



Macksville High School

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

October		
Oct, 14-08	various times	HSC Exams
Oct, 21	all day	Vaccinations - Year 7 boys & girls and Year 9 boys
Oct, 22	all day	SCU - Senior School Day - (interested Y11 invited)
Oct, 24	all day	Youth Directions Careers Expo - Coffs Harbour
Oct, 25	various times	Anti-Bullying presentations - Years 7, 8, 9 - Hall
Oct, 25	all day	Senior English Day, CHEC
Oct, 28-01	various times	Year 10 Exams
Oct, 29	8.00am - 1.00pm	Year 7 TIMS/Surfing
November		
Nov, 04-8	various times	Year 7 & 8 Exams
Nov, 11-16	various times	Year 9 Exams
Nov, 11	9.10am	Year 12 Dance Rehearsal - Hall
Nov, 12	8.00am - 1.00pm	Year 8 TIMS/Surfing
Nov, 13-15	all day	Senior Visual Art - Sydney Excursion
Nov, 14	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Year 12 Graduation - Macksville Ex-Servicemens Club - (Photos from 5.30pm onwards)
Nov, 19	10.00am	Term 4 - Whole School Assembly
Nov, 20	lunch time	3 Star Merit BBQ
Nov, 26	5.00pm - 6.30pm	Year 7, 2014 Parent Information Evening
Nov, 28-29	all day	Year 10 - Queensland Excursion

Check out the latest Year 12 Farewell Assembly - videos on our website.
<http://www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/years/year-12/year-12-animoto-videos>

Frank Partridge VC Memorial Scholarship Applications are now open!

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Two students from the Nambucca Valley will be awarded this scholarship to assist them with school related items. An application form is available from the office for Year 10 students going on to Year 11 to apply. See Mrs Howle for more information on 65681066 or lynette.howle@det.nsw.edu.au.

Selective High Schools

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Information is available from the office if you are interested to knowing more about Selective High Schools. Application forms can be collected for placements in 2015. Further information can be found at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Tests will be conducted across the state on Thursday, 13 March 2014.

CANTEEN ROSTER - Oct/Nov

Monday	21	S Compton
Tuesday	22	R Wood
Wednesday	23	HELPER NEEDED
Thursday	24	J Beggs
Friday	25	HELPER NEEDED
Monday	28	S Compton
Tuesday	29	R Wood
Wednesday	30	HELPER NEEDED
Thursday	31	HELPER NEEDED
Friday	01	G Welsh
Monday	04	S Compton & A Pope

From our Principal

The Higher School Certificate is well underway. They are being held in the school stadium and in a local church hall. Students who have been involved in an incident leading up to an exam or are ill before or during an exam should let the exam supervisor know on entry to the exam and let me know as soon as possible. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the difficulties those families are having who have students sitting the HSC in bush fire affected areas. I look forward to catching up with students and their parents at the Graduation Formal to be held Macksville Ex-Services Club on the 14th November.

This week we have commenced a trial of "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) with one Year 7 and two Year 8 classes. This is about students bring their own computer device that will connect with the school system. With the demise of the Federal Government funded state laptop program this is the direction Department of Education and Communities is heading. The trial is to consider the implementation issues, identify concerns and look at how equity is to be maintained for all students. There has been a parent meeting, detailed information provided to the students and parents involved in the trial and teachers monitoring the trial. If you have any concerns or comments don't hesitate to contact me to discuss.

I would also like to remind parents and family members that the use of mobile phones at school is limited to break times. Students are told not to use their phone or answer a call during class time. This is at times made difficult when parents call their kids during these times. If you have an emergency you should contact the school office and have any messages passed on. The other option is to call between 10.50-11.10am and 12.50-1.30 pm.

Paul Holding

The Surfing Scientist visits MHS



The Surfing Scientist, Ruben Meerman visited MHS last week to a full hall with students from Macksville Public School visiting to enjoy the show.

Ruben entertained and amazed the teachers and students with his exciting experiments. Using liquid nitrogen, balloons and the laws of physics he engaged the audience and shared his love of science.

Everyone enjoyed the show and hopefully where a little inspired. As one Year 6, Macksville Public School student said "I'm, gonna be a Scientist when I grow up!".

A big thank you to Ruben and to all the staff involved in bringing such an interesting and educational workshop to our school.

Check out his cool website for more info:
<http://www.abc.net.au/science/surfingscientist/>





SCHOOL LOCKERS FOR HIRE

12mth hire fee: \$30 per year + \$20 refundable deposit

**“Have your own special place to keep
all your belongings safe and secure”**

Please contact Lynette Howle on 65681066 or
lynette.howle@det.nsw.edu.au for more information.

(Hire period is from beginning of Term 4 to end of Term 3)



Community Notices

MOVIE ROLE

We are looking for an
Indigenous girl aged 10 to 12 years
with dance or movement skills

to play a role in a new Australian
feature film BACKTRACK

Filming early 2014

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Please send your photo (a snapshot is fine),
contact details, age and location to
general@barrettcasting.com.au
or call 02 9699 1377



Adolescent drug and alcohol use, synthetic drugs, music festivals and the law **FREE PRESENTATION**

Paul Dillon is the Director of Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA) and works with young people across the country and internationally. Paul is the keynote speaker at the 2013 RRISK seminars.

In this free presentation for parents, teachers and anyone who works with young people, Paul will share information on:

Synthetic drugs: the latest evidence

Music festivals: drug trends, the law & detection strategies

Alcohol & drug use: latest survey of high school students revealed

Parenting tips: latest research

Alcohol & cannabis: new resources

Where: Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour
Auditorium (D block)

Date: Thursday 14 November 2013

Time: 4.00pm—6.00pm

Bookings are essential

Please RSVP by Friday 8 November 2013

Contact 6648 4403

Coffs Harbour City Council



www.rrisk.com.au

Follow Paul Dillon and DARTA on  

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Come if you dare
Macksville Soccer Club is hosting a fully adult supervised Halloween Disco for all Ghost and Goblins.

When: Friday 1st November

Where: Macksville Tennis Club Hall

Time: 5.30 to 7.00 o'clock for all our 6 year old to 10 year old witches and wizards
7.30 to 9.30 for all 11 to 15 year olds zombies and zombettes

Cost: \$ 5.00 per creature including a drink and chips.

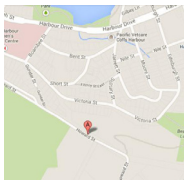
Prizes for the best dressed
Drinks and Halloween treats for sale on the night



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Apprenticeship/Traineeship Information Session – Part of Youth Direction's THE FUTURE OF WORK EXPO

Date: Thursday 24 th October, 2013	Schedule: 5:30pm – Keynote address (Regional labour market, Future jobs and Skills for the future) 6:10pm – Refreshments 6:30pm – Apprenticeship/Traineeship Information Session 7:30pm – Q & A	Location: Coffs Harbour Racing Club Howard Street, Coffs Harbour
What Free apprenticeship and trainee information session Brought to you by Group Training Association of NSW & ACT Supported by NSW State Training Services and local Partnership Brokers	Who Parents, carers and grandparents School leavers and job seekers Schools Careers Advisers Business and potential employers Why To know how to prepare for Apprenticeships and Traineeships Speak with experts who represent a range of industries Learn about the benefits of pre-apprenticeship courses	 <p>Mechanical Commercial Manufacturing Carpentry Cookery Fabrication Engineering Electrotechnology And other industries...</p>

Register at: www.gtana.com.au/events/event/swsat | Enquiries: 02 9746 9333 / info@gtana.com.au

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