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### SCHOOL CALENDAR

December		
Dec, 04	all day	Year 7, 2014 Orientation Day
Dec, 05-06	all day	Queensland University Excursion
Dec, 08-10	all day	Sports Coaching - Morriston
Dec, 11	lunch time	4 Star - Principal's Pizza Party
Dec, 12-13	all day	Duke of Edinburgh - Camping Excursion - Bellingen
Dec, 13	all day	5 Star Worlds Excursion - Gold Coast
Dec, 17	10.00am	End of Year Presentation Day - Stadium
Dec, 19-20	all day	Pupil Free Days



### "David Coia Coaches North Coast Team to Victory"

On Wednesday, 27 November, the Year 9/10 North Coast Regional Representative Debating Team, coached by Mr David Coia from Macksville High School, won the Junior State Championships.

This event was held at the Women's College at the University of Sydney. The team consisted of Connor Hoban of Nambucca Heads High School; Zoe Schmidt of Woolgoolga High School; Laura Neal of Casino High School; Azi Currie of Mullumbimby High School and James Taylor of Murwillumbah High School.

The team competed in a four round, round-robin competition, emerging from their pool undefeated, to then go on and defeat Western Sydney Region in a semi-final Tuesday night (their fourth debate that day) and North Sydney Region in a state-final on Wednesday morning.

The final topic was "That Parents Should be Prevented from Withdrawing Their Children from Sex Education Classes", with the North Coast taking the Affirmative position.

The coach would like to praise the efforts of all five students who only came together as a team for this series of debates and showed what country, government high school students can achieve on the big stage.

Coach Coia also acknowledged the schools and coaches of the team members for cultivating talented students and thanks the Department of Education and particularly Lloyd Cameron and Tony Davey of the Performing Arts Unit for organising the entire competition.



Connor Hoban  
Nambucca Heads High

## From our Principal

It's been a busy couple of weeks with the afternoon storms helping to green up the school ovals and produce feed for our cattle on the Ag farm. Year 10 have just returned from a week long excursion in Queensland, by all reports they had great time and I hear that Mr Joyce was deadly in the paintball.

On Tuesday, we had over 90 parents and kids attend our Year 6 parent information evening. The evening started with students giving groups of parents a tour of our school followed by a briefing by the Year Adviser, Mrs Toni Jones about what our Year 7 students can expect next year on their first day and weeks at school. Thanks to all of the teachers and students who made the evening a great success.

School resumes in 2014 for Years 7 to 10 on Wednesday, 29 January and Years 11 & 12 on the following day, Thursday, 30 January. There is a new girls skirt made with a box pleat front and back that all our uniform suppliers have been asked to sell when their existing stock has sold out. There is a 3 year transition period ending April 2016, before the current straight cut and pleated styles become unacceptable to wear as uniform. The approved shoes that can be worn have been tightened up with only (Leather/waterproof fully enclosed shoe/boot) that are made with firm uppers that cover the entire foot is allowed. Ballet flats and light canvas shoes will not be acceptable. This will commence from the start of the next year due to health and safety requirements please see the schools website for more information.

Macksville High School P&C and staff are combining this year for a Christmas function at the Nambucca Island Golf Club on Tuesday, 17th December. There will be a three course meal and entertainment on the night. \$40 cash payments can be made at the school office during school hours up to Wednesday, 11th December. It would be great to celebrate another year together and to take the opportunity to farewell any staff that is moving on next year.

Paul Holding



### New Students Bag Storage

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Located in the students reception area, new storage shelves have been installed. Students leave belongings at their own risk, valuables can be handed into the office for safe keeping.

