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NEWSLETTER

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"Quality Teaching and Learning Opportunities"

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept	
7	Musical - Henry, 7.00pm - Hall
10-20	Year 11 Exams
13	Year 7 Immunisations
13	U15s Netball - all day - Macksville
14	Boys Cricket - all day - Kempsey
20	Year 12 Assembly - 9.30am
24-05	Spring Holidays
Oct	
15-8	Higher School Certificate Exams
17	Cattle Nationals - Lismore
23-26	TAFE Quad Bike Training
23	Term 4 - Major Assembly
23	P & C Meeting, 6.30pm - Hosp. T12
29-02	Year 10 Exams
Nov	
05-09	Year 7 & 8 Exams
06	Zone Girls Cricket - Laurieton
09	NCCHS Surf Life Saving
12-06	Year 9 Exams
12-16	Year 10 Swim & Survive

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 roll call Teachers. Letters should include the students first, last name, roll call class and the dates that the student is absent.

"Henry the Musical"



CANTEEN ROSTER - SEPTEMBER

Monday	10	S Compton
Tuesday	11	H Thorburn
Wednesday	12	Helper Needed
Thursday	13	Helper Needed
Friday	14	G Welsh
Monday	17	S Compton
Tuesday	18	H Thorburn
Wednesday	19	H Jaeger
Thursday	20	D Jackson
Friday	21	G Welsh

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Year 12 - Major Works - Woodwork



Above: Jarrah Marquardt



Below: Ryan Solekhan



Above: Megan Chappelow

Below: Jake Dormer-Hughes

Above: Robert Ward

Below: Olivia Willems



Tackling Cyberbullying

The Bamboo Theatre Company comprising two actresses Emily Beale and Rebecca Duff recently visited MHS to perform three plays called "Cybershorts" that tackle the difficult issue of Cyberbullying. Dealing with the moral and ethical issues faced by the Tech Savvy I-Generation "Cybershorts", is an interactive performance workshop, which looks at the consequences of our online actions. Presented as three short plays using an Improvisation workshop and Forum Theatre, these plays confronts cyber safety from many perspectives using drama, comedy, improvisation and a question and answers session.



Targeting Year 8 students the workshop was engaging and hit the mark with the teenage audience. Emily a graduate of NIDA and Rebecca with a BA in Acting from Charles Sturt University and a Diploma of Education in Drama and English both were fabulous and informative in their roles. They have been conducting these workshops for over three years in schools and were able to answer the many questions asked of them by the students. Macksville High School takes this issue very seriously and we will continue to provide our students the opportunity to participate in workshops and to increase their knowledge of this ever increasing problem in our society. For more information on Bamboo Theatre their website is www.bambootheatre.com.



From our Principal

I attended a community meeting last Friday at Nambucca Heads called by a local parent concerned about underage drinking and anti-social behaviour by some young people in the valley and in particular around Nambucca Heads. The participation of local community members, parents and support agencies including representatives from the 3 High Schools was very pleasing. We heard 3 parents talk about their personal experience with their own children and the difficulties they are having with the negative influences their children are facing on a daily basis. The increasing regularity of parties at local parks and beaches with boys and girls as young as 11 years old being supplied alcohol and associating with young men who are often under the influence of alcohol. Police representatives talked about the issues they face and what laws and programs are in place. Nambucca Heads High Schools Deputy Principal described the impact the weekend behaviour was having on the school, in particular on Mondays picking up the pieces and resolving conflict created over the weekend. Student wellbeing, families and teaching and learning is being negatively impacted upon as a result.



The people present praised the work of local agencies and volunteers and agreed to form a working party to look at developing a coordinated approach to targeting the problem. This included the need to actively seek increased grant funding and local political representatives support to ramp up positive strategies in our community to support families and young people.

So what can Macksville High School community do:

- Ensure a school representative participates in the working party and effectively communicate to our community their progress.
- Work to maintain acceptable standards of behaviour and challenge those who participate in anti-social behaviours.
- Continue to provide a range of opportunities for our students that includes activities that support young people develop as a person.
- Continue to refer students and families in need to support services.
- Work in partnership with police sharing information, delivering targeted programs and supporting the work they do.
- Parents can work together. Know where our kids are and remember kids need parents not parents who are their friends.

