



# MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

| DECEMBER      |               |   |
|---------------|---------------|---|
| DATE          | TIME          | EVENT   |
| Monday, 17    |               | Presentation Day Ceremony - Rehearsal                   |
| Tuesday, 18   | 10.00-11.30am | Final End of Year - Presentation Day Ceremony - Stadium |
| Wednesday, 19 | 3.10pm        | Last day of school year                                 |
| JANUARY       |               |   |
| Tuesday, 29   |               | Pupil Free Day  |
| Wednesday, 30 |               | First Day of school for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10              |
| Thursday, 31  |               | Whole School returns to school                          |

### Alina Tape wins at Australian All Schools Championships

After a string of success in 2012, Alina qualified this year to compete at the Australian All Schools in Hobart recently.

Alina has become the Under 16 girls 800m Australian Champion. She convincingly won her heat with a 4 second PB and is now awaiting the chance of selection in the Australian Youth Olympic Team to compete in January.

As a school we are immensely proud of her and cant wait to see how far this young champion will go in her chosen sport.





## From our Principal

How quickly has the year flown by. This is the last newsletter for the year and an opportunity to reflect on all that has happened here at Macksville High School.

We have a great 2012 Year Book, thank you to Lynette Howle for coordinating the book and to all the students and staff who have contributed. I encourage you to purchase a copy for \$10 from the office or at the Presentation Ceremony.

Our Year 12 graduated class with an outstanding reputation, most impressively this was due to their personal qualities and positive relationships with all members of our school community. We have already heard of many early University entry and job offers and are looking forward to the HSC results arriving.

Our school has completed the planned upgrade of technology with every room being fitted with electronic white boards, all staff using laptops in their teaching and to record attendance. We have had an exhausting range of activities including the Science and Engineering team challenge, sleepover at Taronga Zoo, Mathematics study day in Armidale, "Henry the Musical", rafting at Nymboida canoe centre, Sister School visit by Tangerang in Java, "Maybe Baby" parenting, Trade School Opening, 40 hour Famine.... I haven't even tried to list the academic, sporting team and individual sportsperson achievements. A great year.....Well done to everyone involved.

I look forward to see the Stadium full to capacity on Tuesday, 18th when we come together to formally acknowledge the achievements of our students, families and parents. What makes Macksville High School a special place is the partnership that exist between home and school and the commitment to provide a full range of opportunities for our students to help them engage in school life leading to young people become happy and successful adults.

It's the time of year that we reflect on how fortunate we are to live in such a great country. A place such as the Nambucca Valley where we can be safe and happy, have access to education and opportunity. Don't take this for granted and take the time to think of others. An individual's act of kindness can change a person's life.

Have a great Christmas and happy holidays.

Paul Holding



## Scripture in the 2013 Curriculum

Dear Parents/Guardians please note:

Scripture will be inclusive to Years 7-10 next year. If you do not wish your Son/Daughter to attend, a note to that effect needs to be presented to me within the first FOUR weeks of Term 1. I will issue non-scripture Library pass. Similar to other subjects, this timeline must be met so that supervision lists can be constructed.

Regards, Marg Orman.

## Engage Asia Immersion Workshop at ANU

Macksville High School students Marley Bonett and Katerina Brown recently attended a two day Engage Asia Immersion Workshop at the Australian National University in Canberra (ANU). The workshop was designed to help improve language skills in Japanese and Chinese and to increase knowledge of the Asia – Pacific Region.



This workshop was funded by the ANU and it was an achievement for Marley and Katerina to be selected. They spoke of it as a good experience and lots of fun. The opportunity to meet other students studying the same subject was a highlight of the event, particularly with the speaking practice it provided. It will certainly enhance their Distance Education, studies in Japanese. Thanks to the ANU, Macksville High School, Distance Education Teacher Michelle Berryman and to the girls families for making it possible.

*Marley Bonett (Second left) and Katerina Brown (third right) during their recent excursion to ANU.*

## Year 10 Work Experience 2013

The first opportunity for Year 10 students to do some Work Experience will be from April 8 to April 12 (last week of Term 1).