**If bags are not collected by Friday afternoon, they will be removed and kept for one week only, then they will be disposed.**

## Nambucca Shire Council



Enquiries to: Ms Monika Schuhmacher  
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Our Ref: SF1883



21 November 2013

The Principal  
Macksville High School  
PO Box 611  
MACKSVILLE NSW 2447

Dear Principal

### INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN AUSTRALIA DAY 2014 CELEBRATIONS

On behalf of the Nambucca Shire Australia Day Committee I wish to extend an invitation to your students to participate in the Australia Day 2014 celebrations to be held on Sunday, 26 January 2014.

In particular, the Committee is looking for student singers or musicians interested in performing on this very special day to unite all Australians through celebration.

The Committee is unable to provide a monetary incentive, however, a Certificate of Appreciation will be presented to all those who participate.

Should any of your students wish to participate in the celebration, please do not hesitate to contact me by **Friday 6 December 2013** so that arrangements can be confirmed for the actual day.

If you have an indigenous student who is interested and available to introduce Australia Day with a *Welcome to Country* I would be pleased to be put in contact with that student.

I also have pleasure enclosing a number of Australia Day Nomination Forms for your consideration.

Yours faithfully

*Monika Schuhmacher*  
Monika Schuhmacher  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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Enc Australia Day Nomination Forms

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
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MACKSVILLE NSW 2447  
ABN: 71 323 535 981  
Email - council@nambucca.nsw.gov.au  
Website - <http://www.nambucca.nsw.gov.au>

All written communications to be addressed to General Manager  
PO Box 1  
MACKSVILLE NSW 24  
General Enquiries: (02) 6568 25  
Facsimile: (02) 6568 22



**SATURDAY DEC 7- SOUTH WEST ROCKS**

**9:30-11am**

**SUNDAY DEC 8- SCOTTS HEAD**

**9:30-11am**

**BOOKINGS- 65697127**

**Limited Numbers! \$55 equipment and show bags supplied**



## myFamilyLaw

myFamilyLaw is a free family law app where you can submit your family law query to a real family lawyer in your State in Australia.

Also find information about divorce, property settlement, parenting arrangements, child support, family violence and your financial future.

You can also use myFamilyLaw to find and connect with family law professionals, view inspiring motivational quotes and attend family activities listed in myFamilyLaw Events.

**myfamilylaw.net.au**

**Are you currently in Year 9 or 10 and have a budding interest in Science?**

**YES, you say?**

The University of New England, Armidale will be hosting the ConocoPhillips Science Experience - fun filled with hands-on experiments and social activities.

To register please go to:  
**[www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au)**

Rotary International sponsorships are available to cover registration costs.

On-campus accommodation is available at a cost of \$50. This covers 2-3 nights plus meals.

**Contact:**

Richard Willis  
Ph: (02) 6773 2615  
Email: [rwillis@une.edu.au](mailto:rwillis@une.edu.au)



**14-16 January 2014**



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## Women in Engineering Summit “So you think you can Engineer”

Macksville High School, Year 10 student Sarah Nugent was checking out her Facebook page when a link popped up with information about the Women in Engineering Summit “So you think you can Engineer”.

With a high level of skill in maths and an interest in engineering, Sarah completed the online application forms with only a few days left before they closed. A few weeks later when she got home from school there was a package from the University of Wollongong on the dining room table, letting her know she had been successful. Teachers from school were thrilled she took it upon herself to apply and was successful.

The Summit is open to girls entering Year 11 in 2014 and is held over five days during the summer holidays in January. The itinerary includes site visits to companies such as Blue Scope Steel who offer cadetships to up and coming engineers. This summit is not only educational for young women whilst still at school but opens doors for possible career opportunities in the future. Sarah said “she was really happy to have been selected to participate in the summit as it’s an opportunity to find out more about the types of university courses available and the career path I might like to take in the future”.

Macksville High wishes Sarah all the best and hopes this leads to an exciting career ahead for her.



## Premiers ANZAC Memorial Scholarship goes to Tess McWade



Tess McWade a Year 11 student from Macksville High School is one of twelve students who have been granted a Premiers ANZAC Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship program is open to students in Years 10 or 11 and that have a long interest in the ANZAC tradition. Students travel to significant overseas sites associated with Australia’s participation in wars. The two week tour of the western front started in London from the 16 November.