Finally it's important to say that I am regularly inspired by the majority of our students who are proud of their school and community and regular show what great young people they are. I am concerned how the minority can often get the attention reflecting negatively on the majority and as a community we must acknowledge the positive and take action to reduce the negative and not be overwhelmed by it. I hope you will be able to participate in this initiative and support the efforts of the working party.

On Thursday night staff had a night out starting with dinner and followed by "Henry the Musical". The show is a credit to all involved. The students were outstanding. Congratulations to the Directors Mick Baines and Melissa Robertson and all the support and production crews.



Epic Rugby Union season over

The mighty MHS Swampies Open Boys Rugby Union squad have finished their 2012 commitments with a commendable 3rd place in the NSW CHS Waratah Cup competition. As well as their school and weekend Rugby League commitments the boys have performed to an incredibly high standard in all forms of Rugby Union during the season. The year commenced with a 10 a side competition at BCU Stadium Coffs with schools both private and public from Taree to Ballina. The boys exhibited the Swampies flair for running Rugby to win all their games but one, losing on the bell in the final.

The next competition was the North Coast 7s with the prize a trip to Newcastle to play the other Regional winners and free tickets to watch the Wallabies play Scotland. Again the boys dominated against the cream of North Coast Rugby schools to progress undefeated to the final. Despite already having qualified for the Regional finals the boys were again clinical in their dissection of a very good Toormina High School outfit and ran out worthy winners.

The trip to Newcastle was an epic affair with the Open Girls also having won the Regional event in Coffs. (see separate report) The boys were again up against the Rugby aristocracy with very few State High Schools represented. Again the boys showed flair, speed and precision to win all their preliminary rounds. Unfortunately they were beaten after the bell in their final game and missed out on playing Farrer Ag in the final, the curtain raiser to the Wallabies Test, by a whisker. Thanks to John Searle and the Australian Rugby Union for allowing us access to the Wallabies squad training. We were the only school in NSW to be given that opportunity and it was a great experience. The game that night was played in surely the worst weather conditions seen in Newcastle in the last 100 years. It was as if the Scots had brought their own weather with them with gale force winds, torrential sheets of rain blowing in horizontally and temperatures which surely dipped below zero. Proving their mettle and strength of will (others would argue inflexibility and a liberal smattering of insanity) only Baines, Webb, Shannon Jeffery and Sandi Grant McDonell showed the intestinal fortitude to stick it out with the Wallabies. (also Jimi Allan who interspersed getting dry and toasty warm with excursions into the maelstrom). After getting changed in the bus toilet (not an easy task) we were back on the bus for home arriving in the wee hours.

Our next outing was the Regional Final of the Waratah Cup to play St Johns Woodlawn, Inverell High and Frances Xavier College at BCU Stadium Coffs Harbour. Unfortunately the first two pulled out, meaning we had to travel again for the Quarter Final against Francis Xavier in Taree. The boys started on fire to shock their more fancied opponents with some brutal defence and sweeping attacking movements. Xavier scored off a mistake in the closing minutes of the first half to go to the break down 27 – 5. The second half saw Xavier dominate possession and field position. Realising they couldn't let us have the ball in space they chose to ruck, maul, pick and drive and keep the ball in the forwards. They successfully nullified our attacking brilliance but never say die defence saw the Swampies victors 27 – 12 despite having less than 20% of possession in the second half. The Swampies chant boomed across Taree in jubilant celebration of our entry into the top 4 of the State. The main concern of the team was that they had become the first Macksville Open Boys team to make a State Semi Final and earn a spot on the prestigious MHS Wall of Fame.



