (last Sunday of the School holidays). Meeting at Scotts Head Beach near the surfclub at 8am. For more information please contact Natalie Robertson on 6569 7952, or email [scottsheadboardriders@yahoo.com.au](mailto:scottsheadboardriders@yahoo.com.au). Or see our Facebook Page: Scotts Head Boardriders.

#### 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

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## Engagement and Attainment Snapshot:

As a support for our school the regional consultancy team has offered to undertake data analysis and focus group interviews, including an online survey of parents, and then work collaboratively with school teams to develop/modify strategies/targets in our existing school plan to inform future school planning around retention, engagement, attainment and attendance. This will enhance the current positive school practices and targets/strategies existing in our current school plans.

We would like to encourage all parents to participate in this online survey which can be found at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8162>. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in this. Please let me know if you need further information regarding this thanks Lynette Howle.

### **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	\$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	\$3.80
100% OJ Juice	sml \$1.50, Lrg \$3.00	Yoghurt	\$1.50
Juice	sml \$1.80, Lrg \$3.80		