Students will receive paperwork and preparation early in the term and they will need to organize themselves quickly to get it back by the due date of Friday, March 15. Please make sure you read all the material... but please encourage your student to make their own contact.

Over the years local employers have been very generous and supportive of our junior students. However, the resources of many employers have been stretched by the many requests for placements from senior school students and a wide range of community groups like TAFE, Universities, employment support agencies and other training providers. Some employers have chosen to focus on one sector and others have requested that applications come through the Careers Advisers rather than direct contact.

There will be separate meetings for students wishing to go to local Veterinary practices, and the Hospitals. There is additional paperwork and protocols involved. Students should not return to their old primary school.

Work experience should have a vocational aim. That is it's about tasting a job, or having something relevant on a resume.

For example, good reasons include

- I want a part time job in this place.
- I want to do this job in the future and I want to see if I like it

The following are all direct quotes ... if you are wondering why they are not good motives ... give me a call on 65681066.

I want a week off school .... I'll be able to buurrrrr up those motors

I want spend some time with my Aunty/ friend

I want to get a free haircut/makeup/sample

There are celebrities there ..... I looove that magazine

Airports are such exciting places ...

*Celestine Porter-Burns*

*Careers Adviser*

*Macksville High School*

*Phone: 6568 1066*

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## Scotts Head Boardriders

Looking for a new sport in 2013? Thought about surfing? Come and join Scotts Head Boardriders. We meet at Scotts Head Beach once a month for a great morning of surfing. Competitors gain competition points and we hold raffles and have product give aways throughout the year. New members from anywhere in the valley are most welcome, we cater for all abilities and all ages. Child membership is just \$45 per year and includes a SHB T-Shirt.

Sign-up day for 2013 is Australia Day – Saturday January 26th, at Scotts Head Beach, 8am onwards. Not an official competition day, but a great day to get together for a friendly surf.

Reminding current members that Presentation Day is on Sunday 16th December at 2pm, with a quick AGM after, followed by a BBQ.

We'd like to especially thank our local sponsors: Finishing Touches of Macksville, J&L Ebert – Midcoast Reedbed Wastewater systems, JDR Photography, Paul Crane Plumbing, The Point Café & Scotts Head Surfshop. Their sponsorship helps provide some great sporting entertainment for the community.



For more information please contact either Nat Robertson 6569 7952 or Karen Welch 6569 7860. Or email: [ScottsHeadBoardriders@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ScottsHeadBoardriders@yahoo.com.au).

# 2013 ICAS Exam



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### 2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Dear Parent

Welcome to the 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). For over 30 years, ICAS has taken place annually in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in ICAS in 2013.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 3 to 12 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

All students receive a **certificate** and an **individual student report** indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

A UNSW medal is awarded when the highest score in each year level in each state in each subject is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. These medals are presented at either a UNSW Medal Ceremony or at a school assembly. Students must sit on the official sitting dates to be eligible for a UNSW medal.

The entry fee per student is as follows:

- Computer Skills – 21 May 2013 (\$8.00) (Years 7-10)
- Science – 5 June 2013 (\$8.00) (Years 7-12)
- Writing – 17 June 2013 to 21 June 2013 (\$17.00) (Years 7-12)
- Spelling – 18 June 2013 (\$11.00) (Year 7 only)
- English – 31 July 2013 (\$8.00) (Years 7-12)
- Mathematics – 13 August 2013 (\$8.00) (Years 7-12)

For more information please contact Macksville High School and speak with Kelli Dykes, Head Teacher English or Lynette Howle, Community Engagement Officer on 0265681066 or [lynette.howle@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lynette.howle@det.nsw.edu.au).

Permission slips will be provided early Term 1, 2013

Yours sincerely

Kelli Dykes  
Head Teacher English  
Macksville High School



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## SURFGROM - Christmas Holiday Intensives

Trent Munro Surf Academy Vegemite SurfGroms 4-day Intensive Programs.....

Now Available and running weekly Mon- Thur, two hours each day for children aged between 5-12yrs.

Keep the kids active and educated in and around our ocean these school holidays!