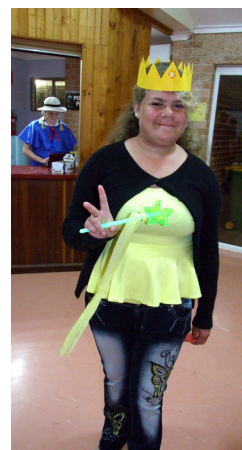


Unfortunately for the team the Rugby, gods had not conferred and the boys became victims of their own success. Slated to play the Semis against St Pauls Manly, St Dominic's Penrith and St Johns Dubbo in Sydney on the Wednesday the majority of the team played three games in the Country Cup Rugby League Regional finals in Coffs on the Tuesday losing narrowly on a countback. They arrived back in Macksville around 4pm and jumped on a bus to Sydney arriving around 11pm to prepare to play the following morning. Despite the dressing room resembling a war zone the Swampies showed their mettle to be only down 7 – 5 at half time against St Pauls, the eventual winner. Injuries and fatigue kicked in in the second half and saw St Pauls score some excellent tries. While the boys never gave up the final score was 40 – 10. The second game against St Doms was not eagerly awaited by the boys who had probably had enough of school footy by that stage. After some measured words of encouragement from the coaching staff the boys dusted themselves off and defeated their opponents by four tries to two. The odyssey was over. When the dust settled the Swampies had finished 3rd in the State and were the only comprehensive State High School still in the competition, a magnificent achievement.

We would like to thank all our supporters, parents, grandparents, carers and guardians for your help over the season. Special thanks also go to Mark Green and The NSW Waratahs for the significant financial contribution they made which enabled us to travel for the last two rounds. On behalf of the coaching staff I would like to thank all the boys for their efforts, their good humour and behaviour and their Swampies pride and spirit, not just this year but also over the last 6 years. It's been quite a journey!! We have shared some great memories that will live for ever in Swampies folklore. Remember you are a Rugby School in every sense and matched it with the best the game has to offer in both codes. To the younger members of the squad, keep fit for next year.

Good luck for the future to the Year 12 boys – Tim Worthing, Jackson Wells, Mitch Liebe, Max Hennessey, Joe Borg, Joel Brunsdon, Aaron Argent, Brad Doolan, Kyle Crumpton, Jimi Allan and Beau Saviile. All the best for the HSC and beyond in what ever field of endeavour you choose. You will be sorely missed!! And in those quiet moments remember the songs – Swampies Oi, Swampies Oi, Swampie, Swampie, Swampie, Oi Oi Oi.

Year 12 Farewell - Social - "Childhood Memories"





**Sunday 16 September
from 9am**

Huge Variety of Great Food
Garden Café 'Casablanca' theme
4B3 Art Exhibition
'Red Plateau' Landscape Exhibition
Live Music by Red Cedar
Comboyne Indulgence Raffle

Street Markets
Garden Markets
Car Boot Sale

Animal Nursery
Free Wearable Balloons
Free Troppo Bob Magic Shows
Pony Rides
Fun Fair Rides
Slot Car Competition
Pre-Schooler's Play Area

Bullock Team Demonstrations
Heritage Vehicles Events
Ride On Mower Racing
Steam and Oil Engine displays
Yacht Club Regatta Boat display
Massive Motor Raffle
Remote Control Off-Road Car Racing

Free Parking
\$5 adult entry - under 18 free

**All proceeds to support
Comboyne Community Hall
www.comboynevillagefair.com**



The Valley Community Arts group, which is located in "The Gallery" on Bowra Street, Nambucca Heads, is planning a Craft and Hobby Expo to be held in the Nambucca Entertainment Centre.

When: Labour Day long weekend, Saturday 29 September (from 10am to 4pm) and Sunday 30 September 2012 from 10am to 3pm.

Admission: will be \$5 per adult (children under 12 years free), \$3 for pensioners and concession card holders and \$10 per family.

If you are interested in learning a craft or hobby, workshops will be conducted and these can be booked at the Expo.

Any craft traders or hobby groups wishing to participate should contact the organisers, Liz Kiley on 6568 2961 or Lyn Huggins on 6568 1604.



NAMBUCCA STRIKERS FC - PRESENTATION DAY/NIGHT IS ON:

SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER, 2012

TIME: 4PM

WHERE: CORONATION PARK THEN ONTO LEAGUES & SPORTS CLUB.

FORMAT: 4PM - CORONATION PARK SOCCER GAMES HALF FIELD SIZE,
(MUMS, DADS, ADULTS V'S "THE JUNIORS")

6PM - DINNER & PRESENTATIONS AT BBQ AREA, LEAGUES & SPORTS CLUB.

7PM - DISCO IN AUDITORIUM.

NAMBUCCA STRIKERS FOOTBALL CLUB
NAMBUCCAFC@YAHOO.COM

School Notices:

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 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.

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.

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.

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