Tess first applied at the end of Year 10, although she was unsuccessful on this occasion, earlier this year Tess was offered another opportunity to reapply. Principal, Paul Holding was the one to give her the exciting news that her application had been successful.

The first thing that Tess needed to do was to renew her passport after the excitement of getting the good news. Tess has shown a strong interest in the ANZAC story and participated in history subjects throughout her schooling. A recommendation from the Principal, History Teachers and a personal statement helped to secure her a place. Students are encouraged to promote the trip and create awareness amongst their peer group as way to preserve the Anzac spirit and encourage interest in Australian history. When we spoke to Tess she said “it hasn’t sunk in that I will be in another country, I can’t wait”.



## Aboriginal school students in the Nambucca Valley off to a flying start thanks to Elsa

The Aboriginal Student Teachers in Training Program (ASTiT) has kicked off in the Nambucca Valley – students from Bowraville Central, Macksville High and Nambucca Heads High Schools are participating in 2014-15 thanks to Elsa Dixon Funds. The Program is being overseen by State Training Services NSW, and the Department of Education & Communities. The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program has provided funding to enable 12 Aboriginal students in the Nambucca and Clarence Valleys the opportunity to undertake a School Based Traineeship in Certificate III in Education Support whilst completing their HSC.

The program provides a pathway for young Aboriginal students to pursue a career in education. Seven successful students in the Nambucca will commence their School Based Traineeships later this Term with Primary Schools – at Bowraville Central, Macksville Public, Scott's Head Public, Nambucca Heads Public and Frank Partridge VC Public Schools.

An induction and workshop for all students was recently hosted at TAFE Macksville Campus for the 7 Nambucca students. TAFE North Coast Institute is the Registered Training Organisation delivering the Certificate III in Education Support qualification to all 12 students.

The Certificate III in Education Support has been specifically chosen as it provides an individualised training pathway for each student in areas such as Literacy and Numeracy, disabilities education and Aboriginal education.

Student trainees will attend their local high school as part of their standard pattern of HSC study and are placed at Primary Schools nominated for the School Based Traineeships to work one day per week in Year 11 and 12 with Teaching staff, Support staff (Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal), to assist with support of Primary students in the classroom.

This Program supports the Nambucca Valley Community of Schools (Valley 10) initiatives which target the need for pathways to assist Aboriginal students in the transition from school into tertiary education, training or employment.

For more information about the Aboriginal Student Teachers in Training Program, please contact, Michelle Moore, Secondary Curriculum Consultant 0266520532 or Helen Mower, School Based Apprenticeship & Traineeship Adviser 0266520551 – Public Schools NSW.

*Elsa Dixon was an Aboriginal woman who played a key role in improving social outcomes for Aboriginal people in NSW. Elsa was one of the founding members of the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs and the Aboriginal Medical Service at Redfern, remaining a member of the latter until her passing in 1993.*



## **JANUARY 2014 SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AROUND NAMBUCCA SHIRE**

### **FREE School Holiday Activities**

Nambucca Shire Council in partnership with MiiMi Aboriginal Corporation, Trent Munro Surfing Academy and YMCA are running the following FREE activities for young people 12-17 years old during January 2014:

#### **Surf Education/Awareness Programs - FREE**

Scotts Head Monday 20 January 10 am-1 pm (meeting will be at beach access track right by Bowling Club on West Street) & Nambucca Heads Thursday 23 January 10 am – 1 pm (meeting will be at Swimming Creek beach 200 m to the North of Main Beach)

Look for the Trent Munro Tent at both locations - Participants will need to be able to swim confidently for 50m unaided – please bring swimwear and sunscreen. All participants at both activities will receive a free cap from Trent Munro Surfing Academy.

