

MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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"Our curriculum is meaningful and relevant"

MPORTANT DATES

Aug	
27	Musical Dress Rehearsal
28	P & C Meeting, 6.30pm - Hosp. T12
29	Y12 Engineering - Coffs Aero Club
31	Musical - Henry, 7.00pm - Hall
Sept	
5-6	Zoosnooze - Taronga Zoo - Sydney
6	Musical - Henry, 7.00pm - Hall
7	Musical - Henry, 7.00pm - Hall
10-20	Year 11 Exams
13	Year 7 Immunisations
20	Year 12 Assembly - 9.30am
24-05	Spring Holidays
Oct	
15-8	Higher School Certificate Exams
23	P & C Meeting, 6.30pm - Hosp. T12
29-02	Year 10 Exams
Nov	
05-09	Year 7 & 8 Exams
12-06	Year 9 Exams

40 Hour Famine

Congratulations to all our students who particpated in this wonderful fundraising event. See below a few personal accounts of their experiences:

During the 40 Hour Famine I thought it would be easy but it was harder than I thought - living on barley sugars and apple juice is harder than you think. We started at 6.15pm



on Friday night. We were going fine until Saturday afternoon, that's when it got hard. It was Saturday night when I was fed up not sleeping in a bed with no electricity, technology or food. I was crying and I couldn't handle it anymore. But in the end I got through it even though I felt I was going to fall over. When I finally did eat I couldn't eat much as it felt so rich. I am very proud of myself for getting through it and I raised \$150 for the starving kids. In the end I realised that I should be thankful for what I have and not to want too much. By Maya Smith, Year 7

The 40 Hour Famine was a great experience. It helped me to realise how much we have and how little some people can have. It was a struggle to go without food for 40 hours but I did it, and so did all my friends. Before we started we went to the shops and bought heaps of food. We had a massive big feast for dinner and danish for desert, yum! The next day we were really bored and not to forget, hungry! So we went for a walk to pass the time and then went back to our tent and we were trying to forget about food. We pretty much lived on water, apple juice and barley sugars for 40 hours. It was hard to sleep on an empty stomach. We kept waking up through the night and we all felt sick. We have tried hard to raise money and awareness of the 40 hours famine and have had lots of support from friends and family, while living without food for 40 hours. I now realise just how important food is in our everyday lives.

By Eliza Gadsby, Year 7

During the 40 Hour Famine I thought it would be easy. But when you live with a food tech Teacher and two boys, it's hard. I started on Thursday, 7.00pm and finished on Saturday at 11.00am while playing football. I ended up having to eat on the bench, I had a sausage roll and the next day I had KFC! I am so glad that I have raised money for children who have nothing and I hope the money I have raised will save a family in need. By Wyatt Mola, Year 7

> **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

CANTEEN ROSTER - JUNE Monday S Compton & A Pope 27 Tuesday 28 Helpers needed Wednesday 29 Helpers needed Thursday 30 Helpers needed 31 G Welsh Friday S Compton & A Baber 03 Monday 04 Tuesday R Wood Wednesday 05 Helpers needed Thursday 06 D Jackson 07 G Welsh Friday

> In this Issue Henry the Musical North Coast Representative Shirts

From our Principal

It has been a very busy two weeks for me back at school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all in our school community who have made me feel valued and welcomed back. I have been inspired by the activities that occur at our school and the opportunities this provides for our students. The staff with the support of many parents go out of their way to provide this range of activities and have very positive relationships with our kids. I should not have been, but was surprised, at just how busy our school is.

There has been, and continues to be, a focus on anti-bullying strategies at our school. We have provided focused activities for many groups of students. We have spoken about what positive action students can take to prevent bullying on school assemblies and counselled individual students about their responsibilities, consequences and resilience building. I encourage parents to talk to their kids about their wellbeing at



school and to contact us if you have any concerns or require assistance. Remember bullying is ongoing its not a one off incident but all concerns needs to be addressed early and not left to become a bigger problem.

We are currently involved in the Year 10 into 11, subject selection interviews with parents and their children. If you have a child in Year 10, I encourage you if you have not already done so to make an appointment by going online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au – event code – NK39M or by contacting Mrs Celestine Porter-Burns our careers adviser. Bookings are still available for Wednesday, 29 August. It is essential that the selection process is fully participated in to ensure the most appropriate subjects are selected and the amount of class changes early in 2013 and kept to a minimum. This will also give your child the best chance at getting the subjects they are hoping for.

Our girls' open rugby union team won their inter-regional match yesterday easily, taking them into the semifinals in Sydney next Tuesday. If they win this match they will play in the final the following day. I would like on behalf of our school community to wish them, and their coach, Mr Webb all the best.

Finally, next Tuesday night is our next P&C meeting. I hope to see as many parents there as possible. I will take some time to look at where we are up to with future staffing and funding of our school.

North Coast Representative Shirt Presentation

This year students received North Coast Representative shirts for a variety of sports including swimming, rugby league and soccer. Kindly donated by the Macksville High School P&C, shirts are given to students who proudly wear them as part of their school uniform. The shirts are engraved with their name and their chosen sports logo.