Don't forget every child that registers or re registers for VEGEMITE SurfGroms will receive an awesome QUIKSILVER backpack bursting with surfing merchandise. What an excellent Christmas present!

Available at three Locations - Scotts Head - Nambucca Heads - Valla Beach

Registration and times for all of our programs- [www.surfgroms.com](http://www.surfgroms.com) and type in Trent Munro Surf Academy in deliver centre. Information call 02 65697127

### Olivia Willems - "Not bad for a Macksville girl."



#### 2012 Year 12 Major Wood Work Project

My project is called a rotating vanity cabinet. I decided to make it so that I could own a beautiful and unique piece of furniture to use to store all my 'girly' objects, from jewellery to bags, to make up and shoes. My project is made up of two separate cabinets, the base is made of flooded gum with a decorative red cedar top and red cedar doors that meet at an 'S' bend. Inside is a shelf used for storing larger objects. The top cabinet is oval in shape and made entirely of red cedar with the exception of a piece of bloodwood used in the swivel. The front of the cabinet features 'S' bend doors that match the doors of the base cabinet. Inside these doors is a black felted interior with red cedar shelves as well as small gold hooks used for hanging jewellery. This cabinet is designed for containing smaller and more precious items. The back of the cabinet supports a mirrored face with a decorative material edging, this mirror is accessed by turning the cabinet on the built in swivel. This large mirror combined with the two smaller mirrors in the base cabinet provides an almost complete full length mirror. This mirror combined with the specialised storage space makes my project the ideal cabinet for any woman with even just a touch of vanity.

The most difficult part of the creation process was getting my head around the idea of creating the oval. I spent every Wednesday I had free working in the woodwork rooms as well as every free period I had. I had to create three oval rings out of angles which I am usually terrible at, but by checking and re-checking constantly I eventually managed. The only time I ever felt as though I'd hit a wall with my project was the day the bobbin sander snapped out a large section of my oval cabinet frame. I was speechless, but with the help of my teacher the frame was easily fixed and now there are only faint cracks remaining. Working on this project as well as another major work plus all my other classes was difficult, I feel like I spent more time in the woodwork rooms than all my other classrooms put together but at the end of the day I know it was all worth it. I didn't build my cabinet to get high HSC marks, I built it for myself, that and to show up all the boys in my woodwork class of course. We all made amazing pieces of furniture though and I enjoyed working with my teacher and class mates, Industrial Technology was definitely the highlight of my senior school years. It gave me many new skills which I used to create my vanity cabinet, which has been nominated for consideration into InTech (Industrial Technology), the annual showcase of exemplary works to be displayed at the Powerhouse Museum and then to travel to all regional centres. I was over joyed when I received the letter about it, and whether my cabinet is chosen to be displayed or not the consideration is an enormous achievement for me. I am so proud of what I created and can agree with what my teacher would always joke, "not bad for a Macksville girl."

Regards,  
Olivia Willems



# Notices:



**MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

**K1 (SIDE DOOR)**

**MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY**

**8.30AM TO 9.00AM**

**CAME ALONG AND HAVE SOME TOAST, OR CEREAL,  
JUICES AS WELL AS WEEKLY SPECIALS.**

**BREAKFAST IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MEAL OF THE  
DAY, SO COME ALONG AND GET A FREE MEAL ON US.**



## EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON 0265681066 TO CHECK, IF YOU THINK WE DO NOT HAVE THE CORRECT EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS FOR YOUR STUDENT/S.

## PASSOUT APPLICATIONS

STUDENTS WHO ARE GOING TO BE OUT OF SCHOOL DURING THE DAY NEED A NOTE FROM THEIR PARENT/CARER. THIS NOTE NEEDS TO INCLUDE THE STUDENTS FIRST & LAST NAME, YEAR GROUP, ROLL GROUP, PARENTS/CARERS CONTACT DETAILS, REASON FOR PASS, DEPARTURE TIME AND RETURN TIME.

IT MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED.

**For Sale - MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL 16GIG THUMB DRIVES ONLY \$15.00. SEE DESLIE HOWE.**

## 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.

**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**