Registration and enquiries can be made by contacting Trent Munro on 6569 7127 or email: trentmunrosurfacademy@gmail.com

#### **Macksville Pool Fun Day – FREE**

Wednesday 22 January 11 am – 2 pm - A fun day of games, slide and swim time for young people aged 12-17 years old. Entry, fruit and a bottle of water will be supplied FREE. You should bring your lunch or \$ to buy something.

If you live in Bowraville or Nambucca Heads and would like a free bus pass (return) to this activity please call into MiiMi Aboriginal Corporation High Street Bowraville or Nambucca Heads Library Ridge Street Nambucca Heads and get one off the staff.

Enquiries to Macksville Pool 6568 1445.

#### **Bowraville Family Fun Day – FREE**

Friday 17 January at Donnelly Walsh Oval Bowraville. Activities include: Jumping Castle, slushies, face painting, athletics, touch and more. Free BBQ lunch and fruit will be supplied.

For any further information please contact Diane Greenup on 6564 8855

#### **USER PAY School Holiday activities (please note that the following activities are not free)**

Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre - YMCA Holiday Fun

Banish boredom and turn up the school holiday fun with a trip to Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre.

There will be 2 weeks of activities:

Monday January 6 – Friday 10 January 8.30 am to 1 pm, AND  
Monday January 13 – Friday 17 8.30 am to 1 pm.

The cost to attend every day of 1 week is \$100 which includes morning tea, lunch and drinks on all days.

#### **Holiday Splash**

Intensive Swimming program from:

Week 1: January 6-10 \$55  
Week 2: January 13-17 \$55  
Week 3: January 20-24 \$55

Please contact Macksville Pool on 6568 1445 for further information on either of these activities.

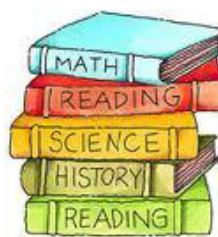
## Year 7, 2014 - Stationery & Books

### Parent/Carers Information

Please be aware that you have the option to order stationery for Year 7, 2014 online from OfficeMax, see details below. This arrangement includes free delivery, although, all orders will incur a package and handling fee of \$9.95 prior to orders before 31 December and \$16.90 after. Or feel free to purchase items from stationary stores.

### YEAR 7 BOOK REQUIREMENTS

English	2 x 128 pages (A4 size)
Maths	1 x 128 page grid book (A4 size) Calculator – see note below
Science	1 x 128 page (A4 size)
History	1 x 128 pages (A4 size)
Geography	1 x 128 pages (A4 size)
Technology	A4 Display Folder
PD/H/PE	1 x 96 pages
Indonesian	1 x 192 pages (A4 size)
Music	Music workbooks will be distributed to classes and the cost is included in the Music Contribution fee



#### All subjects



- Homework Diary
- Red + Blue or Black Pens
- Lead Pencils
- Coloured Pencils
- Glue
- Eraser
- Scissors
- Ruler

Note: You can now order your student's book pack requirements for 2014 through OfficeMax. Simply log on to: [www.officemaxschools.com.au](http://www.officemaxschools.com.au) and search for Macksville High School. Type in the password 2MACKHSBTS to access the requirements for Macksville High School.

- *Safety Glasses* for Science & Technology — available from the School Office - \$5.00.
- *Apron* for Technology & Industrial Arts — available from School Office - \$6.00.
- *Calculator* (Model - Sharp Scientific EL-531WHB-BL) for Maths — available from School Office - \$20.00.

### Certificate II in Urban Irrigation

As the year is coming to an end we are trying to organise our Certificate II in Urban Irrigation (which is our pre trade course for plumbing) for February 2014.