To be eligible to receive this prestigious gift students need to have competed in the Combined High Schools (CHS) competition. The CHS is made up of all public schools in NSW. Events are sometimes held in regional NSW, although generally to participate students and families need to make the trip to Sydney to compete.

If successful at CHS, students are then eligible to compete at All Schools then the National Titles.

Congratulation to our amazing sports people. Keep up the hard work, we are very proud of you all.



(Back row) Charlie Porter, Beau Tape, Alina Tape, Ruby Porter (front row) Sophie Atkins, Yierah Dunn, Tannah Bradshaw and Peter Vernon, Former Principal (Relieving) (Absent) Kate Shaw, Stuart Mason, Hope Eadie & Aaron Argent

The making of "Henry the Musical"





A big thank you to Corrina Nugent one of our Mums who spent many hours helping to make the beautiful costumes.

Students, teachers and parents have all worked extremely hard to produce this years musical "Henry". Hours and hours of work have gone into sewing detailed period costumes to help bring this musical to life. Made from scratch, beautiful formal dresses will be admired and treasured for a long time to come.

The art department also assisted with painting huge sets and making masks. Led by Rob Alley and his wood work students they have made three new thrones that will be centre stage for all to see.









By Simon Denver and Ian Dorricott

7PM Macksville High School Hall



Showing Dates: 31st August 6th September 7th September

\$10 a ticket

Cast list

King Henry the Eighth- Charlie Porter Archbishop of Canterbury- Tavis Hall Slacko the Unfunny- Claire Harmer The King above Parr- Max Vernon The Queen above Parr- Tatijana Harnos-Jamieson

- Captain-Sarah Muller
- Lieutenant (Soldier 1)- Katerina Brown
- Soldier 2– Jessica Key
- Jessica Key
- Soldier 3- Jennifer McMullen-Halverson
 Soldier 4- Emily Cooper
- Queen Catherine below Parr- Courtney Beaumont
- Lady 1–Jessica Key
- Lady 2– Carlie Halverson
- Queen Jane Seymour- Natasha-Jane Paul

 Lady 1- Sarah Nugent
- Lauy I- Sarah Nugen
- Lady 2-Nicole Welsh

Queen Catherine Howard-- Breanna Minisini

- Lady 1– Sophia Coia
- Lady 2-Evie Smith
- Queen Ann Bowlin'- Mareesa Brunsdon
- Lady 1-Frankie McKay (Chronicler)
- Lady 2– Kiara Johnston

Queen Catherine of Arrogance-Lydia Witte

- Lady 1-Raina Schmidt
- Lady 2– Lizzie Smith
- Soon to be Queen Anne of Cloves-Tess Lewis
 Lady 1-Emma Mulvihill (Commentator)
- Lady 2-Keely Salter (Commentator)

The Wizard of the Wand, Raymond- Sam Armes Sir Thomas- Sam Armes

Sir Sydney–Kyle Lopez (Hairdresser, Actor Henry) Sir Robin–Zimba Ahmed (Hairdresser) Sir Roger–Jye Perkins (Hairdresser) Sir Simon–Caleb Ratana (Hairdresser, Cantor)

Queen to be Executed-Sarah Nugent

Tickets can be purchased from the front office at Macksville High School and collected from the Library.







School Notices:

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED

Can you spare a few hours between 9.00am – 2.00pm once a fortnight, monthly or even occasionally when needed (lunch will be provided). Canteen volunteers are given a \$7 voucher per child/grandchild whenever they volunteer to be valid for that day. If you can help out please do not hesitate to contact Roz in the canteen on 65681066.

For Sale - Macksville High School 16gig Thumb DRIVES ONLY \$15.00. SEE DESLIE Howe.

ABSENTEE LETTERS

Students are now to bring these letters and place them in a box located on the student counter at the front office. Please do not hand them to your roll call Teacher.

NOTE TO PARENTS

It would be appreciated when writing notes for your students, e.g. 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.

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 voluntarv contributions enhance the schools' educational and sporting programs and are greatly Any appreciated. 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:

Nambucca District Little Athletics and Seniors Club 2012 - 2013 registration dates at 4.30pm

REGO NIGHT: WEDNESDAY 22ND OF AUGUST 2012 1ST TRIAL AND REGO NIGHT WEDNESDAY 29TH OF AUGUST 2012 - 2ND REGO AND TRIAL NIGHT WEDNESDAY 5TH OF SEPTEMBER 2012.

1st comp night Wednesday 12th of September 2012 Last comp night 27th of March 2013

Fees

TINY TOTS \$60.00 1st child \$65.00 2nd and 3rd child \$55.00 Family \$210.00

Venue: Wednesday evenings at 4.30pm at EJ Biffin playing Fields Nambucca Heads.

Nambucca Strikers Football club are hosting "Kirk Mandrake The Amazing Magician"

When: Saturday the 1st September, 2012 Where: At the Nambucca Leagues & Sports Club, Sport St, Nambucca Heads - Time: 6pm

Cost: \$8 per person or \$25 per family

"Come along, have some fun & help out the Nambucca Strikers Football Club"

MASSIVE SKATE COMP



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