#### Course Details

Cert II in Urban Irrigation

Time frame: one semester (6 months)

Attendance: Thursday & Friday each week

Time: 8.00am to 4.45 pm

Location: Glenreagh St Campus, Coffs Harbour

Cost: TAFE fee \$267 Concession may apply to some applicants \$106

Text book \$120 - CRC \$60

There will be a compulsory information & skills audit held on Friday 24th January at 9.00am if anyone is interested please attend. Applications are preferable before this date but will be accepted on the day.

If you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact Jenny Frost phone 6648 2414 or myself - Lynda Shrubb, Macksville High School 65681066.

## Kelly Taylor on a Pathway to Gold



16 year old Macksville High School student Kelly Taylor has the distinction of being the first Swampette (MHS Girl's Rugby Union ) to represent Macksville High at State level in Women's Rugby. Kelly has been a member of the school Rugby team since year 9 in both 10 a side and 15 a side formats but it is in 7s that she has excelled.

Kelly was invited to join the North Coast Academy of Sports Rugby Pathway to Gold summer program and was the only girl to be involved. She trained alongside the boys and was expected to work just as hard as them. The coaches were impressed with her efforts and told her she was holding her own with the boys.

Kelly attended a two day camp at Coffs Harbour, one of many all over the state, held by the ARU, to select a squad to go to Sydney's northern beaches where they would select two teams to play for NSW in the Nationals at the Gold Coast. Kelly was thrilled to be successful in this trial and have the chance to try out for the NSW team.

After the intensive 2 day camp in Sydney, focusing on 7s specific skills, diet and nutrition and other Rugby specific training Kelly was fortunate enough to be picked in the NSW White team. (NSW chooses two sides, NSW Blue who were the older girls and NSW White, the girls who will still be eligible for selection in 2014.) Unfortunately Kelly suffered a serious knee injury on the second day of this camp which needed a few weeks to recover.

Kelly was disappointed to be unable to play for Macksville High in the Country Schools 7s finals the week after her injury, but her dedication and application in rehabilitation meant that she was still able to go to the Gold Coast to play in the Nationals.

The NSW teams were flown from Sydney to the Gold Coast for the Australian 7s Pathways to Gold Nationals tournament. The two NSW teams were joined by two teams from Queensland and teams from South Australia, Victoria, Northern Territory and ACT. Kelly's team played four tough games for 2 wins and two losses but missed out on the final. Hopefully this is just the start for Kelly but she has been having a great time competing at the very highest level. The ultimate goal of the Pathways to Gold program is selection for the Australian Senior Women's 7s team which travels all over the world in the International 7s series and the 2016 Rio Olympics. We all wish Kelly every success in her Rugby career in the future and hope to see her on the plane to Rio in the Green and Gold.

Mick Baines

**The Bowraville Goannas Rugby Union Football Club are looking at fielding an Under 18s team in next year's Mid North Coast Rugby competition.**

**We need numbers of interested or prospective players to see if that is viable.**

**Rugby is played on Saturdays so it would be po. cheersssible to play Union and League.**

**If you are interested please contact Mick Baines on 0488532465**



**NAMBUCCA JUNIORS 2014  
REGISTRATION DAY  
15-02-2014**

WHERE: Coronation Oval, Nambucca Heads  
WHEN: 15-02-2014  
TIME: 10am TO 2pm

Games and Activities on the day

Need any more information email Shane Eadie on [seadie69@hotmail.com](mailto:seadie69@hotmail.com) or phone him on 0411458910 or google NHJRLFC.

"WHERE EVERYONE GETS A GAME"

### CANTEEN ROSTER - Dec

Monday	02	S Compton & A Pope
Tuesday	03	R Wood
Wednesday	04	R Wood
Thursday	05	D Jackson
Friday	06	G Welsh
Monday	09	S Compton & R Smith
Tuesday	10	R Wood
Wednesday	11	T Laverty
Thursday	12	Helper Needed
Friday	13	G Welsh
Monday	16	S Compton
Tuesday	17	R Wood
Wednesday	18	R Wood
Thursday	19	Closed
Friday	20	Closed